


## Description of best practice

Best practice	
Title	Forestry Associations
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Domain	Forest ownership and land tenure
Source of wood	Woodland/forests
Location	Germany/Bavaria
Implementers	Associations as described in the law "BWaldG" passed by the German "Bundestag"
Actual status	Running
Approach	<p>As described in §15 BWaldG forestry associations are "renowned forest management cooperatives, forest management federations and renowned forestry unions". Also, forest owner associations and forest farmer associations are rated among forestry associations.</p> <p>Associations are supposed to improve the management in the affiliated forest areas and in the estates selected for afforestation. Especially they should help to overcome the disadvantages of small areas, unfortunate area shapes of ownership fragmentation, conflict situations, insufficient forest development or other lacks of structure (§16 BWaldG).</p>
Main results	<p>A forestry association needs to enable a considerable improvement in the management of the affiliated estates regarding size, location and connection (§18 subsection 1 BWaldG).</p> <p>Forest owner associations in Bavaria are leading in whole Germany in terms of high educated staff, organization, IT-systems and efficiency.</p>
Lessons	Due to the changing structure in forest ownership, a growing demand for

learned	<p>wood and the effects of climate change, forestry associations have to face new challenges.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More personnel with expertise is needed to implement the growing amount of forestry measures needed due to climate change</li> <li>• Forestry association need to improve their competitiveness on the market and their ability to establish a working network for timber harvest and marketing of the affiliated forests. Especially, this is important to support forest owners with very small forests, whose transaction costs are usually too high to make harvesting profitable</li> </ul>
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## Best practices assessment

Region	Bavaria
Time scale	Since 1975 modern organization forms of forest owner associations developed
Mobilization Potential	Up to 5 m <sup>3</sup> /ha
Kind of wood concerned	Stemwood
Sustainability Potential	High positive
Impact on environment & biodiversity	Positive
Ease of implementation	Overall approach essential
Economic impact	high
Job effect	Better qualified staff and more satisfied forest owners
Income effect	Positive
Specific knowledge needed	High with trained staff with efficient systems and state funding depending on efficiency
Costs of implementation	At least one fully forest educated staff
Technical readiness level	Applicable
Key information for adoption	You need whole system including funding system for forest owners and associations