FEDERATION OF GERMAN FOREST OWNER ASSOCIATIONS (AGDW)

Representing the interests of private and community forest owners in Germany
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11 Mio. ha forests in Germany

Federal forests 3,7 %
State forests 29,6 %
Private forests 43,6 %
Community forests 19,5 %
Trustee forests 3,7 %

Private forests:

- Owners - about 2 Mio.
- Total forest area - about 4,8 Mio. ha
- Average holding size - less than 2,5 ha/ family
1.2 FORESTRY STATISTICS
STANDING STOCKS ACCORDING
TO OWNERSHIP CATEGORIES AND TREE SPECIES

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2. THE FEDERATION OF GERMAN FOREST OWNERS ASSOCIATIONS (AGDW)

„To sustain and strengthen private and community forest ownership in its manifold functions.“

AGDW represents the interests and provides the expertise of private and communal forest owners towards the Federal Institutions (Parliament, Ministries etc.)
2.1 THE STRUCTURE OF AGDW

- > 800,000 members
- currently 13 regional associations (Länder level)
- Finances: Membership fees and projects

ORGANIGRAMM

President
Philipp Freiherr zu Guttenberg

Executive committee
Philipp Freiherr zu Guttenberg, Norbert Leben, Roland Burger, Prof. Dr. Bitter

General Assembly

Committee for taxation
Expert committee for juridical and environmental affairs
FARU

Committee for forestry cooperatives
AFwZ

Committee for European and international affairs

Working group for taxation affairs of forest and landowner associations
Working group of christmas tree producers
2.2 FIELDS OF ACTION

- Forest legislation
- Land rights (ius soli) and compensation right
- Taxation
- Education
- Market policy
- Environmental and nature conservation policy
NETWORKING OF AGDW
- NATIONAL LEVEL

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- Agricultural associations
- Hunting associations
- Certification systems
- Employers and employee associations
- Environmental organisations
- Forestry associations
- Timber industry associations
- Others
NETWORKING OF AGDW
- INTERNATIONAL LEVEL

- accredited NGO to UN ECOSOC

United Nations
IFFA

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Timber industry associations

Forestry associations

Agricultural associations
CURRENT POLITICAL ACTIVITY IN PRIVATE FORESTS

Amongst others:

• Federal forest law
• Inheritance tax
• Environment and nature conservation etc.
PERCENTAGE OF DIFFERENT OWNERSHIPS

11 Mio. ha Forest in Germany

- Private forests (47%)
- State forests (33%)
- Community forests (20%)

Private forests
State forests
Community forests
Körperschaften
PREDOMINANT OWNERSHIP IN THE REGIONS

State forests
Private forests
Community forests
Average holding size in private forests:
2,4 ha
Number of private forest owners in Germany

2 Mio.
FORESTRY STATISTICS
STANDING STOCKS AND PERCENTAGE OF UTILISATION IN DIFFERENT EUROPEAN COUNTRIES

Average size of private forests:

- A: < 5 ha
- B: 5-15 ha
- C: 15-20 ha
- D: > 20 ha

Switzerland 336.6 / 73

Austria 325 / 71

Germany 319.9 / 60

Finland 88.7 / 73

Czech Republic 260 / 78

Hungary 173 / 59

Lithuania 183 / 56

Spain 44 / 53

France 190 / 64

Sweden 107.4 / 71
FORESTRY STATISTICS
STANDING STOCKS IN GERMAN FORESTS
ACCORDING TO OWNERSHIP CATEGORIES

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HISTORICAL CORNER STONES

- 1919: The „imperial federation of german forest owner associations“ is founded for the political represenation of forest owners

- 1934: The „imperial federation of german forest owner associations“ is dissolved

- 1948: On July 7th it is re-established as „federation of german forest owner associations“.

Active participation in national, European and international forest policy fora (MCPFE, UNFF etc.)

Ministerial Conference on the Protection of Forests in Europe (MCPFE)
- Political platform for dialogue on European forest issues, such as sustainable forest management.

United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF)
- Political platform for the global dialogue on forest and forestry, discussions on global forest objectives and the implications of other UN policies on forests and forestry
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