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DEVELOPMENT OF ORGANIZATIONAL SYSTEM OF SUPPORT FOR THE PRIVATE FOREST SECTOR IN SERBIA

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Introduction

- Numerous problems
- Owners - lack of interest
- State - inadequate support
- Different approach for public and private forests
- Research of suitable organization for private forestry

Forests of Serbia

- 2,5 mil. ha of total forest area
- 27,3 % - area of forest in total State area
- 101,6 m³/ ha of average timber volume
- 2,67 m³/ ha of average annual increment
- **Private forests**
 - 49,1 % of total forest area
 - More than 500.000 owners
 - Average size of forest holding is 2,39 ha
 - More 3.900.000 forest parcels

Support to private forest owners

- Directorate of forests
- Public Enterprise- Srbijasume
- FAO projects

Directorate of forests

- Approval of forest management plans
- Financing expertise and technical activities in Private forests
- Financing afforestation

PE Srbijasume - support

- Creating forest management plans for private forests
- Tree marking and license for felling
- Issuing appropriate documentation for transport and timber trade
- Control of illegal cuttings
- Forest protection
- Afforestation planning

PE Srbijasume - problems

- Service for Private forests doesn't satisfy owner's needs
- There is no advisory service
- Conflict of interest
- Inadequate organization
- Service for Private forests is not independent
- Complicated and not functional financing system

FAO project- Development of forest sector in Serbia

- Legislation
- Capacity building for forestry administration
- Support to associations of private forest owners
- Workshops
- Education
- Training for trainers and foresters

Survey research

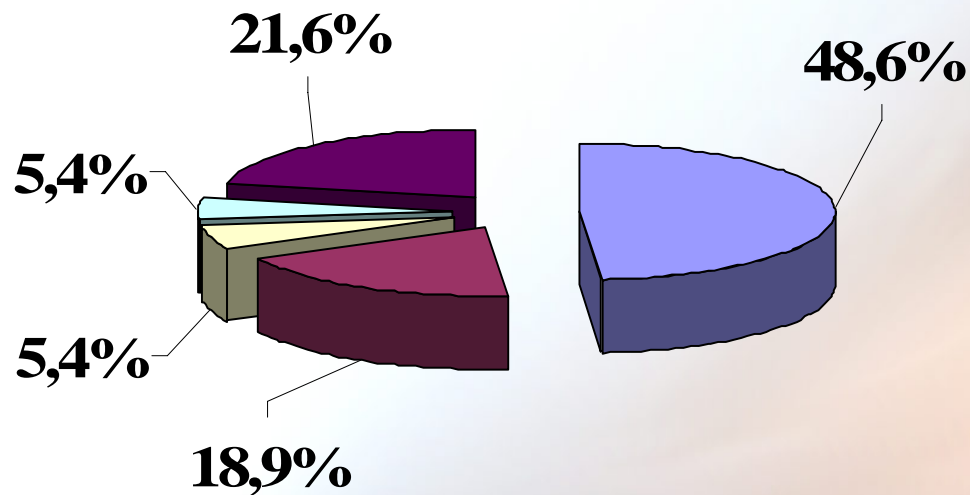
- Private forest owners
- Employees of Service for Private forests

- 13 Forest Estates
- 13 Forest areas of Serbia

Survey research- Service for private forests

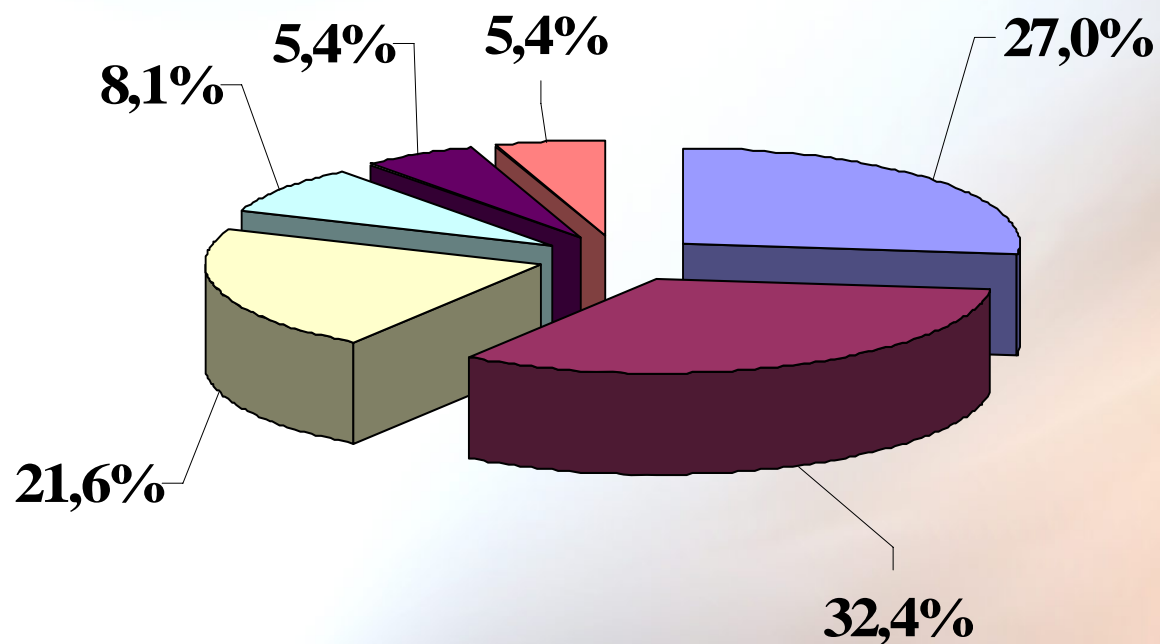
- 37 participants
- All levels of service included, national, regional and local

What does the Service need in order to improve work with forest owners?



- Better equipment**
- Field vehicles**
- Forest management planning of PF**
- Education of forest owners**
- Something else**

What do you think that owners expect from the Service?



■ **More efficient work**

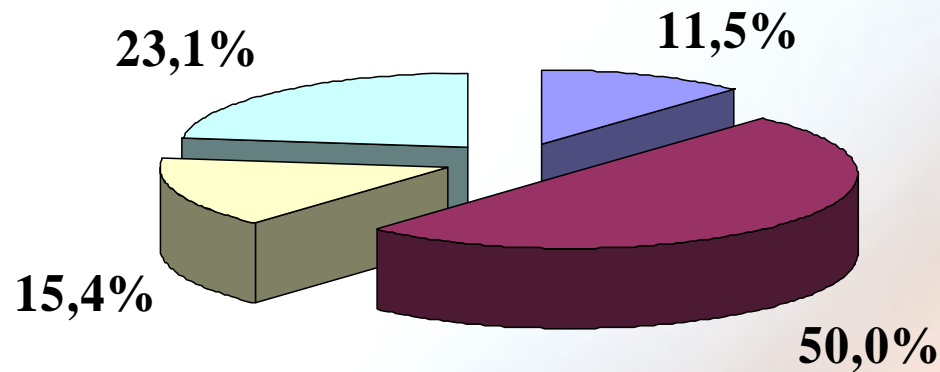
■ **Expertise support**

■ **Owner's needs more important than condition of forest holdings**

■ **Efficiency, expertise and punctuality**

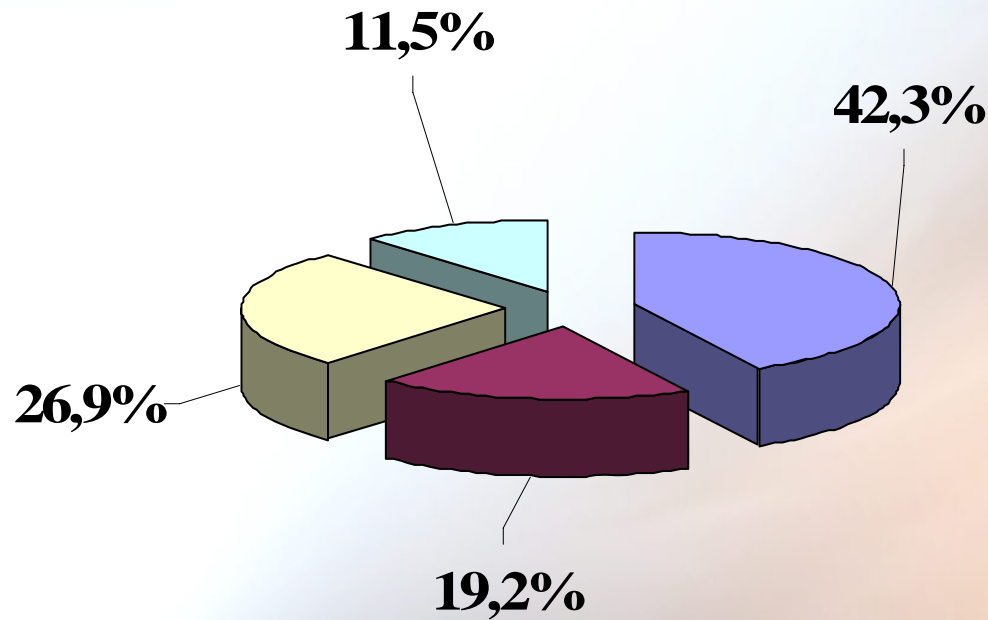
■ **Corect cooperation**

Reasons for poor cooperation between the Service and forest owners



- The conditions that serbian society is in**
- They are nit familiar with the Law**
- They do not want to pay taxes for cuttings**
- Other reasons**

How do you solve conflict situations with forest owners?



By explaining the Law terms

By arguments

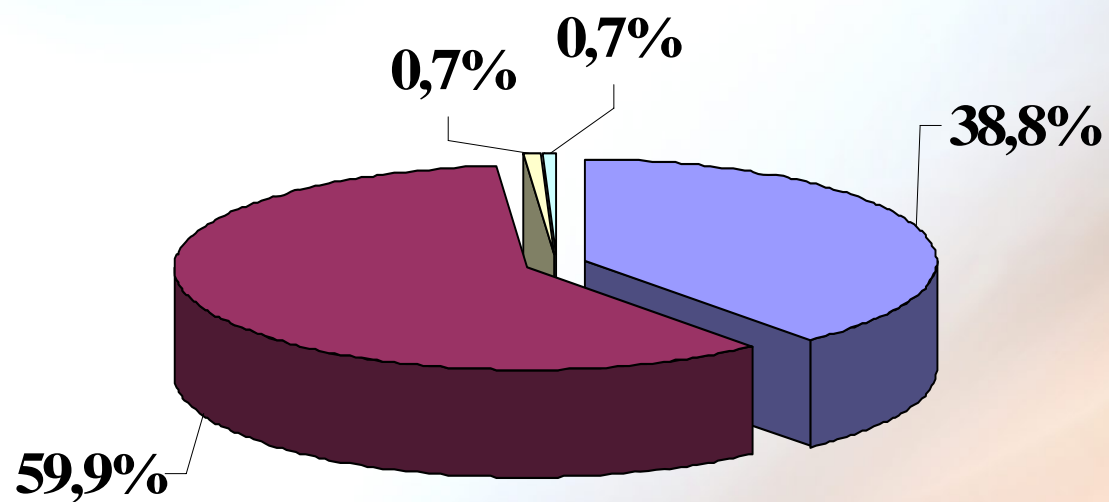
I deal in concordance with my authorities

In some other way

Survey research – private forest owners

- 152 participants
- 13 Forest areas of Serbia

How would you mark the work of Service for PF?



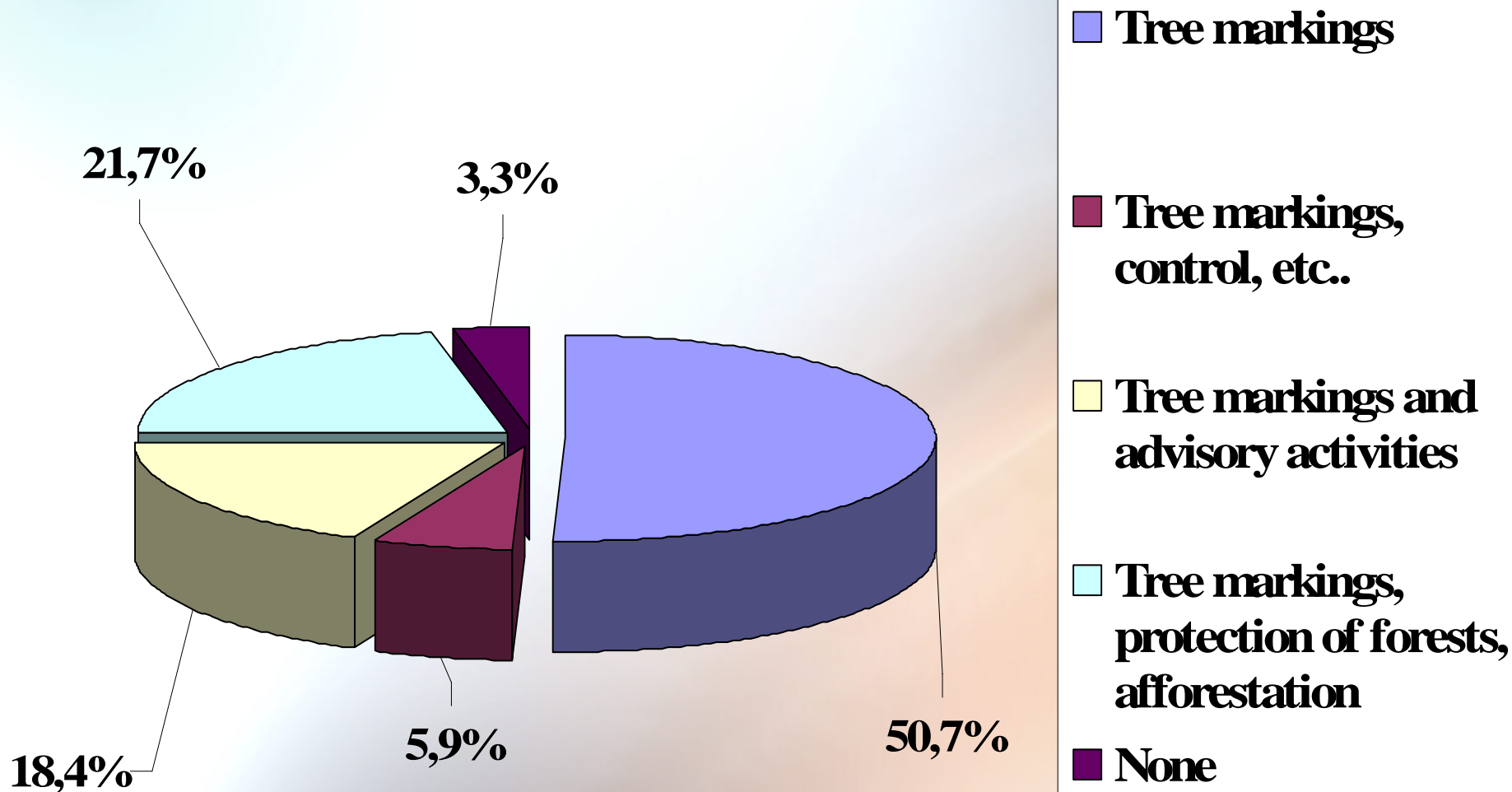
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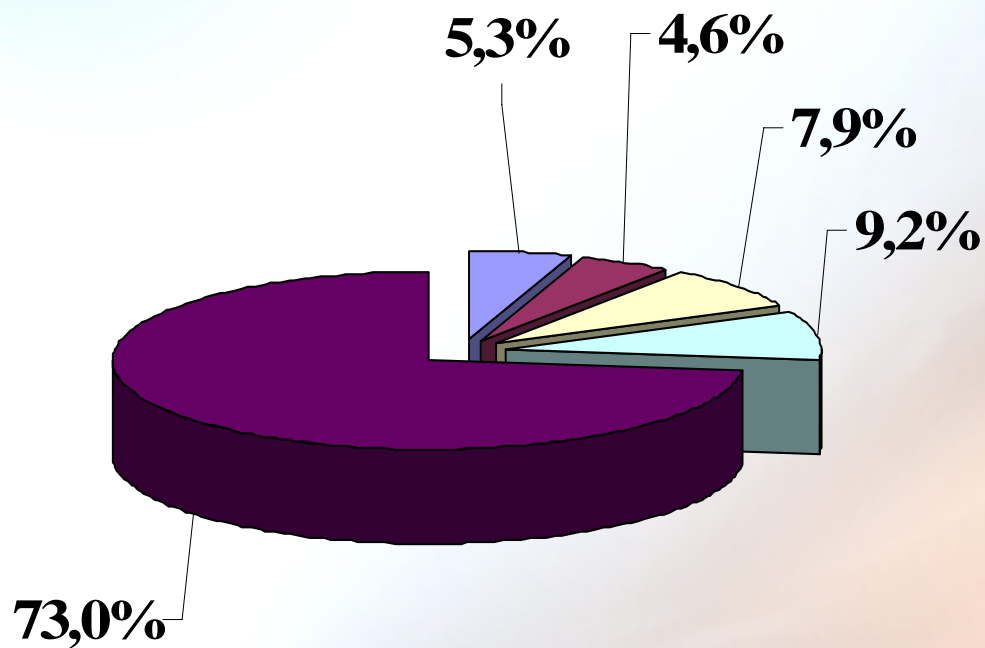
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


I am not satisfied at all

What are main activities of the Service ?

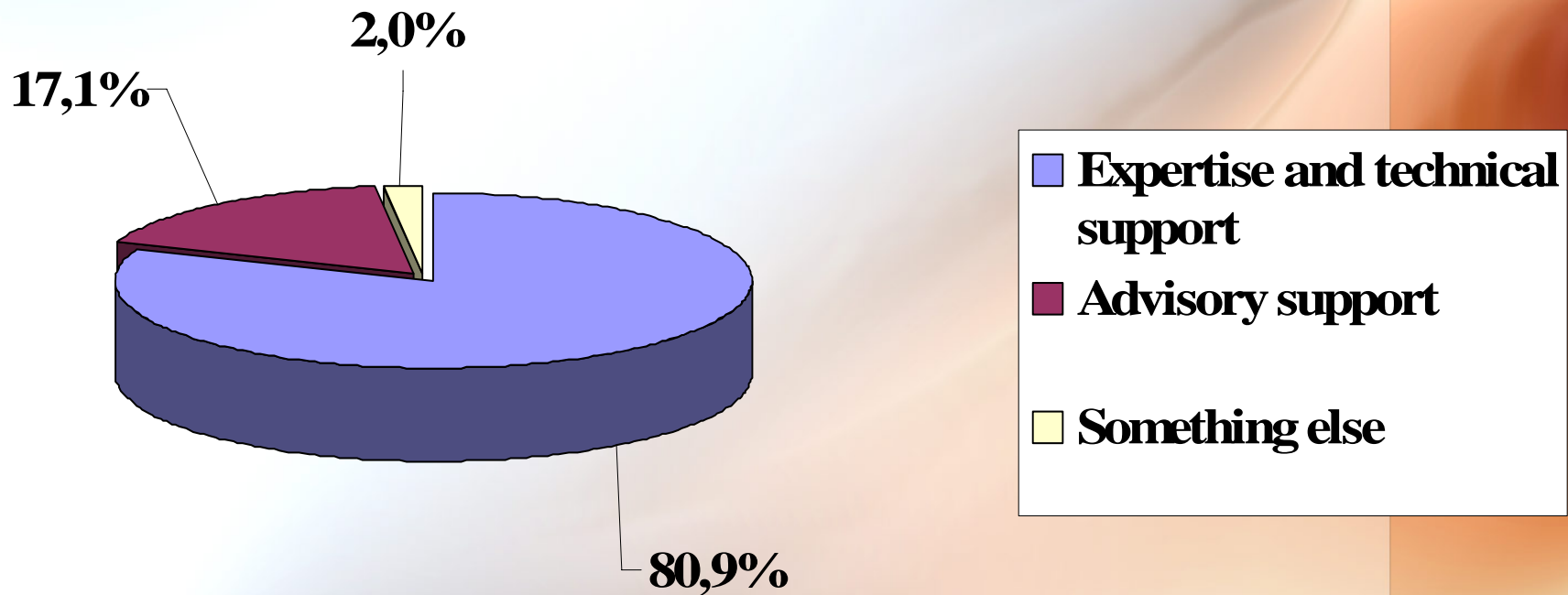


What are main problems with the Service?



-  **The lack of employees**
-  **Limited permission for cutting**
-  **Poor communication with Service**
-  **Lack of vehicles**
-  **No problems**

What kind of support do you expect from the Service for PF?



Conclusions

- Private forests are very important due to their area and condition
- More researches and activities are needed
- New organization model must be in concordance with owner's needs
- Reorganization of extension service!!!
- System of support for PFO is in initial phase – FAO projects
- Proposition of new Law on forests gives some positive solutions
- Agency for forests with independent technical and advisory Service for private forests
- Technical and advisory Service in associations of PFO
- Adequate and independent system of financing
- Periodical survey research in order to keep service updated with owner's needs