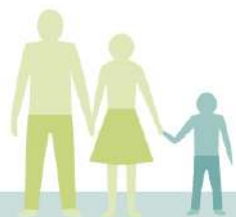




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# About forests and biodiversity: Where do we stand?



## European Forests – Hotspots of Biodiversity



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# (Bio)diversity of European forests: good stories to tell

- European forests are hotspot of (bio)diversity
  - 50% of Natura2000 sites are in forest
  - Forest bird index and deadwood: positive trends
- *Success story from Portugal:*
  - *reintroduction of Iberian lynx and habitats creation for endangered eagles*



# (Bio)diversity of European forests: serious challenges to tackle

- Addressing challenges is not new for forest owners
  - This is happening already now, not in a far future
- Forest (bio)diversity under stress of biotic and abiotic hazard
  - climate change, IAS, spread of pests and diseases



## *Challenging times in Germany:*

- *80's : major atmospheric SO<sub>2</sub> and NO<sub>2</sub> pollution*
- *2010's : consecutive extreme summer droughts*



# (Bio)diversity in European forests: motivation and adaptation are key



- Adapt SFM practices to support the development of forests and their specific challenges
  - proactive and innovative approach are needed
- Past, current and future challenges: forest owners, as custodians of forests' future, are tackling them
- *Finnish Forest owner's example: MTK's biodiversity programme*





Thank you for your attention

