On the territory of the Republic, you can hunt while having the following permissions:

• You should have a permission to carry and store a hunting rifle (issued at your place of residence);

• permission to import / export a hunting rifle and ammunition for it, issued by the employees of the internal affairs of Belarus;

• an official permit for carrying, storage and use of hunting weapons and ammunition;

permit for hunting.

Prices for hunting in Belarus

It should be noted that the prices for hunting in Belarus depends on the type of animal that you want to hunt for. The average prices vary from 10 to 1000 euros, but they can be higher. While the final cost depends on the hunting grounds, where you go hunting.

Belarus is great for hunting tourism! Visiting it, you can enjoy all the advantages of this region, since the prices here are much lower than in Europe, and even in Russia. The opportunities for shooting various animals are huge, come and you will not regret!

УДК 635.9

Студ. Д. С. Зельвович Науч. рук. ст. преп. В.В.Царенкова (кафедра межкультурных коммуникаций и технического перевода, БГТУ)

## THE MOST UNUSUAL FORESTS IN THE WORLD

Forests are our land's trees and plants that cover a third of the earth's surface. There are many reasons why forests are an important feature for the environment and in our daily lives. They are fundamental life forms and provide for the continuity of the world's biodiversity which is necessary for economic development, diversity of life forms, human livelihood, and environmental adaptive responses.

Forests are mainly important because they stabilize climate, regulate the water cycle, and provides habitat to thousands of life forms. We love forests. Does your imagination run wild whenever you see a beautiful picture of an old, secluded forest? Then this list is for you.



Picture 1 – Avenue of the baobabs

In the first, it is avenue de baobabs in Madagascar. Madagascar is known for these strange, alien groves of giant baobabs. You can find this forest in the west of the country.

It has been a center of local conservation efforts, and was granted temporary protected status in July 2007 by the Ministry of Environment, Water and Forests — the first step toward making it Madagascar's first natural monument.

In the second, the rainbow eucalyptus is found mostly in the Pacific Islands. The strange coloration happens when the surface layer of bark falls off. The bark underneath starts off brown and then changes colors over time, giving the tree its rainbow effect.



**Picture 2 – Dragon's blood trees** 

Also you can find on the Socotra Archipelago in the Indian Ocean (part of Yemen's territory) dragon's blood trees. These trees get their name from their red sap.

That`sincredibly, but bamboo is another plant that technically isn't a tree (it's a grass). Sagano Bamboo Forest is the most famous, but you can also find them in places like Hawaii.



Picture 3 – Lake Kaindy

Kazakhstan's Lake Kaindy is one of a kind. What makes this body of water truly remarkable, however, are the tall, dried-out trunks of submerged Schrenk's Spruce trees that rise above the water's surface from the bottom of the lake.



Picture 4 – Dead Vlei trees

The white clay pan of Dead Vlei is located in the Namib Desert. It once lay in the floodplain of the Tsauchab River, but when the water vanished as a result of climatic change. They exist now as skeletons.

These trees in Gryfino, Poland were planted in the 1930's during the German occupancy of the area. However, other than that not much is known as to why these trees grow the way they do.It's assumed that the 400 pine trees were planted to produce naturally curved timber for boats. But to this day, the forest remains a mystery.



**Picture 5 – The crooked forest** 

Here are about 80 different species of mangrove trees. Mangrove forests only grow at tropical and subtropical latitudes near the equator because they cannot withstand freezing temperatures. The intricate root system of mangroves also makes these forests attractive to fish and other organisms seeking food and shelter from predators.



**Picture 6 – Mysterious Hallway** 

This 25,000 acre forest is actually a tree farm located in Morrow County, Oregon. The farm consists of thousands and thousands of hybrid poplar trees. It's a hybrid of four to five different poplars, they achieve a better yield, grow faster. The trees take 10 to 12 years to reach maturity after which they are felled and sent to the mill where they are shaped into boards and wood chips.

Our world is beautiful in the variety. Beauties of nature are unlimited. But unfortunately, the modern man is too much engrossed in worldly pursuits. He is too busy to discover the beauties of nature. He has not time to listen to the singing of the birds, to watch the clouds moving

majestically across the sky or to play with the dancing daffodils. He does not look at the starry heavens; he is dead to the beauty of a rainbow in the sky. It is very important to be able to notice beauty and to be in harmony with the nature. Any part of the trees that can't be made into boards is turned into pulp or hog fuel.

УДК 004.946

Студ. М.И. Гундарева, Д.А. Романцевич Науч. рук.ст. преп. С.И. Шпановская (кафедра межкультурных коммуникаций и технического перевода, БГТУ)

## **5 THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT VIRTUAL REALITY**

For all the hoo-hah and fan fare around next-generation technologies like Oculus Rift and Google Cardboard, it is still early days for virtual reality. Sure, we have come a long way from clunky simulators (even ones with wind machinesthat blew back your hair), but the field is still prettymuch open for all comers.

VR at times is referred as immersive multimedia. Hence, can we say conversation over a telephone or attending a meeting over a videoconference are also examples of VR as we get immersed in conversations on phone or video? In our opinion these cannot be considered as VR as these are events that are actually happening like the other person is actually speaking on the other end of the phone while you hear and similarly, there are other people attending the videoconference at the same time as you see. We would like to conclude that not all forms of immersive multimedia could be classified as VR. Computer Simulated Reality is also at times substituted for VR. But is VR always computer simulated reality? We need to be really careful while substituting or interchanging VR with computer simulated reality. Most of the articles would agree on that VR would in general constitute of 3D animated images, which would change in response to any input by the user (movement could be as subtle as movement of head).

The key to VR? It's the sound. When you think of virtual reality, you probably picture it: a 360-degree environment full of immersive vistas. However, it's the sound that makes it real. Filmmaker Chris Milk first grasped this while watching Hunger in Los Angeles, an early VR film by Nonny de la Peña, which places the audience in the middle of a street scene. It grabbed him immediately, but not for the reasons he expected: "The visuals were not photorealistic; she'd recreated the scene with blocky CGI characters," he says. "But what really affected me the most was the