

Forest Cooperatives in Austria



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I. Austrian Forest

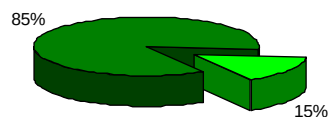
- 3,96 Mio ha forests
- 47,2 % of total area
- 0,5 ha per inhabitant
- 82 % privately owned (170.000 forest owners)
- Increasing importance of forest management for mixed farming and forestry holdings
- Increasing demand of wood (firewood; reduction of imports)
- Globalization – World market, Concentration on Customer-side
- Relative market position of timber supplier
- Annual increment not harvested

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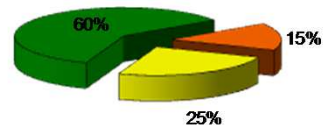
I. Forest Harvesting in Austria

Forest species in Austria



■ Coniferous wood ■ Broadleaved wood

Usage of wood

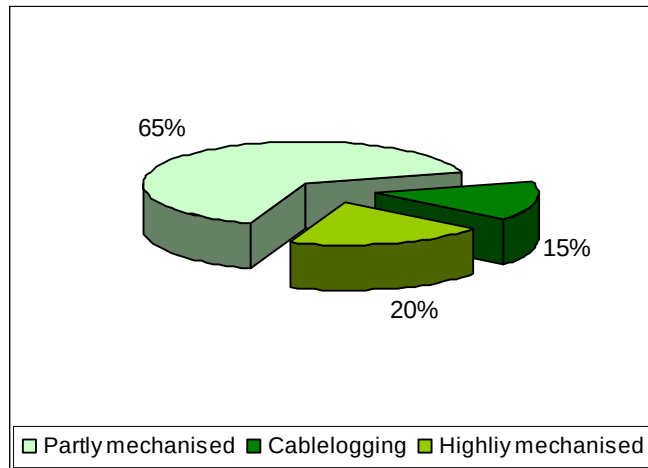


■ Sawlog ■ Pulpwood ■ Firewood

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I. Types of Harvesting

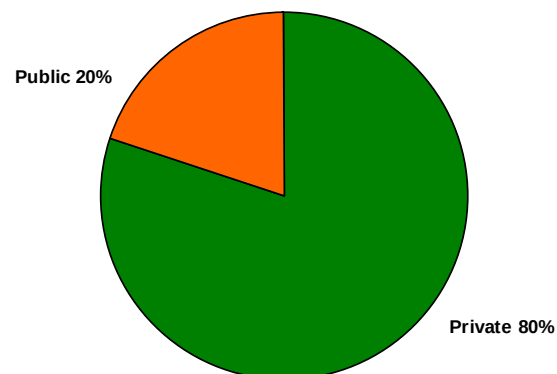


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II. Austrian Forest Owners

Austrian forests are in private hands

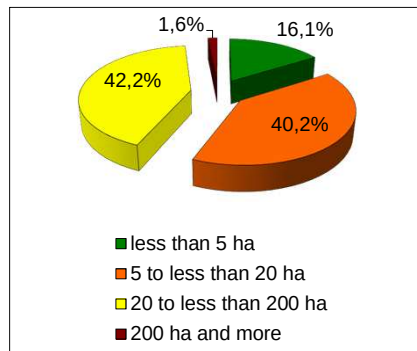


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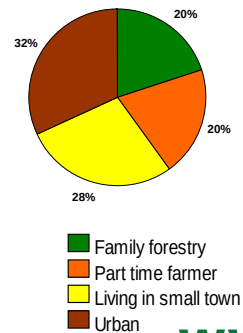
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II. Austrian Forest Owners

Small scaled business – family forestry



Owner category – all types and their quantity



Quelle: Statistik Austria, Agrarstrukturerhebung 2010

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III. Support for Forestry (1)

Silvicultural Treatments

- tree and ground protective logging techniques
- reforestation after forest damage
- thinning
- pruning



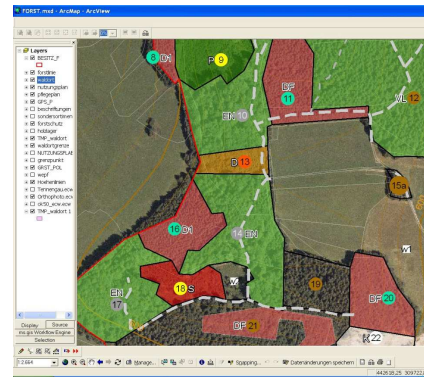
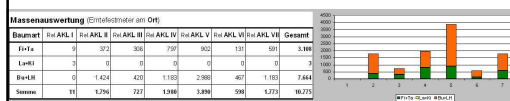
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III. Support for Forestry (2)

Forest Management Plans

- forest management plans
- plans for special treatments



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III. Support for Forestry (3)

Forest roads

- planning, building and rebuilding
- usable for logging trucks
- prioritization of need



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III. Support for Forestry (4)

Forest Protection

- treatments to maintain and increase the protective function
- catch trees for bark beetles
- chipping
- debarking
- beetle monitoring
- consultants for forest protection



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III. Support for Forestry (5)

Strengthening of the forestry sector

- machinery for managing small forests
- improvement of the logistic chain 'wood'
- cooperation within the forestry
- education



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III. Support for Forestry (6)

Recreational Forests

- Special silvicultural treatments
- Recreational facilities



‘Waldpädagogik’

- Specially educated teachers for the ‘classroom’ wood



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III. Subsidy for Forest Conservation Programs

- Small areas with old trees
- Cave trees
- Standing deadwood
- Horst protection area
- Extensive use of forests
- Pasture with larch
- Gaps and edges of forest
- Conservation management plans



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III. Cooperative Applications for Support

67 cooperative applications due to the
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- Reforestation
- Ground protective logging
- Forest protection
- Silvicultural treatments



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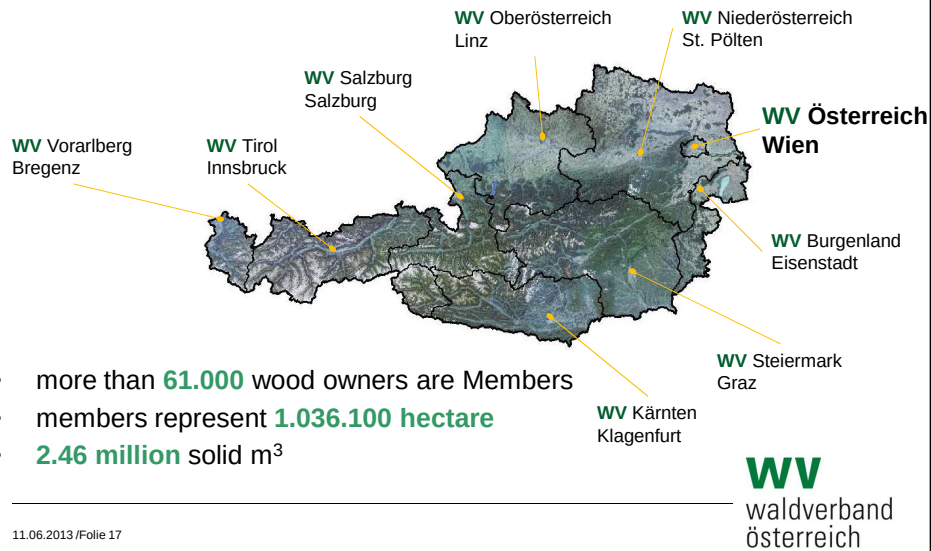
IV. Austrian Forest Cooperatives

- 8 national/regional cooperatives
- More than 61.000 members are organized.
- Our members represent an area of app. 1.036.100 ha of forest.
- Market volume 2.46 million cubic

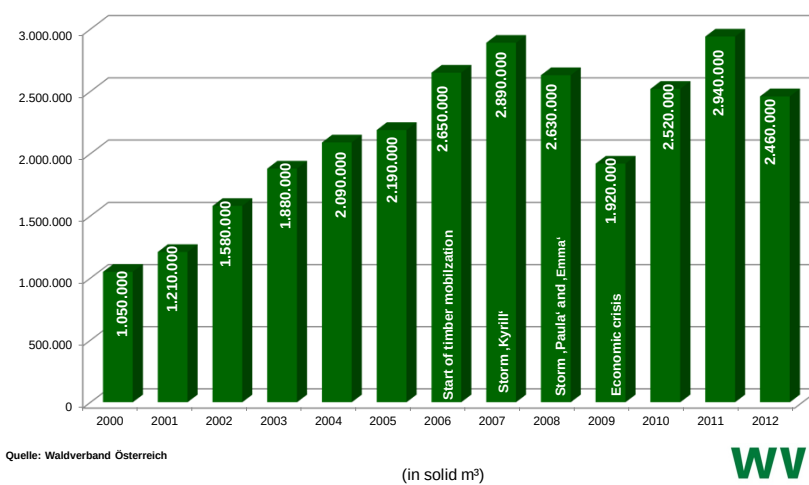
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IV. Forest Cooperatives



IV. Forest Cooperatives – Commercialisation



IV. Forest Cooperatives - Goals

Our Goals

- Increase income of members
- Sustainable forestry, silviculture and logging
- Customer oriented and market suited continuous wood supply
- Reduction of imports → increase added value
- Force PEFC – Certification
- Cooperation platform Forest Timber Paper (FHP)

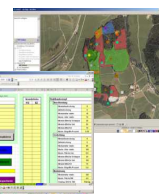
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IV. Forest Cooperatives - Benefits

Benefits for Members

- Full service from consulting, forestation to harvest and marketing
- Continuous market information
- Management plans
- Cost efficiency and gaining higher prices
- Control of timber measurement



Benefits for Industry

- Large quantity of wood from one hand
- “just-in-time” delivery
- Reliable business partner
- Continuous wood supply



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IV. Forest Cooperatives

Members gaining added value through innovation like

- submission of primary timber
- wider range of products
 - Wood chips, firewood
 - Christmas tree production



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