## **WAMBAF | Water Management in Baltic Forests**



The aim of the WAMBAF and WAMBAF ToolBox projects was to determine the methods and tools of water management in forests, which would influence the quality of water flowing into the Balitc Sea.

The scope of the projects included issues related to:

- · operation and maintenance of drainage equipment,
- the beaver's impact on water quality,
- · forest management in the vicinity of surface waters,
- modern tools supporting water management in forests.

Among the main practical results of the projects there are:

- Mobile apps:
  - WAMBAF (available on Android and iOS), developed to support the ditch inventorying and ditch management in forests. Application is connected to the GIS system available on: http://www.wambaf.com/?page\_id=154&lang=en,
  - Blue Targeting (available on Android and iOS), a forestry planning tool which helps you design a riparian forest buffer. The aim is to protect water quality and biodiversity by proposing the right measure, at the right place, to the right extent.
- Wet Area Maps available for Sweden, Poland, Finland and Latvia, based on airborne laser scanning data. Maps illustrate the occurrence of groundwater and may be used in the planning of wood harvesting operations.
- Developing the algorithm for drainage ditches detection basing on airborne laser scanning data. It will be published as open source in 2022.

In the projects several Good Practice Manuals have been developed, regarding: water management in riparian forests, structures for water retention in forests and beaver population management. The manuals are available in several language versions. Main target groups were: forest managers, harvesting machines' operators, land owners, hunters and nature conservation units. The coordinator of the projects was Swedish Forest Agency (Skogsstyrelsen).

DETAILS	
ORIGIN OF WOOD	MOBILIZATION POTENTIAL
TYPE OF WOOD	SUSTAINABILITY POTENTIAL - VALUE
KIND OF WOOD CONCERNED	EASE OF IMPLEMENTATION
IMPACT ON ENVIRONMENT & BIODIVERSITY	EASE OF IMPLEMENTATION - EVALUATION
INCOME EFFECT	KEY PREREQUISITES
EXPLOITATION POTENTIAL	TYPE OF EVENT WHERE THIS BPI HAS BEEN FEATURED
HUB Central-East Hub	JOB EFFECT
ECONOMIC IMPACT	COSTS OF IMPLEMENTATION ( EURO - € )
SPECIFIC KNOWLEDGE NEEDED	

MORE DETAILS

CHALLENGE ADDRESSED DOMAIN TYPE OF SOLUTION

1.- Improve forest resilience and adaption to climate Forest management, ecosystem, resilience

Advice and services for forest owners

change

KEYWORDS DIGITAL SOLUTION INNOVATION

water management; riparian forests; beavers; Yes Yes

drainage ditches

COUNTRY OF ORIGIN SCALE OF APPLICATION START AND END YEAR

Finland Cross-border/multi-lateral (several countries) 2016 - 2019

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REFERENCES
AND RESOURCES

MAIN WEBSITE RESOURCES

http://www.wambaf.com/ Good practices for management of beavers and beaver ponds in the Baltic

Sea Region

**PROJECT WEBSITE** 

http://www.wambaf.com/ Manual for constructing water protection structures at ditch network

maintenance sites and for water retention in forests

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WAMBAF Tool Box

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