Family Forestry Luxembourg

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- 1933: foundation of the forestry society GDL
- WWII: cessation of activities
- 29 January 1947: resumption of activities and foundation of Groupement des Sylviculteurs asbl
- 2008: Adoption of a new corporate identity & communication under the form of « Lëtzebuerger Privatbësch »





Our mission:

- Represent the interests of private forest owners
- Free consulting for all forest owners
- Planning and organizing forest work (e.g. contractors).
- Offering a liability and fire insurance to our members





Our mission:

- Promote sustainable management of forest ecosystems
- PEFC Forest management certification
- Provide information: "De Lëtzebuerger Bësch" www.privatbesch.lu, etc.



- Offer training: "forester's license" for forest owners, excursions, fairs, information booths, day courses











A few facts:

- Total forest cover: 92.150ha
- One third (1/3) of the entire country is covered by forest
 - **→** 35,2 %
- More than half of this forest is private property
 - \rightarrow 54% = 49.400 ha

Source: Administration de la nature et des froêts (2014): La forêt luxembourgeoise en chiffres

Surface forestière au Grand-Duché de Luxembourg

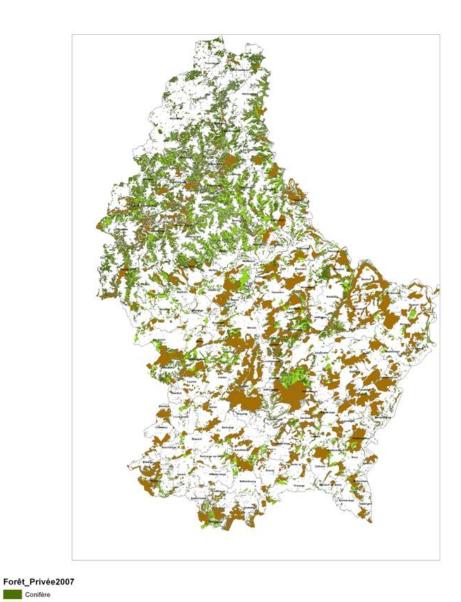


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A few facts:

- Most of the privately owned forests are located in the Oesling
- for centuries, private forests have been a part of family-owned property





Forest property	Number of individual owners
0 – 3 ha	9304
3 – 5 ha	2467
6 – 10 ha	1118
11 – 20 ha	544
21 – 50 ha	278
51 – 100 ha	51
101 – 500 ha	22
> 501 ha	1

Source : EU Forestry Statistics 1995-98





Forest functions for private owners

- -investment
- -self-sufficiency
- -revenue
- -recreation





Problems with forest management

- Marketing appears to be difficult



Source: Bois et Forêt: Problèmes du morcellement foncier: enfin une solution





Problems with forest management

- Very small properties, e.g. due to splitting of inheritance



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Difficulties with forest management

- Small property sizes and problems with marketing of timber
- Missing forest roads
- Limited knowledge of forest owners











Help offered:

- Small property sizes and problems with marketing of timber
 - group thinnings with several owners combined
- Missing forest roads → infrastructure projects
- Limited knowledge → training, information





Group thinnings









Forest roads:









Training:









4. Why people should manage their forests







4. Why people should manage their forests

sustainable forest management:

- Provides the resource wood
- wood can be used for → building, furniture, paper, energy
- wood is a climate-friendly and carbon-neutral energy source





Thank you very much for your attention!

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