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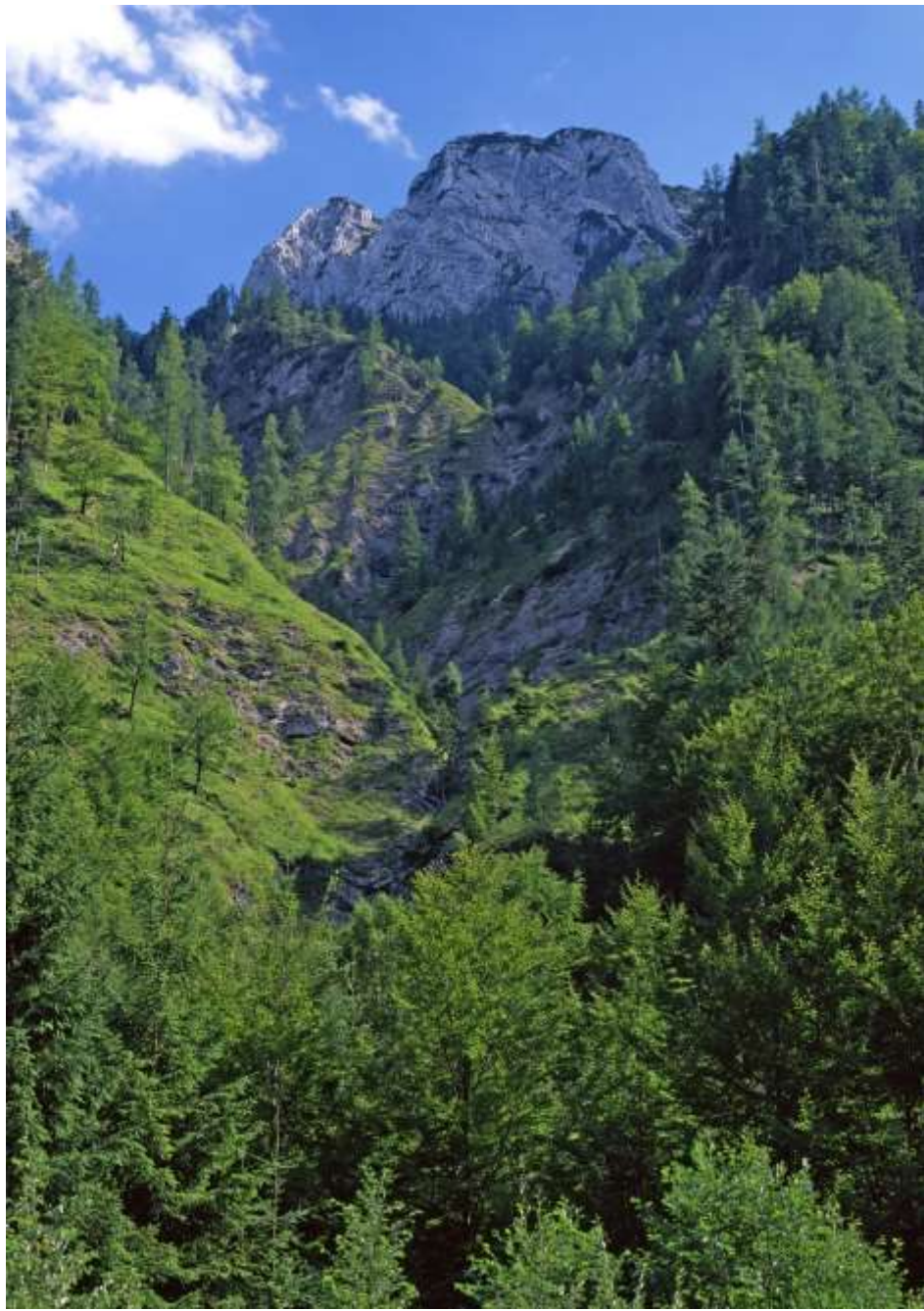
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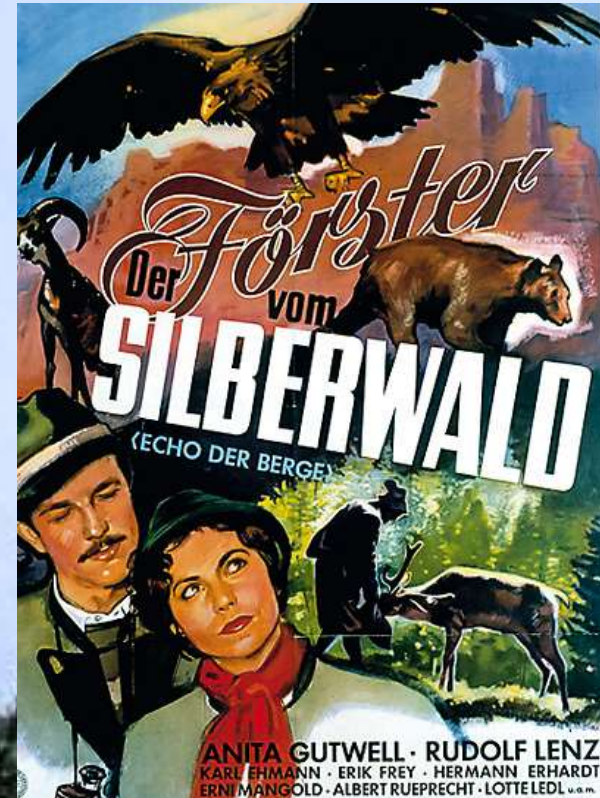
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AN OVERVIEW

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The ideal Forester
some days ago.....



The complex world of forest management as of today.....



In real: Are our forests (growing) without any human influence?



THE AREA OF INTEREST AND CONFLICT

Deliverables ?

Subject

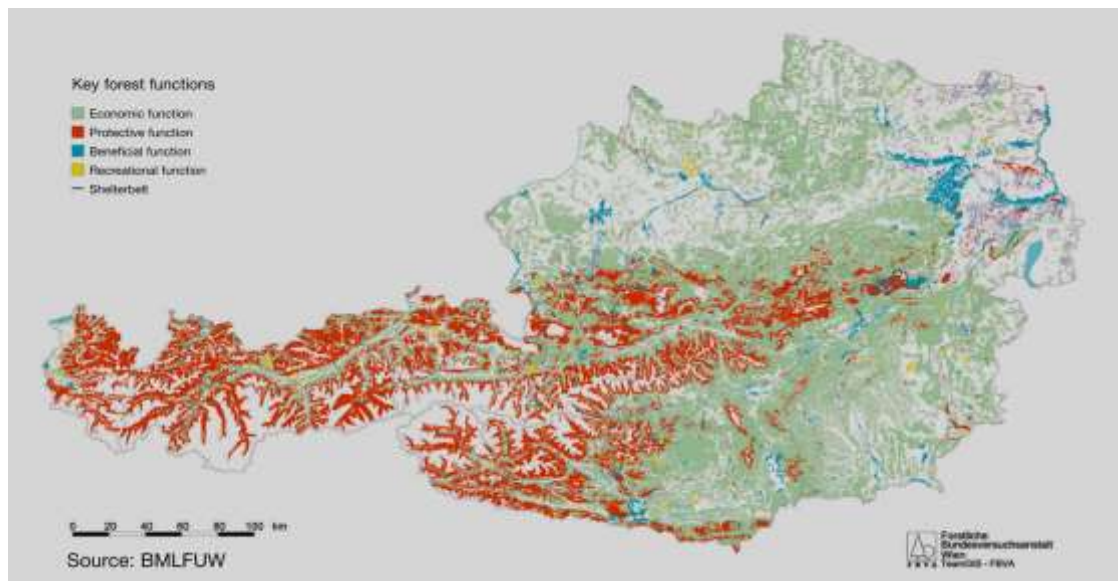
Forests

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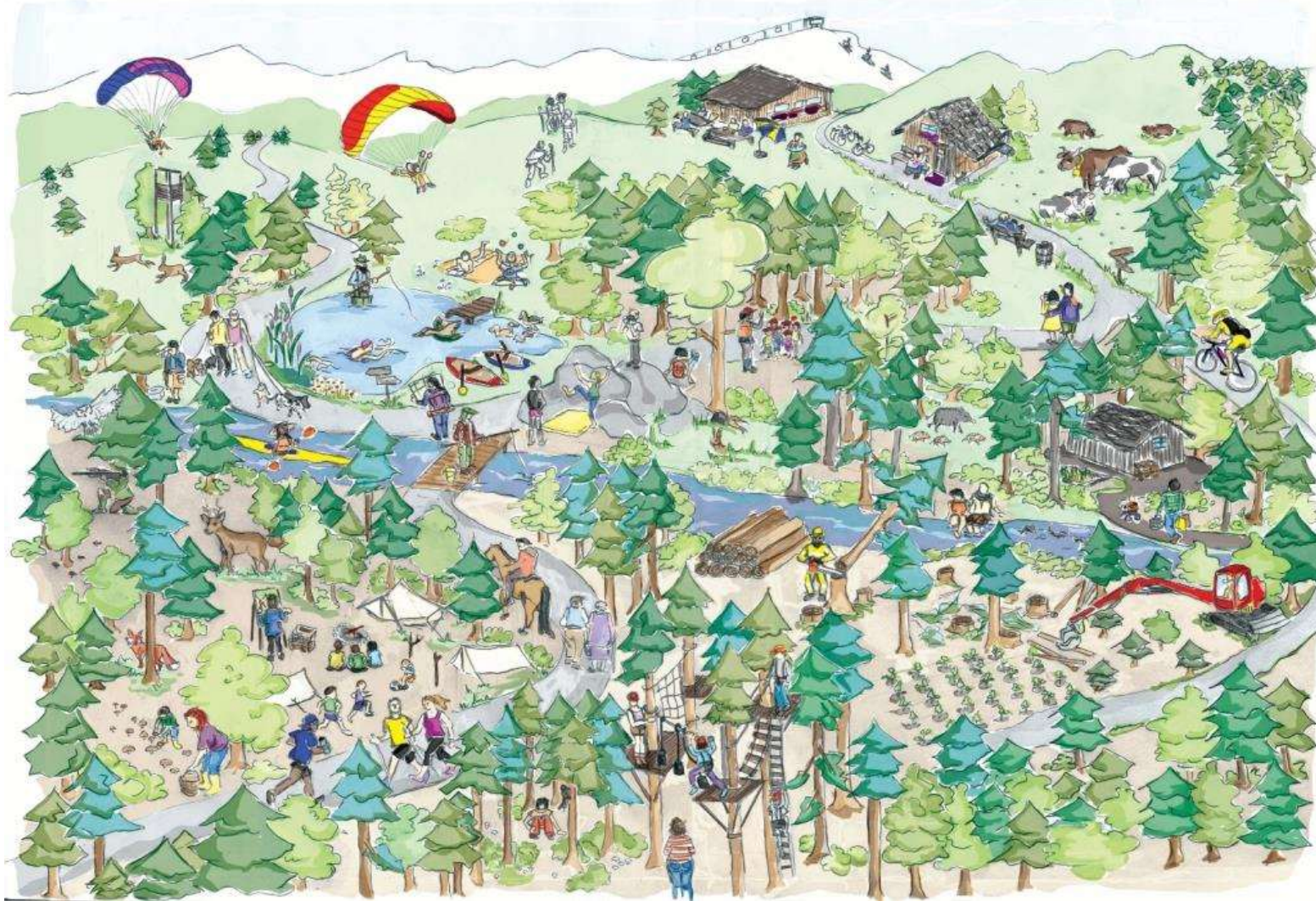
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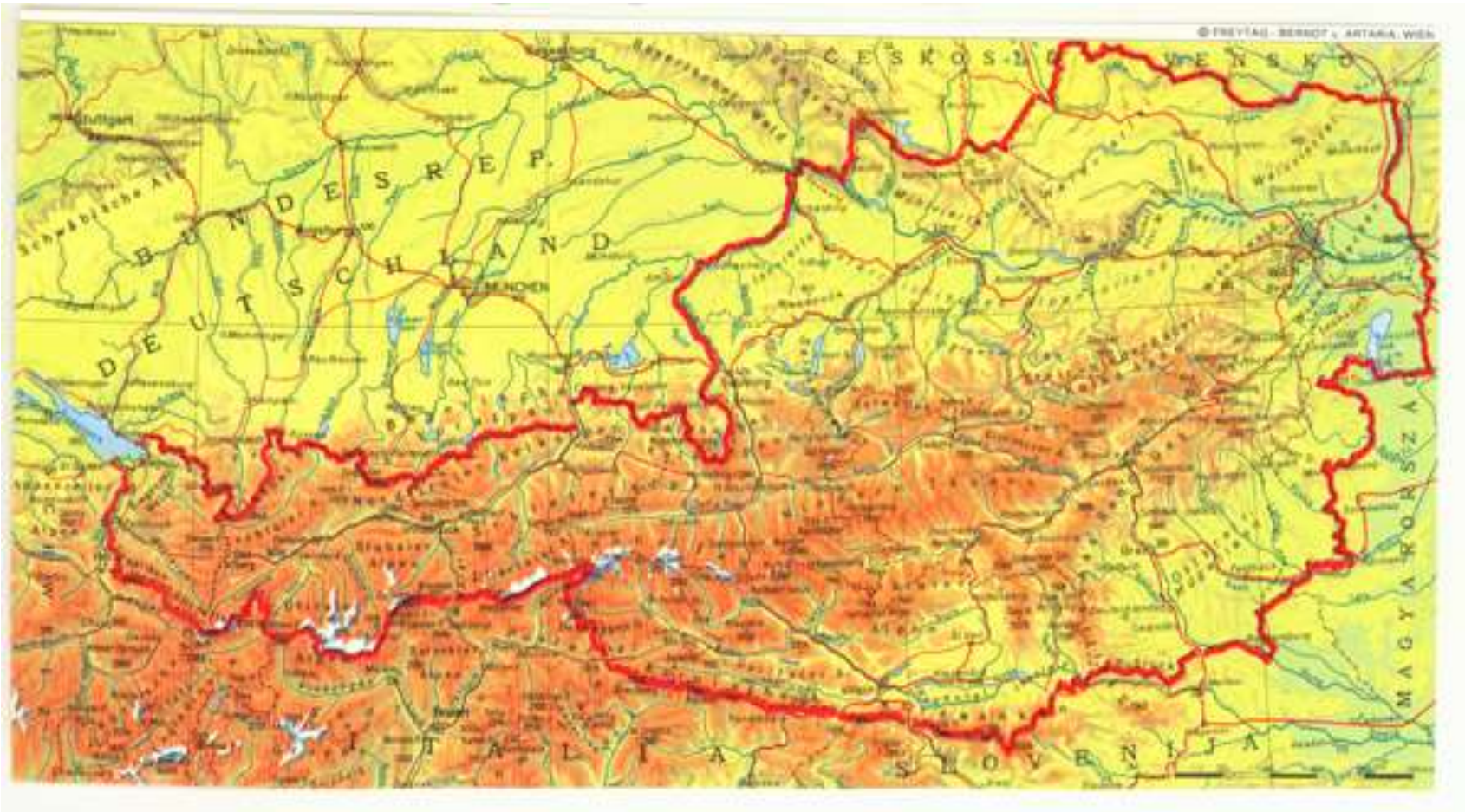
Interests ?

INTERESTS OVER INTERESTS



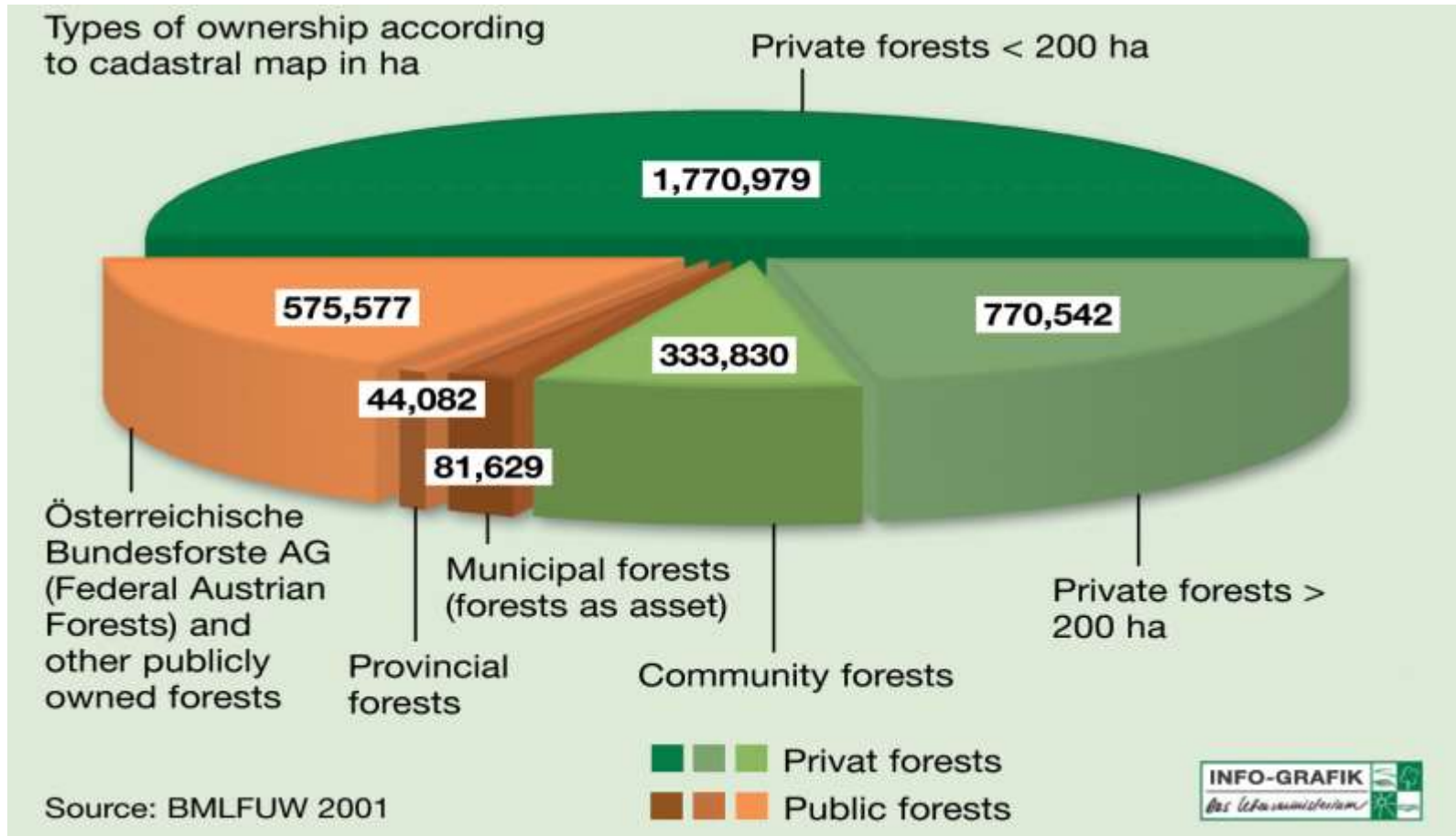
TOPOGRAPHY

A given prerequisite



THE AUSTRIAN FEDERAL FORESTS

Ownership categories (Forests in Austria)



FROM EAST TO WEST

We monitor and manage each tenth square metre of Austria

Approx. 10% of national territory

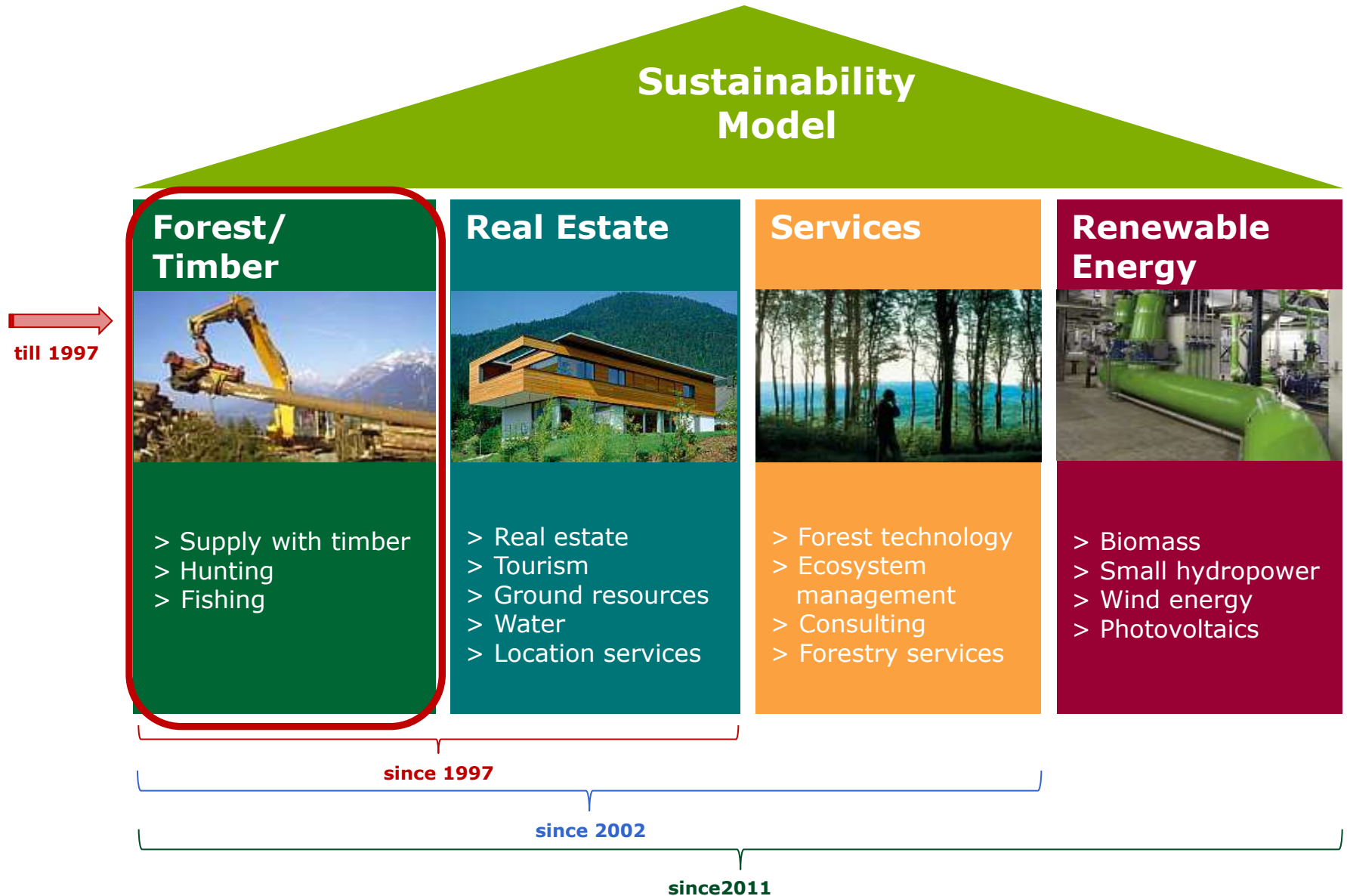
Approx. 15% of Austria's woodland

Approx. 70% of Austria's major lakes



THE DEVELOPMENT OF ÖBf AG

A dynamic process



THE "AUSTRIAN FEDERAL FORESTS MODEL"

A public company successful in private business



Owner

100% owned by Republic of Austria

Legal form

Newly established in 1997 as a joint stock corporation

Budget contribution

50% of annual net profit to the Republic of Austria

Annual dividends

Decentralized structure

12 forest management units

2 national park management units

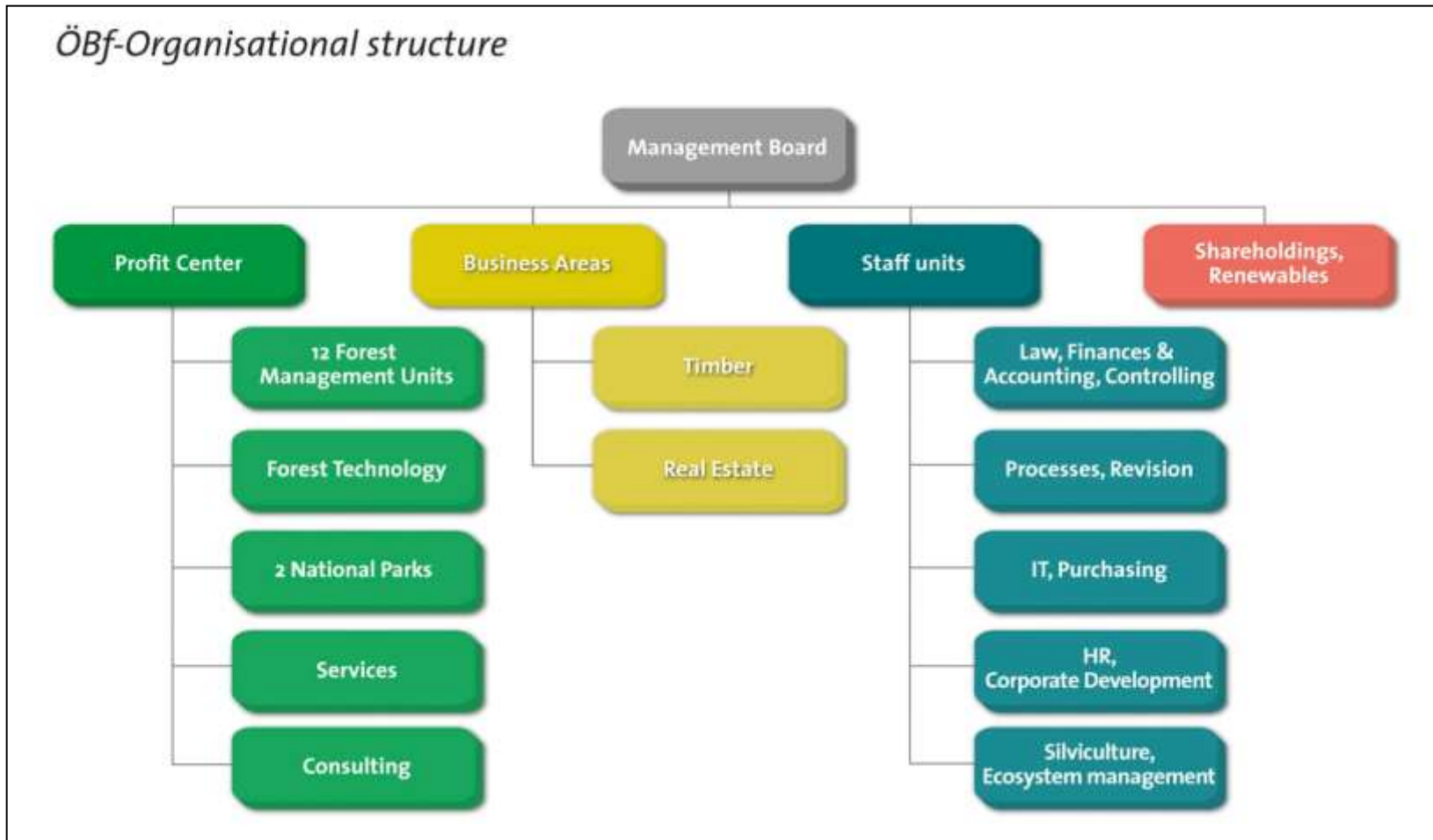
1 forestry technology unit

Headquarters at Purkersdorf, Lower Austria



ÖBf Organizational Structure

A question of „how to make it happen“



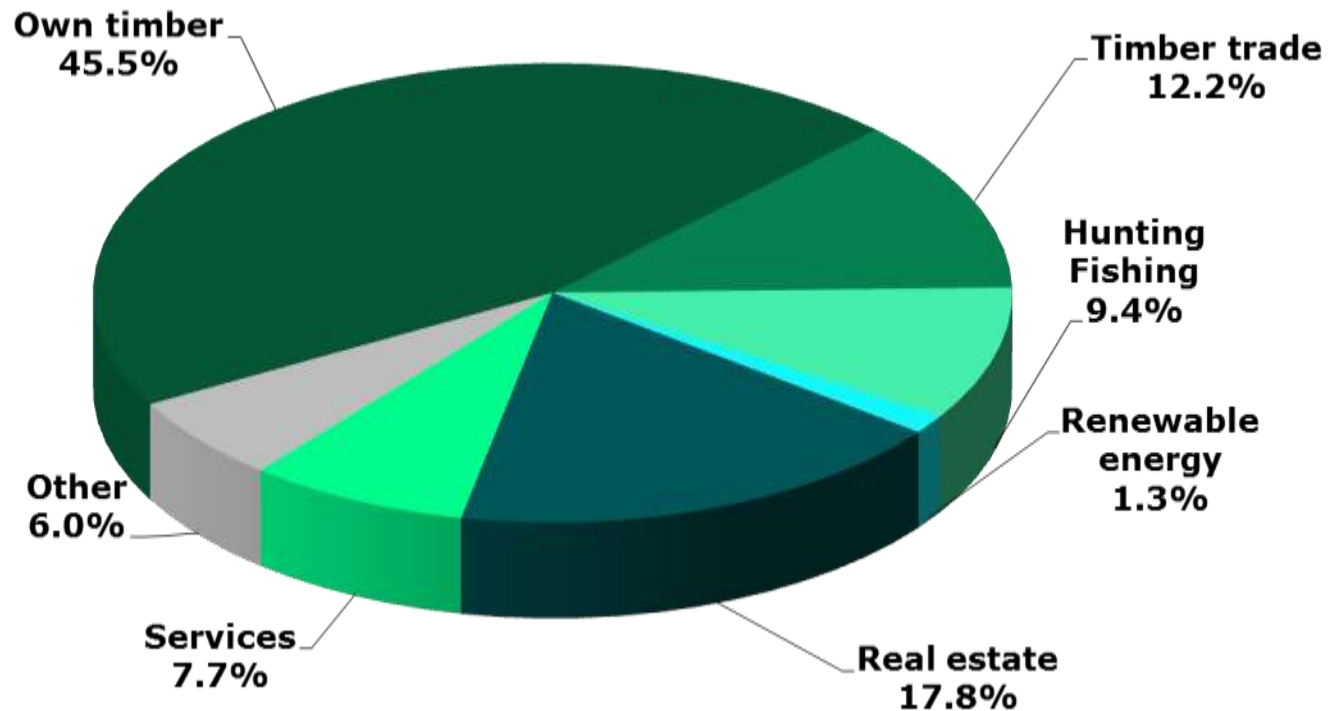
FACTS & FIGURES



Total area	850,000 ha
Forest area	510,000 ha
Managed forest	341,000 ha
Protection forest	152,000 ha
Lakes > 1 ha	74
Running waters approx.	over 2,000 km
Buildings approx.	4,200
Hunting areas approx.	1,000
Fishing areas approx.	550
Overall performance ÖBf AG	EUR 231.2m
Contribution to federal budget	EUR 29.9m
thereof dividends	EUR 21m
thereof usufruct compensation	EUR 8.9m
Employees (FTE, annual average)	1,096

Status: 31 December 2015

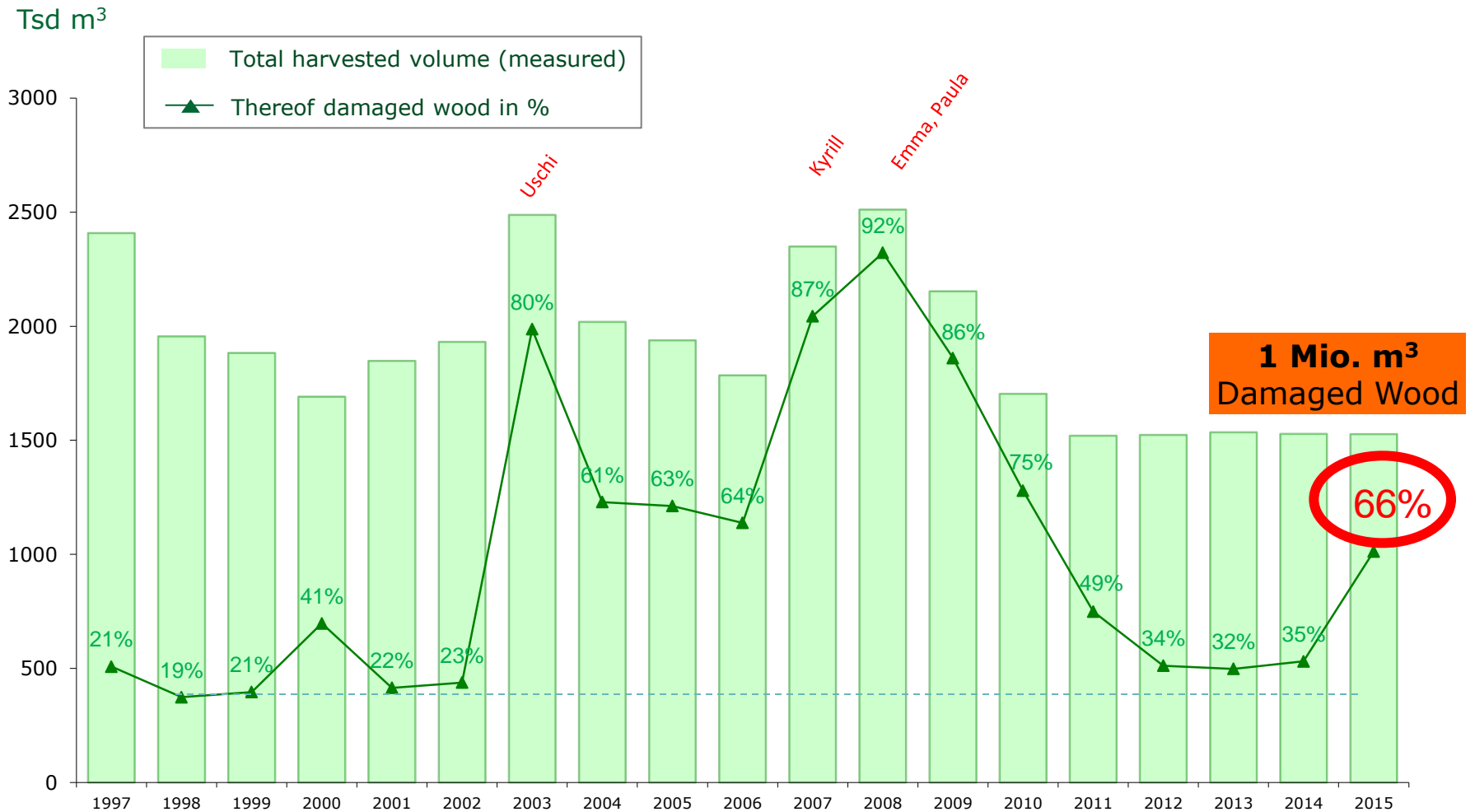
OPERATING PERFORMANCE BY BUSINESS AREAS



Stand: 31.12.2015

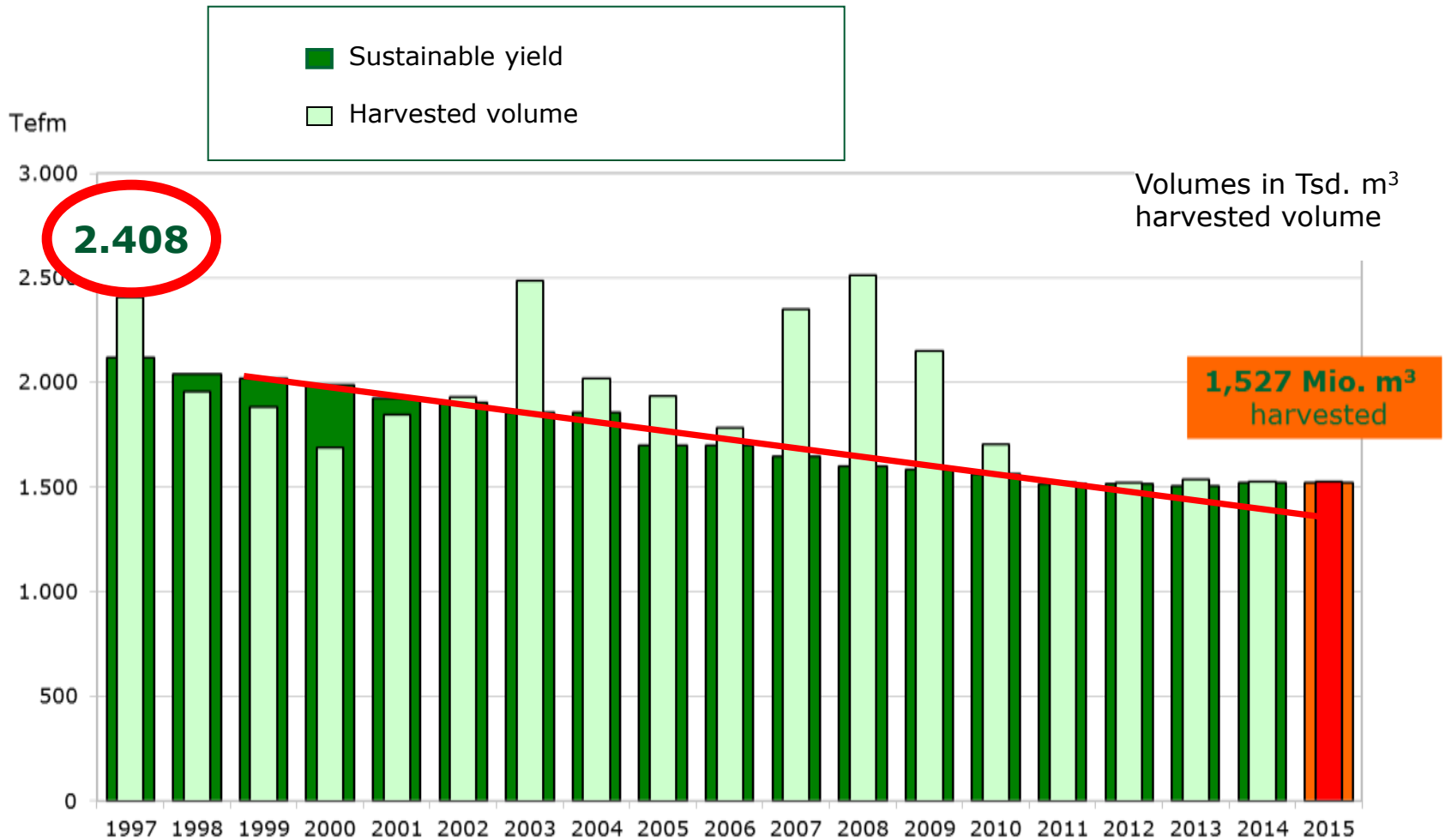
AN ORGANISATIONAL CHALLENGE

Share on damaged wood on total harvested volume



SUSTAINABILITY TARGETS ACHIEVED

Harvested volume remain on historical lowest amount



THREE DIMENSIONS OF SUSTAINABILITY

Responsibility for nature, society and economy



Nature

- > Protection and conservation of an intact landscape
- > Safeguarding and promotion of species and habitat diversification



Society

- > Protection of high quality of life – landscape, forest, water, air
- > Creation of outdoor leisure activities



Economy

- > Sustainable management of natural resources
- > Nature-oriented forestry

NATURE

Protection and management of nature and natural environment



Our responsibility

- > Approx. 50% of ÖBf areas under nature protection
- > Approx. 52,000 ha in national parks
- > Approx. 900 natural monuments
- > More than 800 voluntary nature conservation measures undertaken per year



What we do

- > Stewardship of national parks and conservation areas
- > Landscape protection and maintenance
- > Numerous nature and species conservation projects
- > Implementation of European protection programmes such as "Natura 2000"

SOCIETY

Protection and preservation of life quality and intact nature



Our responsibility

- > Preservation of forests and the natural environment in the interests of conservation and leisure
- > Protection of drinking water reserves
- > Preservation of valuable protected forests



What we do

- > Create leisure amenities such as walking, horse-riding and mountain-biking trails
- > Maintain public lakesides and bathing areas
- > Provide education on the natural environment and guided walks

Close cooperation with stakeholders

ECONOMY

Sustainable management of natural resources



Sustainability is the guiding principle

- > “We extract only as much raw material as nature can reproduce!”
- > Nature-oriented forestry
- > Profitable results



What we do

- > Lean structures and processes
- > Establishing new business areas such as real estate and services
- > Promotion of renewable energy

CLIMATE CHANGE

Long-term planning and innovative measures



Impact

- > More frequent natural disasters such as storms and heavy rainfall
- > Higher aridity due to global warming

Measures

- > New forms of forestry management
- > Innovative methods to conserve wood
- > Production of renewable energy

Targets

- > Long-term safeguarding of the protection, utility and recreational value of forested areas
- > Protection of nature and species diversity

FORESTRY/TIMBER

Core business



Forestry/timber

- > Harvesting and sale of timber as core business
- > Decades of experience in harvesting timber

Hunting

- > Hunting as a responsibility
- > Wide range of hunting grounds



Fishing

- > Diverse bodies of water and excellent biodiversity
- > "ÖBf-Fischwelten" – high-quality fish to dine on



REAL ESTATE

Large real estate portfolio



- > Management of about 56,000 plots of land and 4,200 buildings
- > Renting, leasing, building rights
- > Protection of strategically important areas for the public such as national parks, glaciers, lakes and water resources
- > Reinvestment of sales revenue in new areas of land or higher value-added real estate

SERVICES

Know-how and consultancy for clients in Austria and abroad



Forest technology

- > Harvesting timber, building and maintaining logging roads, securing of slopes



Ecosystem management

- > Planning and implementation of nature reserves and wildlife sanctuaries, mapping



Consulting

- > Consultancy for international clients and organizations from Albania to Uganda

Services

- > Forest management, forest planning, expert opinions, arboriculture/treework

RENEWABLE ENERGY

Energy production from renewable natural resources



Biomass

- > Central Europe's largest biomass power plant in Simmering, Vienna – operated together with Wien Energie

Small hydroelectric power plants

- > 4 power plants in operation, others planned
- > Construction methods with ecological merit



Wind power and photovoltaics

- > Initial pilot projects
- > Cooperation with experienced partners

Austrian Federal Forests supplies 150,000 households with electricity and heating from forest biomass.

Never underestimate the importance of people.



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THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST!



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