

WHAT IS SUSTAINABLE FORESTRY?

For the German Forestry Council (Deutscher Forstwirtschaftsrat) sustainable forest management means recognizing the forest as an ecosystem and maintaining it economically so that it remains permanently healthy, climate-stable and efficient.

The three functions of forests – use, protection, and recreation – must be managed and developed in the interest of conserving the country's culture and environment.

We are committed to science-based, careful and close-to-nature forest management in order to ensure that the renewable resource wood will remain available to society today and far into the future.

Our forestry is multifunctional; We protect the soil, the climate, natural habitats and promote biodiversity – not only in the forests but far into the open countryside.

The three pillars of sustainability are the basis of our actions:



ECOLOGY



ECONOMY



BENEFITS FOR SOCIETY

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FORESTS ARE MORE! FACTS AND FIGURES

One third

of the area of Germany is covered with forest;
that is **11.4 million ha**

More than **5%** of the total forest area
is set aside for conservation: old-growth forest of tomorrow

2 million forest owners

care for and manage the forest: Private persons, municipalities,
the federal states and the federal government

1.1 million people

work in forestry and wood-related industries.

128,000 businesses

generate an annual turnover of

180 billion euro

There are

2 billion visitors in our forests

every year



THE VOICE OF GERMAN FORESTRY

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FORESTRY IN GERMANY
future-oriented by tradition



DEUTSCHER FORSTWIRTSCHAFTSRAT

WE SPEAK FOR THE GREEN THIRD OF GERMANY

The German Forestry Council e. V. (DFWR) represents all actors involved in forests and forestry in the Federal Republic of Germany. As the leading advocacy group in the forestry sector, we are able to bundle the diverse interests of our members.

DFWR gives the green third of Germany – 11.4 million hectares of forest area – and the approximately 2 million forest owners a voice.

The DFWR has a wide-ranging national and international network. It communicates the interests of sustainable and multifunctional forestry to political decision-makers and actively pursues public relations.

The consequences of climate change for forests and forest owners shape the challenges of forest policy at all levels. Continuing to convert forests into climate-stable forests will require the passionate commitment of DFWR's members as well as an open and constructive dialogue with critical reference groups.



WHAT GOOD IS A SUSTAINABLY MANAGED FOREST?

A multitude of services per hectare – 11.4 million times in Germany

