Short analysis of questionnaires from network members on participation of stakeholders in forest planning

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Overview of answers

• 25 contributions
• 12 countries
• 14 public foresters
• 6 researchers
• 5 privat owners/managers
• 16 country level
• 9 forest distric level
Part 2

Engagement of various stakeholders

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Which groups are engaging in discussions relating to the implementation of nature protection measures in your forests?

Groups engaged

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<td>Environmental sector</td>
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<td>Citizen groups/NGOs</td>
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<td>Private forest owners</td>
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Additional answers:

• Foresters from State Forests Enterprise
• Members of Parliament including Prime minister
• Municipalities, agency for water
• Politicians
What kind of activities are taken in your forests to include interested stakeholders/citizens in the planning and implementation of nature protection measures in forest management?
Additional answers:

- Public excursions to the forest
- Promotion of ecosystem forest functions in public
Do you see any options for improvement in the involvement of various stakeholders into discussions about nature protection measures in your forest?

- Need to support a dialogue between groups: communication platform, not only internal discussion between foresters
- Involving different groups:
  - Local "experts"
  - Forest sector and private owners
- State/Ministry should be more active
- Improve communication and information channels
- *Discussion is not equal to involvement*
To which degree are stakeholders/citizen involved in forest management planning?

- Informed upon request: 8
- Actively informed: 8
- Consulted before decision making: 4
- Involved in decision making (e.g. through round tables/participatory settings): 4
Additional suggestions and comments

• ‘There is no involvement of Stakeholders/citizens in forest management planning, due to privacy protection’.

• ‘Forest management plans must be presented for public evaluations and made open meeting. About the meeting is announced in local newspaper that not many reads. Very often room is empty and discussions not started. Later when starts management various groups of interests start rise the questions about management but it appears too late. Otherwise not huge society interest in forest management’.

• ‘Given more time, we could count more relevant information, publications’.
Connecting knowledge to action
Thank you!

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