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The Role of Climate-Smart Forestry

Addressing Changes and Solutions in Environmental Policy For Sustainable, Climate-Neutral Economic Development

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- Climate change induced need for a **paradigm shift**
- Forests becoming **carbon sources** in some areas
- **How to counteract?**



Sustainable forest management



Climate-smart forestry



Mitigation



Adaptation

Ecosystem Services

Climate-Smart Forestry:

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Climate-smart forestry (CSF) is an integrated forestry approach that encompasses the **entire forest value chain**, from forest management to the utilization of long-lived wood products and bioenergy. As a holistic approach it involves a diverse range of strategies aimed at incentivizing the **integration of climate-related objectives** within the forestry sector, while at the same time **ensuring the sustainable provision** of a wide spectrum of **ecosystem services**. CSF exhibits a high degree of **spatial and temporal adaptability**, allowing it to be fine-tuned to the specific conditions and requirements of various biogeographical areas **now and in the future**.



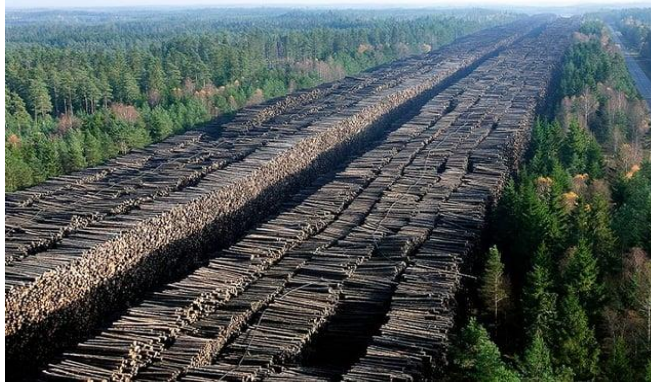
Management practices

Practice	Region	Adaptation/Mitigation
Forest not established		
Mechanical/manual soil preparation	Boreal forests	Mitigation
Fertilization	Temperate and boreal	Mitigation
Tree species selection: native	All	Mitigation
Tree species selection: native other provenance	All	Adaptation
Tree species selection: non-native	All	Adaptation
Can also be in established forests		
Natural regeneration	All	Adaptation/Mitigation
Artificial regeneration with seeds	All	Adaptation
Artificial regeneration with sapplings	All	Adaptation
Young forest		
Tending	All	Mitigation
Control of ungulates	Temperate and boreal	Adaptation
Thinnings	All	Adaptation
Pruning	Temperate	Mitigation
Mature forest		
Prescribed burnings	Mediterranean & boreal	Adaptation
Single tree selection	All	Adaptation
Regeneration cuts	All	Adaptation
Intensive harvesting	Boreal forests, plantations	Mitigation
Increase in rotation age	All	Mitigation
Decrease in rotation age	Boreal forests, plantations	Adaptation

Management practices - examples

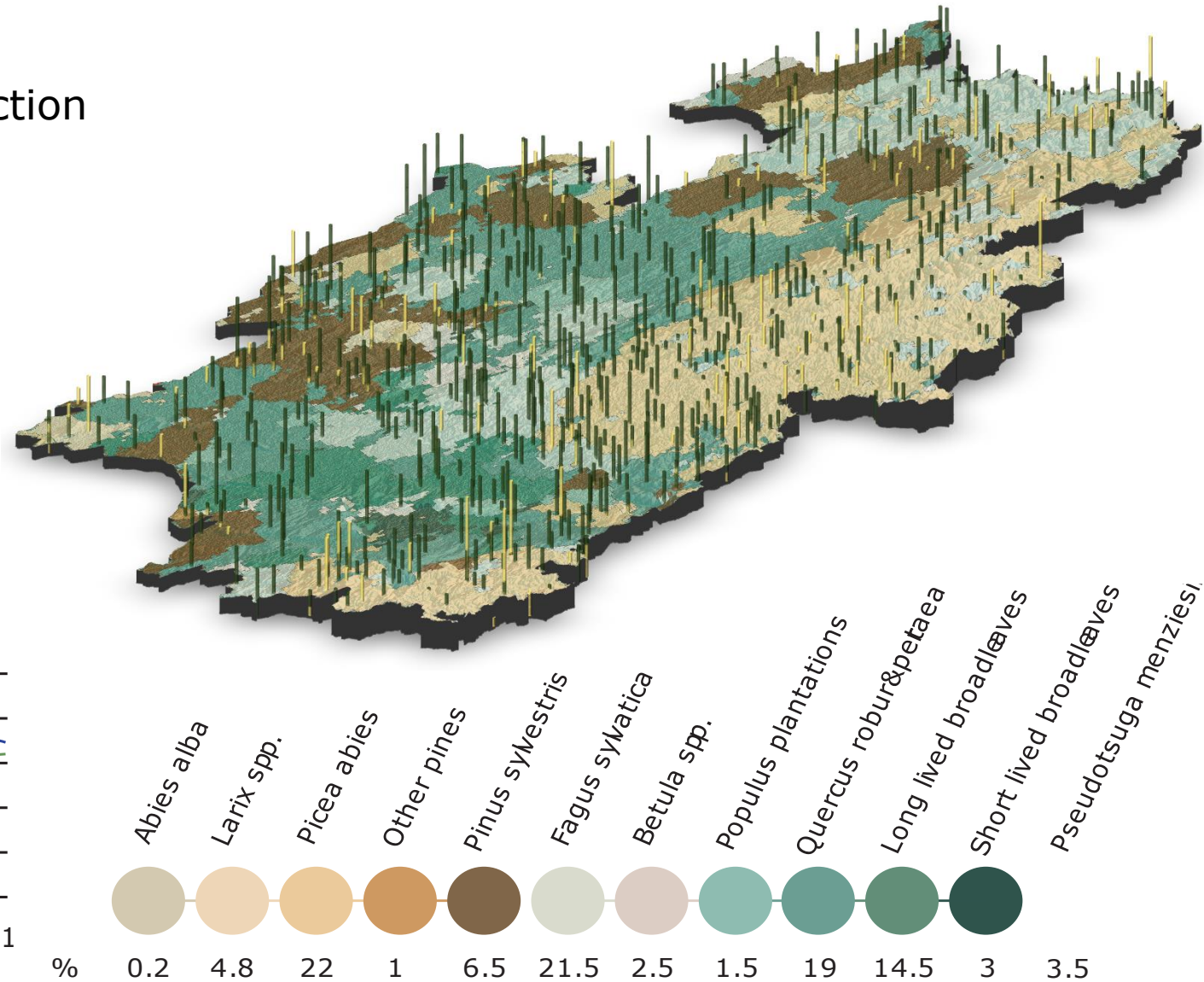
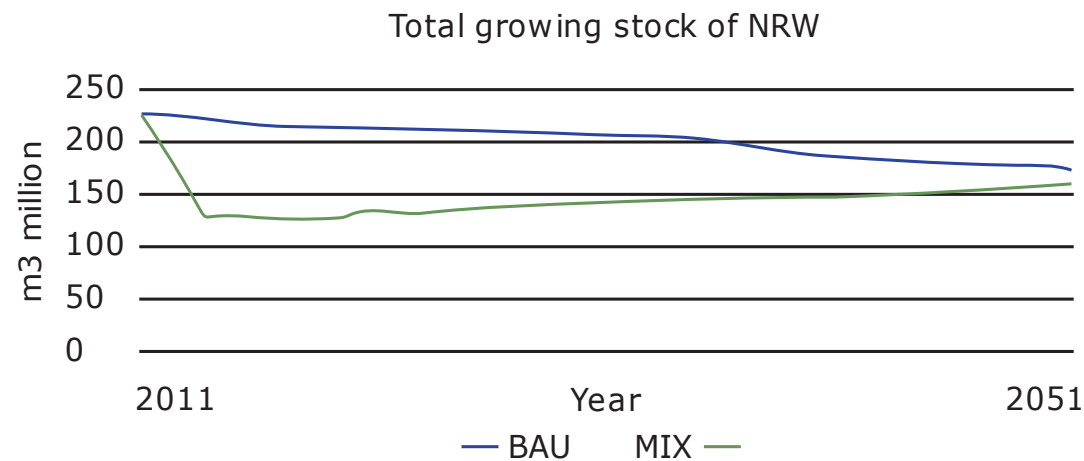
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Reforestation of degraded spruce forests with site-adapted broadleaves



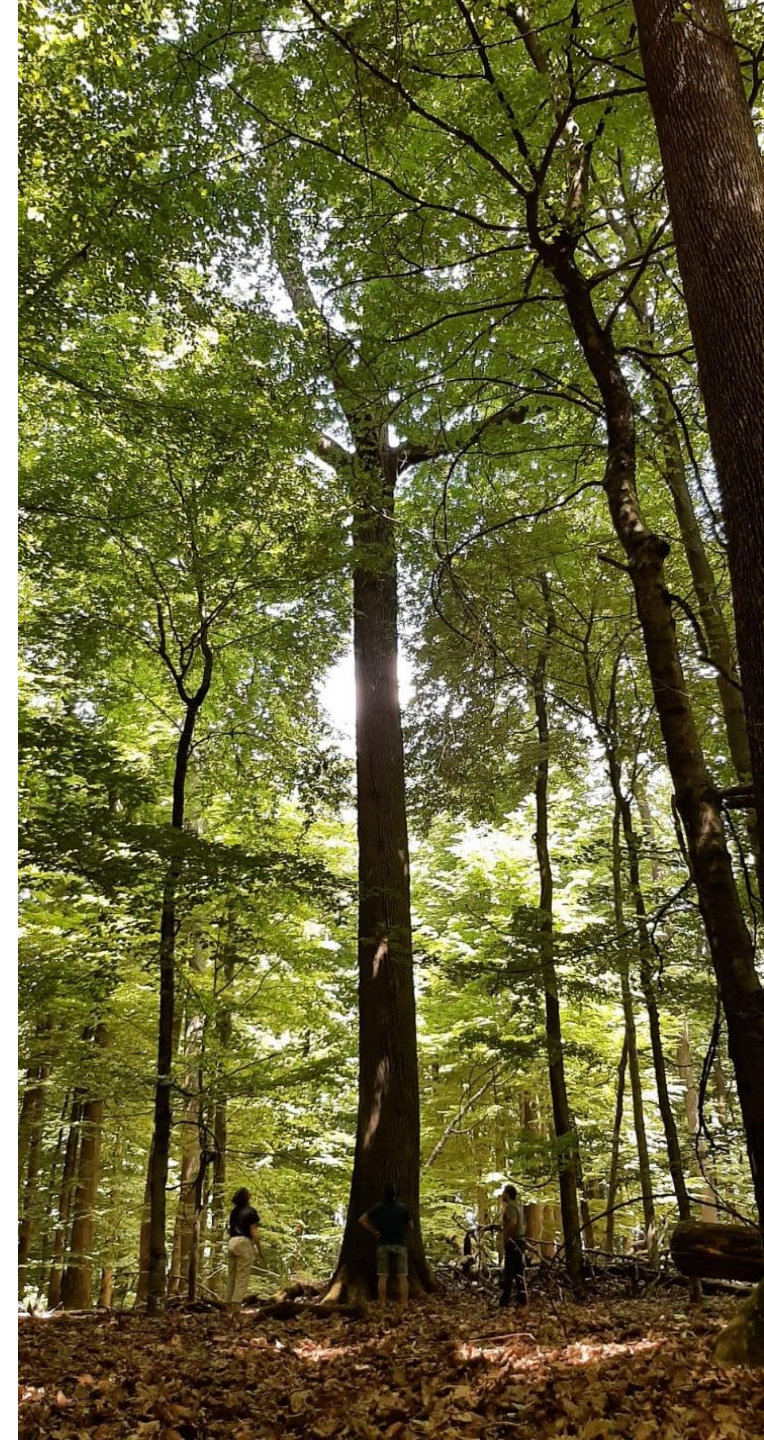
How to measure implementation success?

- Comparison between BAU and MIX projection scenarios
- MIX: diversifying species composition
- 40 year runs
- Restoration takes a lot of time!



Concluding remarks

- Nothing changes if nothing changes
- There is no ***one-size-fits-all*** approach
- Importance of tailoring approaches to specific regions
- Imperative lies in pinpointing the optimal management practices in the right locations



Thank you!

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