



# Best Practices for Sustainable Forest Management in Finland

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# The aim: Sustainable and responsible use of Finnish forests

## **Best Practices for Sustainable Forest Management in Finland**

- Provided by the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry as a service for Finnish forestry
- Multi-stakeholder process is coordinated by Tapio Ltd.
- Best Practices offer forest owners well-founded alternatives for benefiting from forests
- Different elements of sustainability are taken into consideration: economy, diversity of nature, recreational use of forests and climate change mitigation with the help of forests
- The Best Practices are continuously updated in order to reflect the most recent scientific knowledge and societal values among the key stakeholders as well as the main targets set by the Finnish national forest policy





*Even though the Finnish forest legislation allows a wide range of regimes to be applied to different forest management goals, the challenge to a forest owner is the plethora of options available. This is where the Best Practices help decision-making.*



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# The effects of the Best Practices are best seen in versatile forests that provide well-being in Finland

- The Best Practices for Sustainable Forest Management have helped Finnish forest owners' decision-making for well over 30 years
- Biodiversity and water purity have been part of the Best Practices since the 1990's. With advanced research these themes have been highlighted
- In 1994 Best Practices for Natural Forest Management were published with multifunctional forestry and landscape management as integral parts of wood production
- Continuous-cover silviculture was allowed by legislature in 2014 and the method is presented in the Best Practices

# The Best Practices are taken into use through digital services and training

- The Best Practices for Sustainable Forest Management are published as Open Data and they have been integrated as part of the digital services and forest management planning systems of the Forest Industry
- The Best Practices are widely used in forest professionals' basic training and forest owners' training





# The Best Practices are kept up-to-date; at present the focus is on climate change and biodiversity

- Anticipation of the effects of climate change and preparedness in forest management
- Possibilities of forest use in climate change mitigation
- Guaranteeing biodiversity and conservation of water quality as parallel aims to wood production







Laws and  
forest certification  
**set limits**  
for the use of  
commercial  
forests.

Best Practices  
for Sustainable Forest  
Management  
**guide**  
forest owners towards  
their goals in practice.





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