Jointly Owned Forests and Forest Land Consolidation in Finland

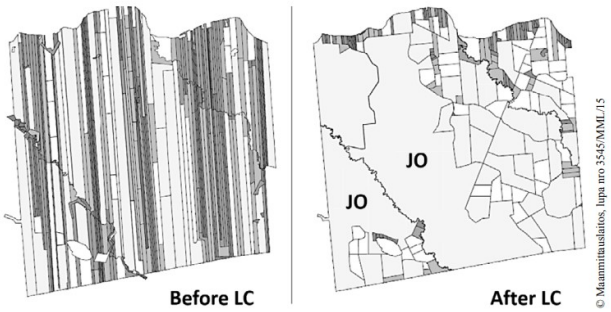

Figure 1. *Pahkakoski land consolidation project before and after land consolidation, with darker colours showing the lower suitability of parcels for forestry (Uimonen 2010). The two parcels of the new jointly owned forest are marked with JO. (Map © National Land Survey of Finland / Uimonen 2010).*

In Finnish legislation, a jointly owned forest is defined as an area that jointly belongs to several real properties and that is intended for practicing sustainable forestry to the benefit of the shareholders.

Fragmented ownership structure is one of the main challenges of wood mobilization in Europe. Small-sized, dispersed forest property with difficult access to forests results in high costs for timber harvesting per hectare. The joint forests have been established in Finland since the end of the 1800. In the beginning of 2019 there were 460 common forests in Finland. The establishment of the common forest and the incorporation to existing joint forests have recently become more widespread. The total area of common forests is growing and it is already more than 700 000 ha. There are about 25 000 stakeholder in the common forests of our country, and they include over 5% of the surface area of our private forest. The smallest common forest is less than 20 hectares, while the largest, Kuusamo common forest has over 90 000 hectares of territory. The largest common forests are in North-Eastern Finland.

Changes in the common forest law have facilitated the integration of common forests and the creation of new joint forests. The common forest can provide a good and workable solution to many objectives of modern forest ownership. The common forest is a shared forest area for operating sustainable forestry in favour of the shareholder forest estates. The common forests are privately owned and have no public-law character or obligation. According to the Common Forestry Act, common forest must be used primarily for operating sustainable forestry. Sustainable forestry includes economic, social and ecological sustainability. The shareholders of common forest decide how to emphasise the utilization of different areas for the purposes of sustainable forestry.

There is a need for raising awareness of the positive possibilities of forest consolidation, including:

- Bigger forest units with easier access to forest property
- More cost-efficiency in harvesting, smaller unit costs in work and supplies
- Ease of foundation and joining$Ease of owning forest

- Better forest management with constant profits
- Easier management and administration
- Tax relief, lower income taxation
- Better recreational possibilities
- Functional and democratic administration
- Simple and safe investment

DETALII

SURSA DE LEMN

Pădure

TIPUL DE LEMN

Lemn masiv

TIPUL DE LEMN îN CAUZă

Stemwood, energy wood

IMPACTUL ASUPRA MEDIULUI șI BIODIVERSITățII

Positive through centralized wood storage and impact to environment

EFECT ASUPRA VENITURILOR

Positive

POTENțIAL DE EXPLOATARE

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HUB

Hub-ul de Nord

IMPACT ECONOMIC

Less costs of harvesting, easier access to forest property, easier management, tax relief

CUNOșTINțE SPECIFICE NECESARE

Knowledge of possibilities of joint ownership, informing forest owners.

POTENțIALUL DE MOBILIZARE

High

POTENțIAL DE SUSTENABILITATE - VALOARE

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FACILITATEA DE IMPLEMENTARE

Easy

FACILITATEA DE IMPLEMENTARE - EVALUARE

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CONDIțII CHEIE PREALABILE

Requires access to forest estate information.

TIPUL DE EVENIMENT LA CARE A FOST PREZENTAT ACEST IPB

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EFECT ASUPRA LOCURILOR DE MUNCă

Positive

COSTURI PENTRU IMPLEMENTARE (EURO - €)

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MAI MULTE DETALII

PROVOCARE ABORDATă

3. Activarea proprietarilor privați și a cooperativelor de gestionare a pădurilor

DOMAIN

Proprietate, cooperare

TIP DE SOLUțIE

Reforma agrară

CUVINTE CHEIE

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SOLUțIE DIGITALă

Nu

INOVAțIE

Nu

ȚARA DE ORIGINE

Finlanda

SCARA DE APLICARE

Național

ANUL DE îNCEPUT șI DE SFâRșIT

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REFERENCES AND RESOURCES

PAGINă WEB

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WEBSITE PROJECT

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REFERINță PROIECT

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DESPRE EXEMPLUL DE BUNă PRACTICă

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