

FUTURE FOR FORESTS

- We protect, maintain and develop ecologically valuable and sustainable forests.
- We sustainably deliver wood as a renewable and ecological resource.
- We provide jobs and training.
- We provide environmental education and recreational opportunities.
- We conduct research, provide advice, and educate the public on all forest issues.
- We carry out active environmental and climate protection as well as nature conservation.
- We operate economically.

Forests have many functions.
We make sure that:

- they can develop healthily,
- they provide habitat to animals and plants,
- they provide timber as an environmentally friendly and fascinating construction material
- you can enjoy and use them, both today and in the future.

BRIEF OVERVIEW OF FOREST MANAGEMENT IN BADEN-WÜRTTEMBERG

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40 PER CENT
Forests cover nearly 40 per cent of Baden-Württemberg.

- ForstBW's mission is to protect the forests in accordance with the objectives of State Forest Law and to develop them sustainably.
- ForstBW guarantees a multi-functional management of the state owned forests as a public good.
- ForstBW also provides comprehensive advice and extensive support to public and private forest property owners.
- ForstBW is in charge of coordinating and managing all tasks related to forests and forestry for the state of Baden-Württemberg.
- ForstBW is the shared logo for all the services of the state forest administration in Baden-Württemberg, expressing their shared responsibility for the forest.

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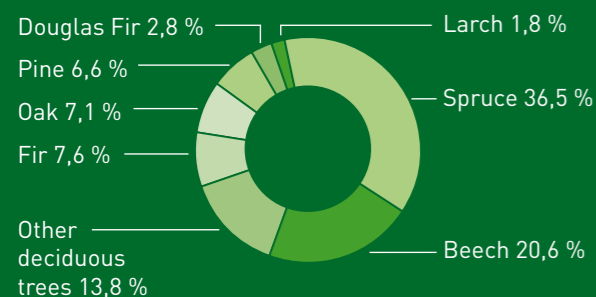
FOREST AND FORESTRY IN BADEN-WÜRTTEMBERG



One billion trees, 30.000 kilometres of marked hiking trails and 10.000 animal and plant species provide countless leisure and recreational opportunities. It is hard to believe that this same area is the largest production site in the state!

TOTAL FOREST AREA IN BADEN WÜRTTEMBERG (ALL OWNERS)

Tree species composition*



Forest area	1.386.200 hectares (100 %)
State of Baden-Württemberg (1 owner)	329.200 hectares (24 %)

Federal Government (1 owner)	8.000 hectares (1 %)
Communities (1.073 owners)	536.000 hectares (38 %)
Private owners (approximately 260.000 owners)	513.000 hectares (37 %)

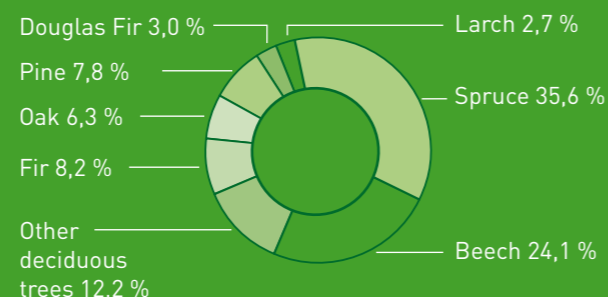
Timber stock * 485.500.000 cubic metres

Annual harvested timber ** 8.500.000 cubic metres

ForstBW employees *** about 4.500 staff
There of **apprentices (forestry workers)** about 300 trainees

STATE OWNED FORESTS IN BADEN-WÜRTTEMBERG (ForstBW)

Tree species composition*



Timber stock *	102.800.000 cubic metres
Annual harvested timber **	2.500.000 cubic metres (equivalent to the annual sustainable cut)

Forest products (2010)
Sawn logs 70 %, pulpwood 16 %, firewood 14 %

Economic profit (2010) 27.796.000 Euro
(Product sector of public owned forests)

Sales according to buyers (2010)
Sawmills 70,4 %, timber industry (veneer, plywood, etc.) 3,8 %, crafts 0,4 %, trade 11,4 %, pulp and paper industry 5,9 %, chipboard and fibreboard industry 1,4 %, private consumer 6,1 %, timber logging enterprises 0,8 %.

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EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES AND CENTRES OF EXCELLENCE

*Source: National Forest Inventory II (in 2002) ** average of the years 2003 – 2009 *** Municipal and state officials, employees and forestry workers

Sustainable Forestry has a name:

ForstBW

Forests shape our landscape and influence the everyday lives of many people. More than two million citizens in Baden-Württemberg use the forests for leisure and recreational purposes on a daily basis. Thus, our society demands a great deal from our forests: forests are expected to provide wood products, animal and plant habitat, recreational opportunities, as well as clean air, stable climate and fresh water.

The basic principle of ForstBW's management is based on sustainability.

Timber, as a renewable resource, and the beneficial effects of forests – such as soil, water and noise protection, play a decisive role in the sustainable development of the state of Baden-Württemberg.

As a politically green-red state government, we want to further strengthen and underline the principles of sustainable forest management. This includes the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) certification of the state forest which has already been initiated.

Protecting biodiversity is also an important goal.

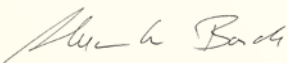
ForstBW has a role model function in forest management.

Environmental, social and economic goals are implemented equally.

We want to ensure that all forests fulfil their diverse functions sustainably for both, today's and future generations.

Forest management is continually evolving and taking social interests into account. This is evidenced not only by FSC certification, but also by the development of a holistic approach to forest conservation. The objectives of ForstBW in the areas of sustainable forest management, profit optimization and work safety, for example, are all transparently defined. The ForstBW publicly accounts for their implementation on a regular basis.

Economy and ecology are not mutually exclusive terms – quite the contrary: economic success and nature conservation go hand in hand. The state agency ForstBW demonstrates that these are reconcilable goals.



Alexander Bonde
Minister of Rural Affairs and
Consumer Protection



FUTURE...

...FOR HUMANS AND
SOCIETY



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Responsible for the forest

Safeguarding the beneficial effects of forests:

- Protecting the natural environment (soil, water, air)
- Preserving the leisure and recreational function

Creating awareness and acceptance:

- Offering environmental and cultural experiences
- Providing Information and environmental education on forestry and timber

Ongoing dialogue with key stakeholders:

- Forestry department (forestry sector planning)
- Public agencies
- Non-governmental organizations

Strategic Sustainable Development

Environmental, economic and social sustainability goals are comprehensively implemented in the management of the state forests maintained by ForstBW. Holistically balanced and long-term sustainable development goals, along with a performance measurement system (Sustainability Balanced Scorecard), serve to meet diverse demands.

Forests are a key resource in maintaining the quality of life in the 21st century. A total of 260.000 public and private forest owners maintain, among other things, the most prominent water purification plant, the most effective fine particle filter, the largest recreation area and the largest carbon storage area of our state.

Only healthy forests can effortlessly fulfil these tasks – therefore they need competent protection and care.

ForstBW is responsible for all aspects of forestry.

ForstBW has an open-door policy. ForstBW employees are always available for an open dialogue with all land owners, citizens and politicians.

We are shaping the future! Trust us!

Max Reger
Chief Administrator
of ForstBW



...FOR NATURE AND THE ENVIRONMENT

Careful forestry that mimics nature sustainably

- Preservation of biodiversity and ecological cycles
- Integrated forest protection and regulated wildlife stock
- Verification through certification



Adaptation to climate change:

- Monitoring and research
- Forest restructuring
- Climate protection

Active nature conservation measures

- Management of forest conservation and Natura 2000 sites
- Protection of biodiversity through old- and deadwood principles

The state forest is already certified under PEFC** standards. A certification according to the standards of FSC* has been initiated.

The high-level environmental, economic and social goals of ForstBW are certified and guaranteed through these international standards.



We protect what we use.

Ecological rationality and economic performance are a given for us. We don't exploit forests; we shape them.

Nature is our role model. We take the responsibility to protecting our natural heritage and the diversity of plants and animal habitat very seriously.

We work with nature as a team.

For us, forest management which mimics nature sustainably are not ecological buzzwords but rather, basic principles that we have followed for decades in our economic activity. All forestry is conducted in a sustainable and future-proof manner – only in harmony with nature can all the functions of forests be reliably and sustainably maintained – especially in the face of impending climate change. The quality of our work is verified by international certification for sustainable forest management.

* Forest Stewardship Council

** Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification Schemes

...FOR FORESTRY AND THE TIMBER INDUSTRY

Core business of wood production:

- Sustainable production of wood as a renewable and ecological resource
- Economic use of transferred forest assets
- Employee safety and satisfaction
- Customer driven

Contribution to the competitiveness of rural areas:

- Strengthening cooperation between forest associations
- Consulting and services for forest owners
- Providing financial aid

Innovation and Education:

- Supporting the cluster Forestry & Timber
- Developing new business sectors
- Conducting vocational education and training



We only harvest as much timber as naturally regenerates. Our product is unique: Wood can meet almost all of our needs. A reliable partnership with our customers is important in timber production. Economically, forests play an important role in terms of income and jobs.



We are progressive in what we do.

Whether in management or on the ground: we conduct goal-oriented research, we educate the public and we apply our knowledge. We transfer our know-how gained from the management of the state owned forests (Landesbetrieb ForstBW) to municipal and private forests owners through our consulting and support services.

Our expertise of the forest ecosystem is sought after especially when it comes to identifying both future trends and threats as well as the opportunities of multifunctional forest management for the benefit of society.

WE ARE WHERE THE FORESTS ARE

Any question about forests and wood in Baden-Württemberg
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