



MCPFE – Policies related to Environmental Services

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Ministerial Conference on the Protection of Forests in Europe (MCPFE)

- High-level forest policy process in Europe
- Policies for sustainable forest management
- Ministerial commitments and follow-up actions
- Open platform for dialogue
- 19 years of cooperation –47 Signatories
- 5 ministerial conferences
- Declarations and Resolutions

Sustainable Forest Management

Sustainable Forest Management - developed since 1990:

- **Definition and General Guidelines**
 - Helsinki Resolution "Sustainable management of Forests in Europe" (1993)
- **Criteria & Indicators and Operational Level Guidelines**
- **Thematic policy guidelines**
 - Forest protection, Forest degradation, Afforestation and reforestation

5th MCPFE, Warsaw, Poland 2007

- “Forests for quality of life”, Warsaw, Poland on 5-7 November 2007
- “The conference highlighted the contemporary challenges and decisions to assure SFM and the multiple benefits from forests, to the best of their potential”
 - Warsaw Resolution 1 Forests, wood and energy
 - Warsaw Resolution 2 Forests and Water



MCPFE and environmental services

Addressed in MCPFE Resolutions:

- S4 "Adapting the Management of Mountain Forests" (1990)
- H2 "Conservation of the Biodiversity of Forests" (1993)
- L2 "Pan-European Criteria, Indicators and PEOLG for SFM" (1998)
- V1 "Cross-Sectoral Cooperation and NFPs" (2003)
- V4 "Forests Biological Diversity" (2003)
- V5 "Climate change and SFM" (2003)
- W1 "Forests, Wood and Energy" (2007)
- W2 "Forests and Water" (2007)

MCPFE Criteria and Indicators

Environmental services assessed in the MCPFE Criteria&Indicators through:

- **Criterion 1 – Carbon stock**
- **Criterion 4 – Biological diversity and protected forests**
- **Criterion 5 – Protective functions of forests, notably soil and water**

→ **State of Europe's Forests 2007**



MCPFE Work related to environmental services

- **MCPFE Working Group on "Sustainability Criteria" for Forest Biomass Production, including Bioenergy (2008-2009)**
- **Workshop on Forests and Water, Turkey, May 2009**
- **MCPFE Working Group on a Possible Legally Binding Agreement on Forests in the Pan-European Region (ongoing)**
- **MCPFE Communications Strategy**

Knowledge needs for Policy Making

- **Further development of the MCPFE and tools – Verification of sustainability**
- **Valuation of environmental services, benefits and costs → Payments for ecosystem services**
- **Interactions between services**
- **Site-Specific knowledge**
- **Capacity building**
- **Pilot projects**
- **Communication**

Thank you!

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