Trilateral Partnerships - Cooperation Projects between Scholars and Scientists from Ukraine, Russia and Germany - VolkswagenStiftung - virtual Kick-off Meeting March 10th, 2021

The past development, present status and likely futures of Norway spruce in Western Ukraine, Northwest Russia and Southwest Germany

- A scenario-based projection of forest resources and wood supply to support transition to green economies - SURGE-Pro

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- 3. Project website
- 4. Work packages and project tasks
- 5. Corona-pandemic issues
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New publications etc. on the topic

Rationale and objectives

Objective:

consistent assessment of the potential future role of Norway spruce in the three model regions

Aims:

provide reliable estimates of the future supply of Norway spruce wood as a renewable resource to facilitate and support the transition to green economy

assess and evaluate the implications of the Norway spruce-based scenarios for the provision of other forest ecosystem services.

Hypotheses

We hypothesize,

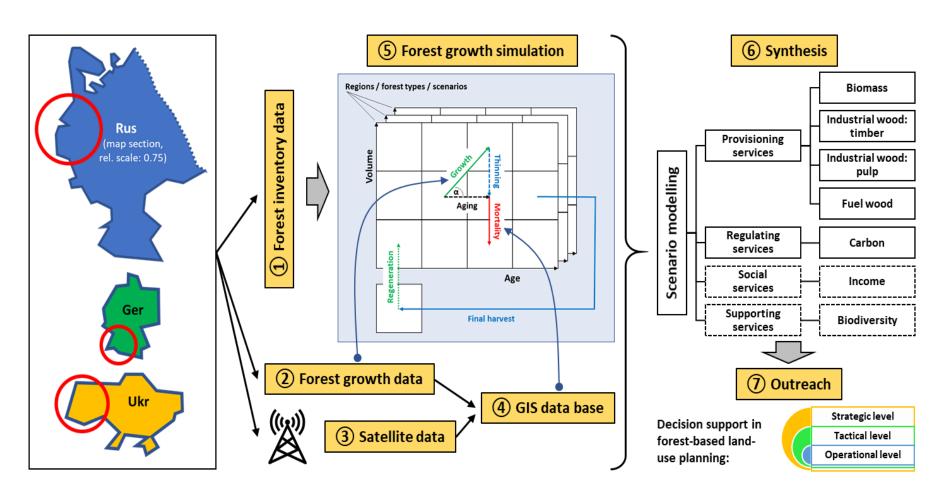
- (i) that current trends in growth and productivity, and in mortality and regeneration of Norway spruce in Western Ukraine and Southwest Germany are indicative of a non-sustainable development
- (ii) that gains in Norway spruce growth and productivity in the boreal forests of Northwest Russia can partially compensate for losses in the other regions.

Methods

Research plan along three data streams:

- forest inventory data, e.g. NFI
- forest growth data, e.g. retrospective data
- satellite data, e.g. Landsat, MODIS, Sentinel-2

Methods - Process diagram indicating the partner regions, data streams, work flows and type as well as sequence of work packages



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between

the University of Freiburg
Fahnenbergplatz, 79085 Freiburg, Germany
Represented by its Rector, Prof. Dr. Kerstin Krieglstein
Executing institution
hereafter: "grant recipient"

and

the Baden-Württemberg Forest Research Institute Wonnhaldestraße 4, 79100 Freiburg, Germany Represented by its director Prof. Dr. Ulrich Schraml

and

the Ukrainian National Forestry University, Lviv

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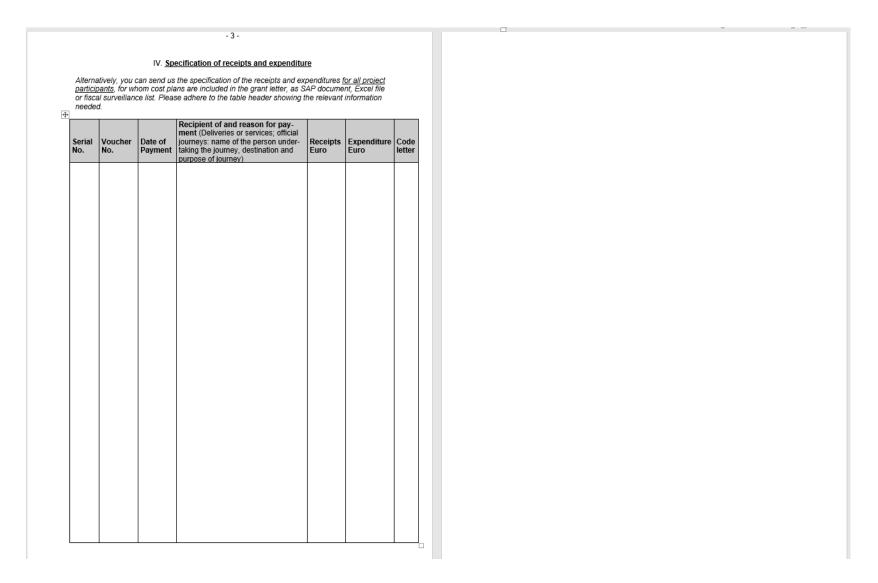
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	Principal Investigator (PI)	Number	0	0	0	1	
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		Euro/month	0	0	0	2300	
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The EEA's briefing 'Protected areas in the Eastern Partnership countries' found that between 2000 and 2019 coverage of nationally protected areas were expanded in all six partnership countries which includes Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine.

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Europe's Eastern Partnership countries make significant progress in expanding protected nature sites 1





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Is There a Scope for Social Innovation in Ukrainian Forestry?

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Abstract. Social innovation is recognised for its potential to turn societal challenges into opportunities and develop sustainable solutions for people and nature. We identify and examine challenges that Ukrainian forestry is facing and apply an "action arena" conceptual approach to explore whether and how social innovation can enhance the sustainable development of forestry. We develop a framework to analyse the reconfiguration of social practices by using research methods that focus on the use of documentation of the institutional contexts and interviewing forest policy experts, as well as stakeholder evaluation of the challenges and ways forward for Ukrainian forestry. We apply the Q-method to identify stakeholder attitudes and examine the role of people in the reconfiguring of social practices and promoting sustainable development of the forest sector. Implications for changing the rules of the game and institutional perspectives on forestry are identified, with examples of social innovation initiatives presented. Results show that to emerge, develop, and be transformative, social innovation must have supporting institutional conditions to create new norms, rules, and social practices. Relevant stakeholders need to envision alternative futures, reshape places, and become more actively engaged in decision-making processes. We identify the key directions for changing the rules of the game and the opportunities that social innovation has to offer.

Keywords: sustainability; institutions; forest governance; stakeholder engagement; social practices; attitudes; perceptions; reconfiguration; transformation

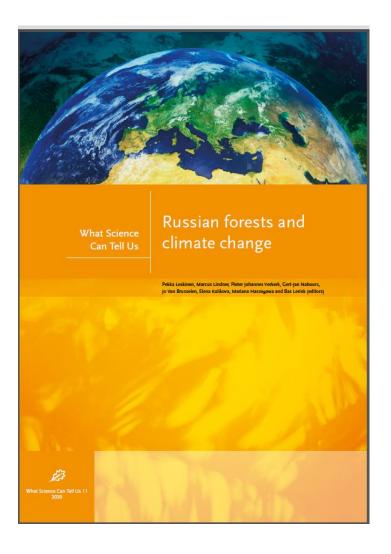
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Forests provide numerous benefits to people. The sustainable use of forests contributes to the well-being of local communities and delivering of UN Sustainable Development Goals [1]. Sustainability is enhanced by suitable rules and regulations. It is improved by market incentives and public policy instruments, but these can overlook the realities and challenges faced by forest-dependent communities [2]. Responses to these challenges can result in civil-society-led initiatives that are

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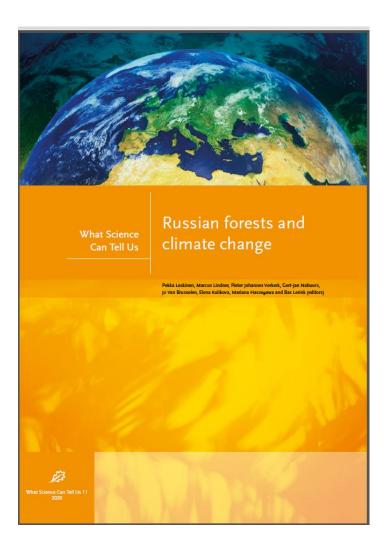
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The low carbon development options for Russia



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Abstract

Russia is one of the largest carbon emitters in the world, possessing huge resources of both fossil fuels and zero-carbon energy sources. The Paris Agreement targets require substantial efforts to limit global warming to "well below 2 °C". Energy-economic modeling provides sound conclusions that continuation of existing energy and climate policy will lead to stabilization of energy carbon emissions in Russia at the current level in 2010-2050 (about 30% below 1990). Stronger mitigation policies could gradually reduce domestic energy CO2 emissions by 61% from 2010 to 2050 (75% below 1990). Deep decarbonization policies with even more ambitious commitments could ensure an 83% reduction in energy CO2 emissions from 2010 levels (88% below 1990) by 2050. All key sectors (energy, industries, transport, and buildings) can play a substantial role in decarbonizing the national economy. However Russia's historical reliance on domestic consumption and exports of fossil fuels creates strong barriers to decarbonization. Emission reduction costs are expected to be below 29 USD/tCO2 by 2030, 55 USD/ tCO2 by 2040, and 82 USD/tCO2 by 2050 in the most ambitious decarbonization scenario. The results of this study provide insights into how Russia can enhance its ambitions to implement the Paris Agreement and contribute to global efforts toward building a climate-neutral economy by 2050.

Keywords Russia Decarbonization Climate change Paris Agreement Carbon emissions Low carbon development

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Focus Report series - Hot topics in global forest industries

Russian log export ban in 2022

Implications for the Global Forest Industry February 2021



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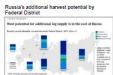


Russia has been a leading log exporter for decades and this may come to an end in 2022. A proposed export ban will have immediate impact on global trade flows of logs and lumber. China will be forced to explore new supply regions. Russia will strive to process the logs omestically into lumber and other forest products. This Focus Report highlights Russia's major trade partners and the likely changes in global forest products trade as a consequence of the Russian log export ban.

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- Potential for Russian wood processing

Example exhibits



New version of Russian Strategy for t Development of the Timber Industry

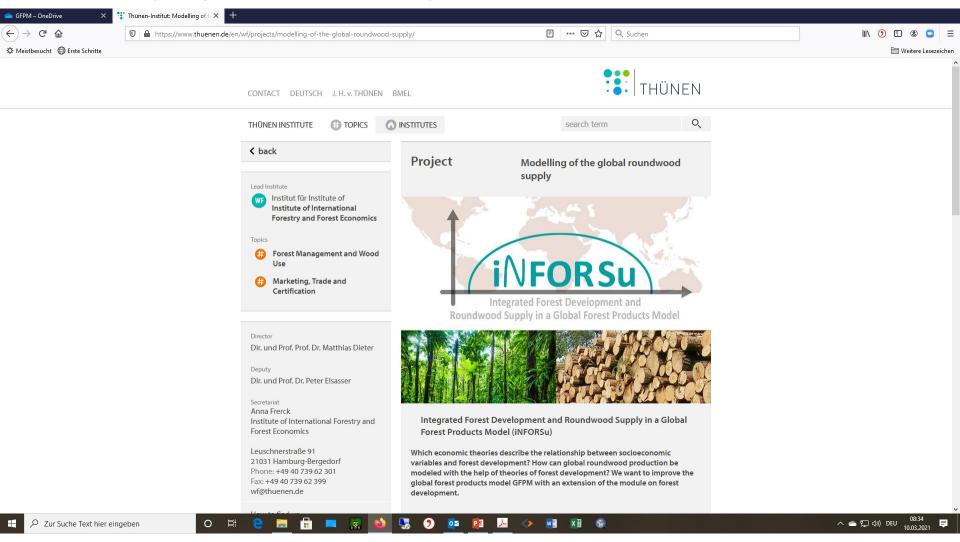


Softwood sawlog and hardwood pulplog price development in Russia and other regions



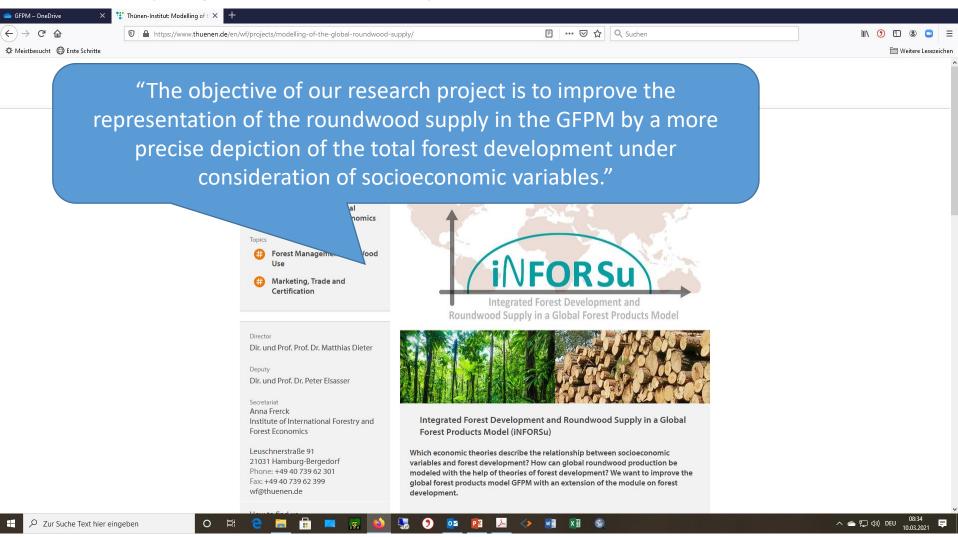
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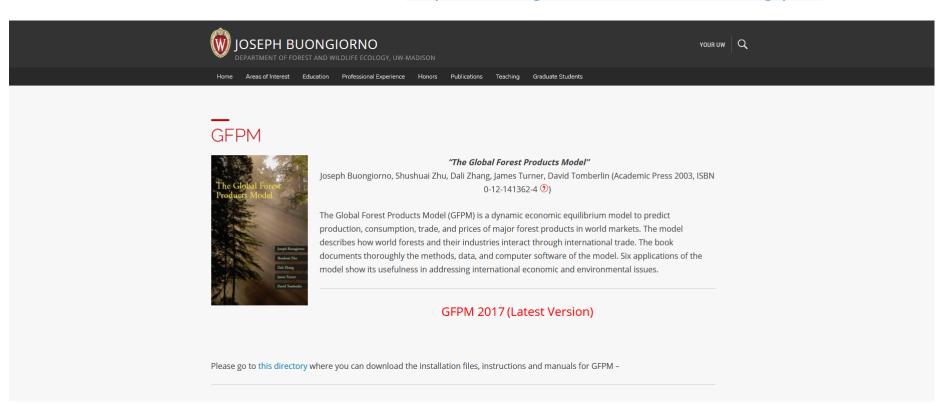
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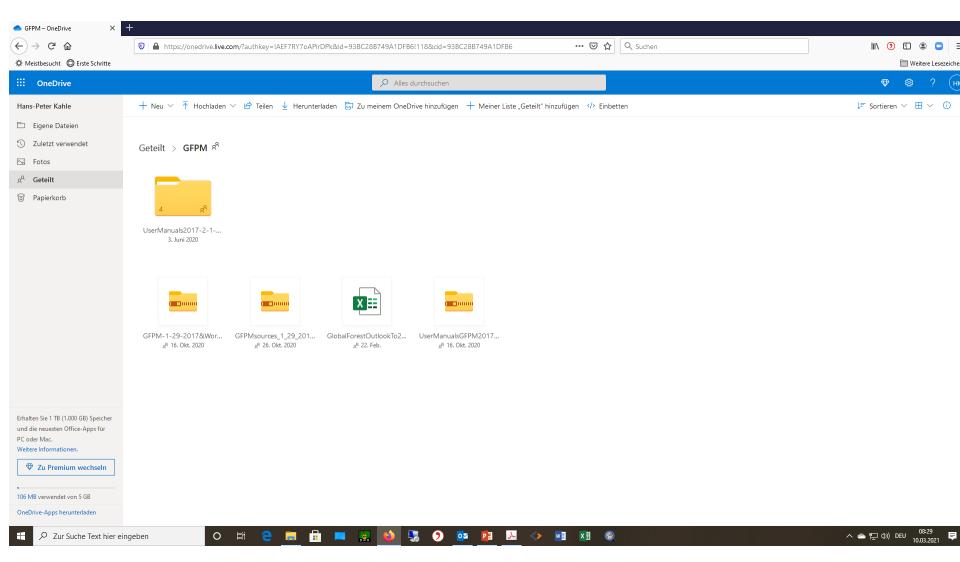
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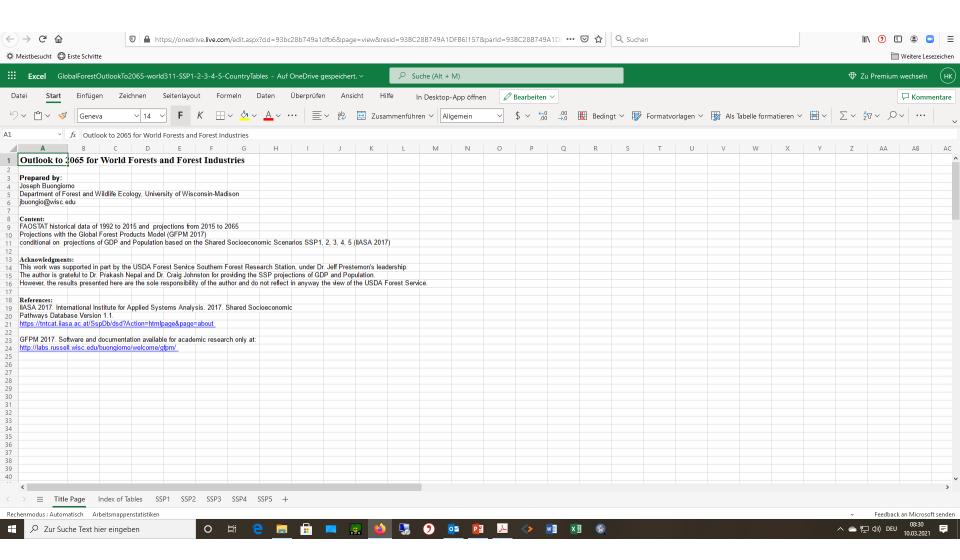
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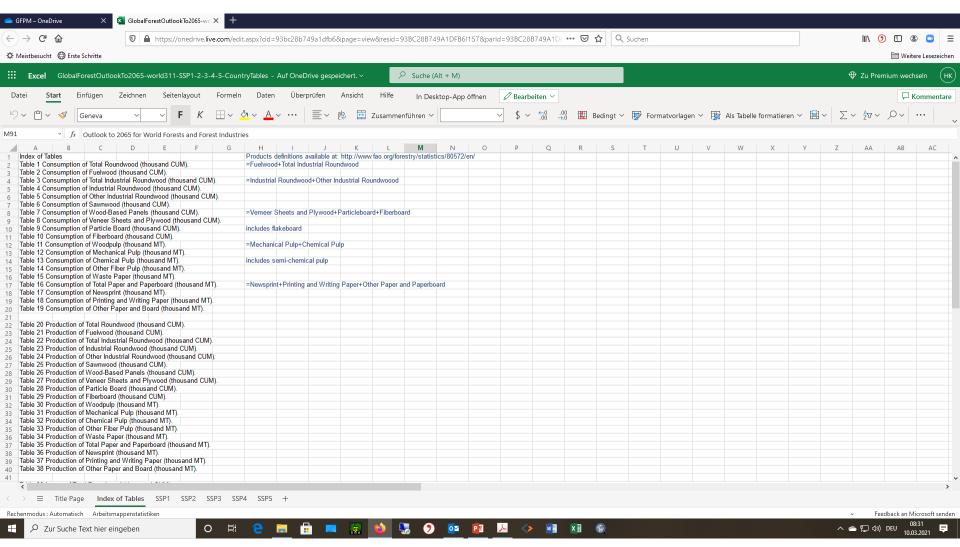
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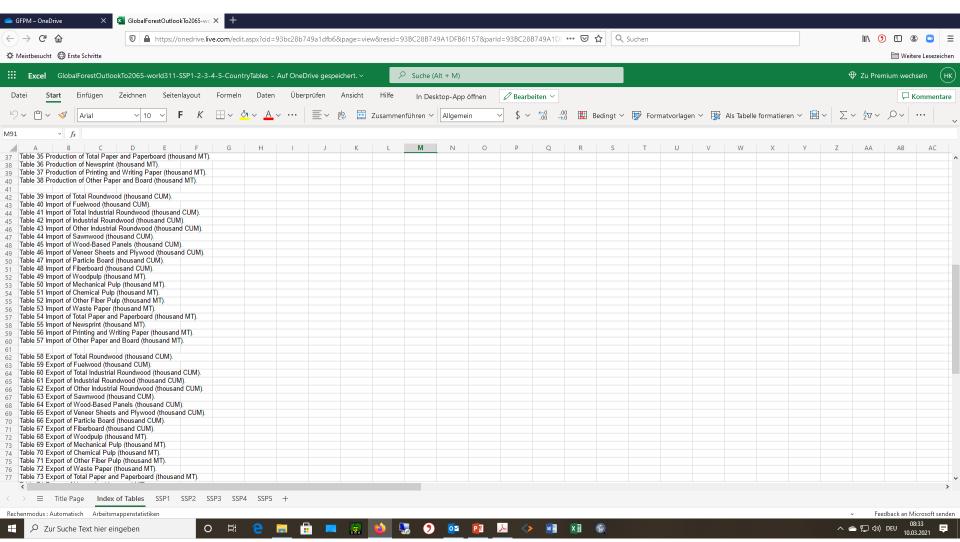
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Expected outcomes - 1

Provision of

- unique and timely information on future availability of Norway spruce wood in the three model regions in Europe.
- relevant information for the forestry-wood sector and for the policy development towards transition to green economy in Europe

Scientific outcomes:

- compare EFISCEN-based approach with the WEHAM-model
- comparative results of the environmental control of Norway spruce growth under temperate-continental, boreal and temperate-atlantic conditions
- combined analysis of field growth data and remotely sensed data for the development of large-scale real-time forest monitoring systems, e.g. for the detection of early warning signals of environmental stresses on trees and forests

Expected outcomes - 2

Training and capacity building

- support education and training of young scientists (PhD and postdoctoral students)
- multidisciplinary researches
- working in international teams.

Work program

WP0: Project coordination - WP-Leader P1 ALU-FR

WP1: Forest inventory database - WP-Leader P4 SFTU-SP

WP2: Growth database - WP-Leader P3 UNFU-LV

WP3: Satellite database - WP-Leader P3 UNFU-LV

WP4: GIS database - WP-Leader P4 SFPU-SP

WP5: Growth simulation - WP-Leader P2 FVA-FR

WP6: Synthesis - WP-Leader P1 ALU-FR

WP7: Outreach - WP-Leader P3 UNFU and P4 SFPU-SP