

Description of best practice

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| Title | Forest consolidation in Bavaria – a stakeholder theoretical analysis |
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| Domain | Ownership structure |
| Source of wood | Woodland/forests |
| Location | Bavaria (Germany) |
| Implementers | TECHNISCHE UNIVERSITÄT MÜNCHEN Lehrstuhl für Wald- und Umweltpolitik |
| Actual status | Closed |
| Approach | Forest consolidation is seen as a solution instrument for the fragmentation of small private forests in Bavaria. The focus of this project: perspectives for the involved authorities, professionals, communities and forest owners. Furthermore, the establishment and development processes as well as the evaluation of the forest consolidations from the perspective of the involved stakeholders was qualitatively analyzed in three case studies |
| Main results | Regarding the effect of forest consolidation on the mobilization of wood the following conclusions are drawn: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The effect of forest consolidation on the size of the property is only limited • Forest consolidation can help forest owners with strong forest owner motives to manage their forests how they want to and thereby increase the use of wood and intensify marketing activities • Relationships to the forestry communication network (becoming a member of forestry associations, getting advice from forest administration) are being intensified or created • Forest administration and forestry associations need to get connected to forest owners and support them throughout the forest consolidation to create trust |
| Lessons learned | For forest consolidations the following actions are recommended: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If possible: increased implementation of the voluntary exchange of land • Use of successful examples in structural improvement activities as role models when new forest consolidations are initiated • Keep the duration of the procedure as short as possible • Intensive cooperation of the involved authorities |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Planning and implementation of the forest consolidation adjusted to the situation and with special attention on key activities |
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Best practice assessment

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| Region | Bavaria |
| Time scale | 2014 |
| Mobilization Potential | 1 – 2 m ³ /ha |
| Kind of wood concerned | Stemwood |
| Sustainability Potential | Medium |
| Impact on environment & biodiversity | Medium effect on biodiversity and forest resilience enhancement |
| Ease of implementation | Difficult as it is a complex process including many forest owners but also different authorities |
| Economic impact | It will contribute to more efficient working processes |
| Job effect | Better qualified staff through verification and discussion possibilities |
| Income effect | more efficient working processes and higher harvesting amounts |
| Specific knowledge needed | There is need for enhanced organizational but also administrative processes |
| Costs of implementation | High managing costs in order to bind together small-scale forest ownerships |
| Technical readiness level | Applicable |
| Key information for adoption | Forest owner datas from the authorities |