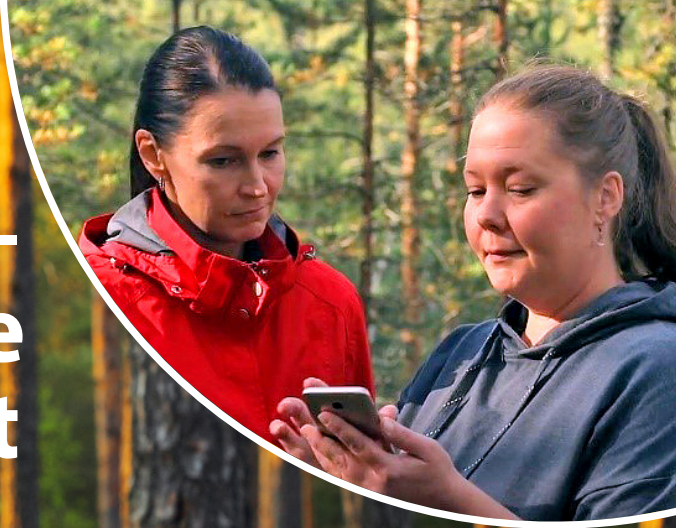


# Best Practice Guidelines for Sustainable Forest Management



*The Best Practice Guidelines for Sustainable Forest Management are provided by the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry as a service for Finnish forestry, and are part of implementing the goals of the National Forest Strategy. The Guidelines are aimed at achieving sustainability in all aspects – economic, ecological, social and cultural– of forest management and use, and at increasing the wellbeing gained from the forests.*

## Who are they for?

The Guidelines offer forest owners well-founded alternatives for benefitting from forests. They help them achieve an end result that matches their own aim: a forest that generates wellbeing. There are several alternative ways of benefitting from forests, and forest owners can choose the one that best suits them.

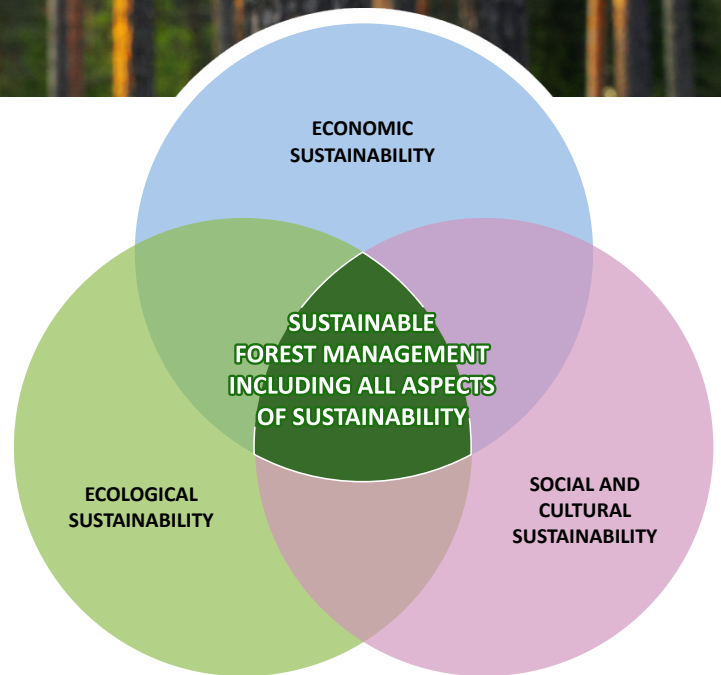
The Guidelines also serve as a tool for professionals who provide services for forest owners. They can be used as practical operating instructions for those services and in forest-sector education.

The Guidelines are drawn up in wide-ranging cooperation with forest, environment and climate researchers, experts, and users of the Guidelines. Work on the Guidelines is an ongoing process and is done in an open dialogue and based on the best-available research data and practical experience. This approach to drafting Guidelines is a globally unique way of ensuring that forest management is sustainable. Tapio is coordinating the creation and updating of the Guidelines.

## Why set Best Practice Guidelines?

The Forest Management Guidelines are a means of promoting active, diverse use of forests. Their goal is sustainability in all aspects of forest management, while taking the various aims of forest owners into account.

The Guidelines bring together the best methods in forest management and put the latest forestry research into practice. Compliance with the Guidelines is voluntary and they complement Finnish forest legislation.



*Sustainable forest management including all aspects of sustainability is made up of ecological, economic, and social and cultural sustainability sub-areas. Climatic sustainability interacts with all of them.*

## The Goal: Climate sustainability as part of the sustainability of all aspects of forest management

Sustainable forest management incorporates all the sub-areas of sustainability – economic, ecological, social and cultural – while at the same time taking the climate into account.

This revision of the Forest Management Guidelines integrates climatic sustainability into the various aspects of forest management, for instance, regeneration, logging, water protection, and the safeguarding of biodiversity.

The update ensures that the Best Practice Guidelines increasingly take better account of the diverse values of forest owners. The Guidelines will be updated during 2021–2023.

The Forest Management Guidelines are constantly being updated, with the latest version online here: [www.metsanhoidon-suositukset.fi](http://www.metsanhoidon-suositukset.fi). The open interface allows the guideline data to be imported into other forest-sector systems.