Waldinfo.NRW | Forest information system of NRW, Germany

Information platform on forests in NRW incl. interactive digital maps on forest cover, ecology, geology, types of use and calamities.

The internet portal Waldinfo.NRW offers comprehensive public information on the forests in North Rhine-Westphalia, their diverse functions and sustainable management. This primarily includes digital maps on various aspects of forests, forest management and the use of forests by the public. The topics covered by the various maps range from forest cover and forest ecology, forest management and forest nature conservation to recreational use, danger prevention and forest administration. The information provided is intended in particular to support forest owners in the adaptation of forest management to climate change. This also includes forest regeneration on the current large damaged areas. The selection of maps and the design of the user interface provide user-friendly access to the specialist information. The portal also refers to selected important specialist publications of the State Forestry Administration and further websites of the State Administration. The internet portal Waldinfo.NRW is an important component of the NRW Forest Information System and the NRW Forest Climate Adaptation Strategy. The digital offer of public forest information also corresponds to the Open Data process in North Rhine-Westphalia (Open.NRW).

DETAILS

ORIGIN OF WOOD

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TYPE OF WOOD

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KIND OF WOOD CONCERNED

All types of wood

IMPACT ON ENVIRONMENT & BIODIVERSITY

The included map-based information on soil conditions, meteorological data, climate scenarios have been interlinked with the Reforestation Concept and the Forest Management Concept of the state NRW. Increasing biodiversity and forest resilience by introducing mixed, multi-cohort forest stands is at the core of these concepts which are based on specific, locally site-adapted "forest development types". The platform is public, available also on mobile devices and user friendly. The usability is constantly tested and improved.

INCOME EFFECT

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MOBILIZATION POTENTIAL

High, through public, user-friendly, easily accessible information about the site conditions of forest areas in NRW. For forest owners or forestry contractors, fact-based forest management or planning of harvesting operations are supported.

SUSTAINABILITY POTENTIAL - VALUE

Very Positive

EASE OF IMPLEMENTATION

The difficulty lies in the (public) availability of the different databases and the cooperation of the services behind them.

EASE OF IMPLEMENTATION - EVALUATION

Medium

KEY PREREQUISITES

The platform is based on the Open Data NRW strategy and draws significantly on the broad availability of geological data provided by the Geological Service North-Rhine Westphalia. The promotion of geoinformation data and their public availability in NRW has a longstanding tradition. In addition, the

collboration of these public stakeholders (IT NRW, Geological Service NRW, State Enterprise Forest and Timber NRW) has been actively developed over many years.

EXPLOITATION POTENTIAL

Cost-free public service

TYPE OF EVENT WHERE THIS BPI HAS BEEN FEATURED

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HUB

Central-West Hub

JOB EFFECT

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ECONOMIC IMPACT

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COSTS OF IMPLEMENTATION (EURO - €)

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SPECIFIC KNOWLEDGE NEEDED

Integration of geoinformation, geological and meteorological services, forest management & development, ecology

MORE DETAILS

CHALLENGE ADDRESSED

1.- Improve forest resilience and adaption to climate change

DOMAIN

Inventory, monitoring

TYPE OF SOLUTION

Data platforms, data hubs

KEYWORDS

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DIGITAL SOLUTION

Yes

INNOVATION

Yes

COUNTRY OF ORIGIN

Germany

SCALE OF APPLICATION

Regional/sub-national

START AND END YEAR

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REFERENCES AND RESOURCES

MAIN WEBSITE

https://www.waldinfo.nrw.de

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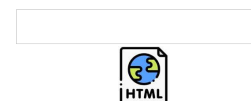des Landes Nordrhein-Westfalen

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