

Encouragement of Small Producers, Including Young, Urban and Female Owners

What are the trends?

objectives: bringing these groups to the forest – rise awareness
 involvement into forestry issues
 build up an identification with their possessions
 build up trust

What extension, education, and training programmes are available?

state programme
producer organizations
individual initiatives



State programme

- no effective programme focussing on young , female and urban forest owners
- training programmes usually offered by regional state forester:
 - silvicultural measures (timber marking, grading, planting etc.)
- seeking individual contact in writing and by personal visits
- forestry school in federal states: managing forestland
 - silvicultural programmes
 - logging and technical skill programmes



producer organizations (national level)

- strive for engaging in general forest owners in:
 - legislation and regulatory issues
 - taxation issues
 - education on ecosystem services
 - education on subsidy programmes
 - education in book keeping
 - education in public relation
 - legal and mental support by transferring holdings
 - newsletters



producer organizations (regional level)

strive for engaging in general forest owners in:

- full forestry service or based on individual projects
- silvicultural excursions
- field trips to learn about machinery in action
- ecosystem services
- certification scheme
- chainsaw safety training
- firewood handling and selling
- family trips to neighbour countries containing a high educational forest profile
- owners visit owners
- newsletters

organizing events especially tailored for addressing the needs and expectation of youth, female and urban forest owners like:

- forest youth and families days containing special silvicultural topics
- tree planting events mainly remembrance tree like birth, wedding
- cooking lessons with game meat, mushrooms and herbs
- evenings with presentations by open minded group members



Individual initiatives:

- female forest owners establishment their own circles
 organizing joint excursions in their forests to discuss silvicultural
 topics, marketing issues etc.
- noble families
 formation of father child groups
 organizing camping and hunting weekends in hunting cabins
 organizing silvicultural working days (light work)
 joint participation on machinery exhibition

**Improvement:**

- by increase number of events in general
- by hand tailored to the expectation and interest of these groups
- by providing more motivated and skilled regional state foresters and recruit members of co-operatives with an understanding for the situation and the needs of the small scale forest owners;



Are there other programmes in place which attempt to influence these trends?

- Forest pedagogics (Waldpädagogik) by state foresters
by private environmental groups
to enhance the understanding for forestry and environment in
kindergarden, schools, for adults and other interested parties;
- Waldkindergarten: preschool education in the forests based on private initiatives

Bavaria approach:

- Initiative: Bavarian christmas tree or Bavarian fire wood
- Initiative: rolling exhibition of "timber growth cubus" in connection with life cycle/carbon sequestration information
- Initiative: "timber growth clock" showing the daily/weekly/monthly/annually timber increment of forestland in Bavaria in reference to carbon sequestration - permanent displayed in the Bavarian parliament place.



QUESTIONS ?

