

# 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 to 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 of 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

## DÉTAILS

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### ORIGINE DU BOIS

Forêt

### TYPE DE BOIS

Grume

### POTENTIEL DE MOBILISATION

1 - 2 m<sup>3</sup>/ha in region of NRW

### POTENTIEL DE DURABILITÉ - VALEUR

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### TYPE DE BOIS CONCERNÉ

Stemwood

### FACILITÉ D'IMPLÉMENTATION

high

### IMPACT SUR L'ENVIRONNEMENT ET LA BIODIVERSITÉ

Positive - depending on management decisions

### FACILITÉ D'IMPLÉMENTATION - ÉVALUATION

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### EFFET SUR LE REVENU

Positive

### PRÉREQUIS CLÉS

Regional ownership structures and legal frameworks need to be suitable; participation processes needed in the implementation

### POTENTIEL D'EXPLOITATION

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### TYPE D'ÉVÉNEMENT OÙ CETTE ICPE A ÉTÉ PRÉSENTÉE

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### HUB

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### EFFET SUR L'EMPLOI

More efficient forest operations and thinnings possible with higher forest work force

### IMPACT ÉCONOMIQUE

Estimated up to 50€/ ha

### COÛTS D'IMPLÉMENTATION (EURO - €)

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### CONNAISSANCES SPÉCIFIQUES REQUISES

Medium; need for specific regional structure knowledge and also administrative expertise

**PLUS DE  
DÉTAILS**

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**DÉFI CONCERNÉ**

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**DOMAINE**

Propriété, coopération

**TYPE DE SOLUTION**

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**MOTS-CLÉS**

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**SOLUTION DIGITALE**

Non

**INNOVATION**

Non

**PAYS D'ORIGINE**

Allemagne

**ECHELLE D'APPLICATION**

Régionale/subnationale

**DÉBUT ET FIN D'ANNÉE**

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**REFERENCES  
AND RESOURCES**

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**SITE WEB PRINCIPAL**

[https://recht.nrw.de/lmi/owa/br\\_bes\\_detail](https://recht.nrw.de/lmi/owa/br_bes_detail)

**RESSOURCES**

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**SITE WEB DU PROJET**

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**RÉFÉRENCE DU PROJET**

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