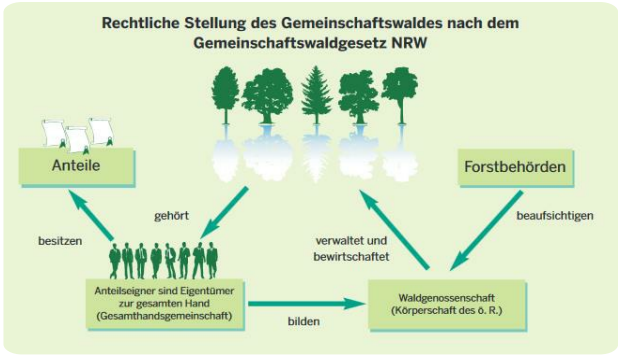
Community forests in NRW and legal framework



The ownership of the forests is shared by the stockholders as an historically rooted legal framework. Due to different backgrounds in formation, there is no relation between the size of community forests and the number of stockholders.
The four cornerstones of the community forest law from 1975 are:
All stockholders are part of a public corporation, the forest cooperative
It is forbidden so dissolve forest areas which are part of a community forest
Consistent management policies for all kinds of community forests
The possibility to merge forest cooperatives or create new ones

For the creation of the community forest law in 1975, an advisory board with participants from all existing forms of community forests was formed. Because if this involvement the framework is well accepted and has proved its practicability. Since the implementation of the community forest law until 2002 only two new forest cooperatives have been founded. It is not easy to convince private forest owners to make this step

There are several advantages of community forests compared to small private forests:
a chairman can decide for all members how to manage the forest, especially after calamities such as a storm
merger of forest cooperatives and newly founded cooperatives improve the forest ownership structure

DETAILS

ORIGIN OF WOOD
Forest

TYPE OF WOOD
Stemwood

KIND OF WOOD CONCERNED
Stemwood

IMPACT ON ENVIRONMENT & BIODIVERSITY
Positive - depending on management decisions

INCOME EFFECT
Positive

EXPLOITATION POTENTIAL
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HUB
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ECONOMIC IMPACT
Estimated up to 50€/ ha

SPECIFIC KNOWLEDGE NEEDED

MOBILIZATION POTENTIAL
1 - 2 m³/ha in region of NRW

SUSTAINABILITY POTENTIAL - VALUE
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EASE OF IMPLEMENTATION
high

EASE OF IMPLEMENTATION - EVALUATION
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KEY PREREQUISITES
Regional ownership structures and legal frameworks need to be suitable; participation processes needed in the implementation

TYPE OF EVENT WHERE THIS BPI HAS BEEN FEATURED
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JOB EFFECT
More efficient forest operations and thinnings possible with higher forest work force

COSTS OF IMPLEMENTATION (EURO - €)
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Medium; need for specific regional structure knowledge and also administrative expertise

MORE DETAILS

CHALLENGE ADDRESSED

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DOMAIN

Ownership, cooperation

TYPE OF SOLUTION

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KEYWORDS

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DIGITAL SOLUTION

No

INNOVATION

No

COUNTRY OF ORIGIN

Germany

SCALE OF APPLICATION

Regional/sub-national

START AND END YEAR

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REFERENCES AND RESOURCES

MAIN WEBSITE

https://recht.nrw.de/lmi/owa/br_bes_detail

PROJECT WEBSITE

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PROJECT REFERENCE

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