

RESEARCH FOR INTERNATIONAL SUSTAINABLE FOREST MANAGEMENT


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Project Funding

Funding and Contracts

Research for international sustainable forest management

The Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture (BMEL) uses the funding guideline on the "Promotion of Bilateral Research Cooperation and Knowledge Exchange for International Sustainable Forest Management" to support research projects that explore possible solutions for more sustainable forest management worldwide. In addition, it aims to promote the international exchange between forest scientists.



Forest Ecosystem in Thailand
Source: 500 cx - Fotolia.com

Forests represent a unique ecosystem, which, at almost four billion hectares, covers around 30% of the earth's surface and fulfils a wide range of functions for humans and nature, for climate and species protection and as a vital supplier of raw materials.

Despite these important functions, their progressive destruction and degradation could not be halted yet. Large-scale destruction of natural forests continues, especially in the tropics.

Poverty, unsustainable land use and weak government structures are aspects that contribute to this development. In addition, there are other economically attractive forms of use, which, among other things, often lead to large-scale conversion of natural forests, given the increasing global demand for soy, palm oil and other agricultural products.

NAVIGATION

- Themes of ptble
- Funding and Contracts**
 - International Research Cooperation
 - EU-Research Affairs, EMFF
 - Model and Demonstration Projects - Plant Protection
 - International Sustainable Forest Management**

Overview

- Programme for research and exchange worldwide ([Link](#))
- Since Nov 2023 additionally a programme with focus on Ukraine (can only be found in [German version of website](#))

Goals of the Programme



Support

bilateral cooperation
transnational exchange of knowledge
development of scientific networks
between Germany and Ukraine



Topics

reconstruction of sustainable forest
management
functional restoration and ecological
security of Ukrainian forests

TYPES OF PROJECTS

- Bilateral **Research** Cooperation

- Length: ???
- Budget: < 500,000 €
- Project-related costs 100%



- **Transfer & Exchange** of Expertise

- Training of German experts for Ukraine
- Specialist information trips to Germany
- Mainly mobility costs for participants
- No or only minor staff costs



Thematic Objectives

- **Restoration** of Ukrainian **forest ecosystems** and their **ecosystem services** such as soil protection, water regulation, carbon sequestration and biodiversity conservation
- **Forest health**, forest reorganisation and strengthening the **resilience** of existing forests to climate change and biotic and abiotic damage
- Support the restoration of forests and the **expansion of forest area** through resilient, **climate-adapted forests**
- Integrated **forest fire management** with regard to areas **contaminated** with explosive ordnance,
- Research into solutions to combat **illegal logging and trade**,
- Improving the **productivity of forest resources** (wood and non-timber products) with a view to sustainable management,
- Research into solutions for **socio-economic aspects** of forestry, such as securing jobs and strengthening rural areas,
- **Digitisation** in the area of forest monitoring and management.

