


Description of best practice

Best practice	
Title	Forest management contract
Picture	
Domain	Sustainable management and planning
Source of wood	Woodland/forests
Location	Bavaria Forestry Associations
Implementers	
Actual status	Running
Approach	Many forestry associations offer so called “forest management contracts”. Together with the forester of the regarding forestry association forest owners can regularly plan the necessary silvicultural actions.
Main results	The state forester is looking after all actions after the forest owner’s decisions and after the accounting (income and expenses). Costs for a forestry management contract depend on the services agreed on in the contract.
Lessons learned	This is an interesting approach especially for old forest owners who can’t any more take care. Furthermore it is an opportunity also for the new forest owner generation with high percentage living far away from the estate.
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Best practice assessment

Region	Bavaria
Time scale	Since 1970
Mobilization Potential	Up to 2 m ³ /ha
Kind of wood concerned	Stemwood
Sustainability Potential	Positive
Impact on environment & biodiversity	Positive
Ease of implementation	Easy
Economic impact	Up to estimated 50€/ ha and year-dependent on forest
Job effect	Higher efficiency especially with mechanized harvesting and organized trough professional staff
Income effect	Positive
Specific knowledge needed	Low and there are many positive experiences
Costs of implementation	Estimated 100 € per hectare but income with in average higher harvesting amount
Technical readiness level	Applicable
Key information for adoption	Not all forest owner associations or entrepreneurs will offer this service