

Croatia PEFC sustainable forest management – Stakeholders mapping

With objective to fulfill requirements of PEFC Standard (ST 2001:2017), the PEFC project lead by Croatian Forest Research Institute (CFRI) and working group for PEFC national standards development identified legal entities that are concerned by preparation, revision and implementation of sustainable forest management standard in Croatia.

The mapping process includes:

- Definition of the key stakeholders
- Definition of disadvantaged stakeholders
- Definition of affected stakeholders
- Explanation on the relevance of every stakeholders group
- Main issues for every stakeholder
- The way of communication to include stakeholders in the process

DEFINITION OF THE KEY STAKEHOLDERS

Under the definition of the key stakeholders, we consider main institutions, which are responsible for forest management in the Croatia from perspective of ownership, governance and forest management as well as education and social groups interested in forest management.

Second group of key stakeholders are business and wood processing industry.

Third group of key stakeholders are Non-Governmental organizations in field of forestry and nature protection.

DEFINITION OF DISADVANTAGED STAKEHOLDERS

Under this group, we consider especially social groups and other institutions, which has interest in forest management from the perspective of users which rights are not highly recognized by legislation (recreationalist, berry pickers and collectors of non-wood forest products). To enable their participation in standards development we will identify their respective associations, their representatives invite them to regular meetings of working group, workshops, and other events organized to present the proposed standards to the wider audience for commenting and collecting of different inputs. In case of their low interest or declined participation we will be besides publishing of the whole process and documents on our web page send to them our reports and drafted documents asking for their comments and inputs.

DEFINITION OF AFFECTED STAKEHOLDERS

Here we deal with both previous groups and their roles and responsibilities, which are explained more in details, as follows.

Forest owners:

There is only two types of ownership recognized in Croatia, state and private.

State is biggest forest owner and is in possession of 74% of forests and forestland in country.

Private forest owners are in possession of 26% of forests and forestland in country and represented by the national Association of Private Forest Owners. These includes the forests owned by religious communities as well.

Business and industry:

State owned forests are under management of one state company **Croatian forests Ltd.**

Their owners manage private forests in different manner or by **private companies** or by **private owner**, responsible to execute some forestry works defined by law.

The **Association of wood processing industry** represents business entities for primary processing of the wood and other related industry.

Croatian Employers Association is non-profit and independent employers' association representing, promoting and advocating the interest of its members.

Non-governmental organizations:

WWF (World Wide Fund for Nature) has been a leading voice for nature and is present in Croatia by **WWF Adria**.

Green Action (ZA) is Croatian non-governmental, non-profit and voluntary association of citizens for environmental protection.

Scientific and technological communities:

University of Zagreb, **Faculty of forestry and wood technology** is a public institution intended for the higher education activities in the Croatia.

Croatian Forest Research Institute (CFRI) is a public scientific institution owned by the Republic of Croatia. CFRI is only state owned research institution focused on forestry.

Society:

Workers and trade unions:

Chamber of forestry and wood technology engineers (HKIŠDI) is an independent professional organization that performs the public powers entrusted to it. HKIŠDI is responsible for issuing certificates to forestry professionals and licenses to every company, which want to execute forestry works in Croatian, both in private and state owned forests.

Chamber also run LLL in forestry and monitor development of competencies of certified forestry professionals.

Croatian Forestry Union gathers majority of Croatian forests Ltd employees.

Union of forestry engineers and technicians gathers smaller part of Croatian forests Ltd employees.

Local authorities:

Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development, which is responsible for protected areas in Croatia. They prescribing additional conditions of nature protection to every forest management plan including those covered with Natura 2000 areas. Also, they are involved in

the process of approval of those forest management plans together with Ministry of Agriculture, Directorate for forestry, hunting and wood industry.

EXPLANATION OF THE RELEVANCE OF EVERY STAKEHOLDERS GROUP

Forest owners:

The state is one of the biggest owner with 74% of ownership of the forests and forestland in the country and represented by the **Ministry for agriculture**, Direction for forestry, hunting and wood industry (MA). Supervision in forestry and hunting is under State Inspectorate, **Sector for supervision in forestry and hunting**, which are responsible for the application and implementation of laws, and other regulations in the field of forestry and hunting over the conditions and manner of work of supervised legal and natural persons and takes measures prescribed by laws and other regulations.

Main interest is to improve environment for forest management and wood production and foster private forestry development.

National Association of Private Forest Owners. The basic goal of the Association is to improve the quality and economic value of forest products and improve the management of private forests in the Republic of Croatia by planning associations and work of associations of private forest owners and forest owners and by participating in the implementation of projects in the field of forestry.

Their **main interest** is to make management of private forests secure, with income for the forest owners from their forests, also they would like to have legislative framework more suitable for their type of small forest plots as well as better access to financing of forest management and access to market of forest wood and non-wood products.

Business and industry:

State owned forests are managed by one state company **Croatian forests Ltd**. Croatian forests Ltd is a three-layered commercial company owned by the state, with the Headquarters in Zagreb, 17 regional forest administrations (subsidiaries) and 169 regional forest offices. The company is being led by the Management Board, its work is being controlled by the Supervisory Board (both appointed by the Government of RH), while the basic decisions are being met by the Assembly. The company employs ca 8.000 employees, 1250 of whom have a university degree.

Their **main interest** in standards development is better position on the market as many of buyers asks for the PEFC certification. All state forests are FSC certified but still they are interested to compare both certification and to secure their position on the market of wood products.

Other business concerning managing of the private forests as a forest owner of in different manner or companies that offer services in forest management and execution of various forestry works. The forestry works are defined by law, and companies must be licensed by the HKIŠDT. The small private forest owner (which owned less than 300 ha) can execute acquisition of wood and non-wood forest products, work of forest cultivation and work of protection of forests from harmful organisms and fires without issuing the license from HKIŠDT.

The **main interest** is to improve private forest management and production of private forests in accordance with law and nature protection conditions, to improve provision of wood and non-wood products from private forests and to improve position of private forests on the market.

The Association of wood processing industry represents business entities for primary processing of the wood and other related industry. This association gathers members engaged in wood processing or production of sawn timber, veneer and veneer panels, chipboard, parquet, floor and wall coverings, building elements, prefabricated houses, wooden packaging, furniture, other wood products, cork and wickerwork, impregnated wood for various purposes and numerous haberdashery products.

Main interest is to get more and better assortments from forests where they see private forests as still not fully used resource, and their proper management and utilization can bring benefits to wood industry as well.

Croatian Employers Association is non-profit and independent employers' association that represents promotes and advocates for the interest of its members. The CEA was established by a group of respective Croatian entrepreneurs who recognized the potential of joint action and the importance of the employers' association in tripartite relations. CEA's 30 branch associations advocate for specific economic interests of different sectors: CEA - Forestry and Hunting Association; CEA - Wood and Paper Industry Association.

Main interest is to improve the promotion and advocating of their members' interests and convey the information and possible benefits to them.

Non-governmental organizations:

WWF (World Wide Fund for Nature) has been a leading voice for nature and is present in Croatia by **WWF Adria**. Officially established in 2015 to work on the sustainable management of water resources, forests and protected areas, and the conservation of the sea, rivers and wildlife.

Main interest is to secure nature protection in all forestry areas so the intensification of management and utilization of private forests they can see as issue or threat to nature or biodiversity where certification can be good tool to fight it.

Green Action (ZA) is Croatian non-governmental, non-profit and voluntary association of citizens for environmental protection. The aim of their work is to protect the environment and nature, and encourage the development towards a low-carbon society while being guided by the principles of social justice and systemic change. ZA pays close attention to activities aimed at encouraging public participation in decision-making regarding environmental issues and on improving the quality of life in Croatia.

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Scientific and technological communities:

University of Zagreb, **Faculty of forestry and wood technology** is a public institution intended for the higher education activities in the Croatia. Faculty consists of two main departments:

Forestry and Wood Technology. The Departments prepare, unite and develop the educational, scientific and research work in the scientific fields or branches for which they are established. Their **main interest** is to improve forest management, transfer knowledge and improve overall forestry professions. Secondary the Faculty manages small part of state forests mainly for educational purposes, and in their scientific work.

Croatian Forest Research Institute (CFRI) is a public scientific institution owned by the Republic of Croatia. The Institute implements scientific programs of strategic interest to the Republic of Croatia, and together with other scientific and higher education institutions, establishes a scientific infrastructure of interest to the entire system of scientific activity and higher education. The program of the Institute consists of scientific programs of strategic importance for the Republic of Croatia, contracted scientific projects, collaborative programs, publishing programs related to scientific research, lifelong learning and programs for the production and trade of horticultural material.

Main interest of CFRI is to help in developing of the standards, by leading of this project, but also in improvement of the overall system especially for private forest owners. Secondary, CFRI as scientific institution will use this process to execute scientific research among stakeholders involved.

Society:

Workers and trade unions:

Chamber of forestry and wood technology engineers (HKIŠDI) is an independent professional organization that performs the public powers entrusted to it, preserves the reputation, honor and rights of its members, ensures that certified engineers perform their duties conscientiously and in accordance with the law, and promotes, represents and harmonizes their interests before state and other bodies in country and abroad.

Forestry and wood technology engineers who perform professional work in the field of forestry, hunting and wood technology must be associated in the Chamber, in order to represent and harmonize common interests, protect the public interest and protect the interests of third parties.

Their **main interest** is to improve system especially in area of execution of works in private forests.

Croatian Forestry Union gathers majority of Croatian forests Ltd employees. The highest body of HSŠ is the Assembly, which consists of elected members in all organizational parts. The organizational parts of HSŠ are trade union branches as one of 206 branches.

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Union of forestry engineers and technicians gathers smaller part of Croatian forests Ltd employees and has more local character.

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Local authorities:

Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development, which is responsible for, protected areas in Croatia. The scope of the Ministry includes activities related to the protection and preservation of the environment and nature in accordance with the policy of sustainable development of the Republic of Croatia; environmental impact assessment activities; work related to climate change mitigation and adaptation; tasks related to water management and other tasks in the field of energy. The forests and forestland in protected areas are under direct supervision of this Ministry and all other forests are obliged to implement nature protection conditions defined by this Ministry, which are mandatory in every forest management plan.

Main interest is to improve forest management and to improve economy in area of private forestry, to develop or strengthen market for wood products from private forests and market position of private forest owner and their companies.

Indigenous people:

In Croatia, there is no indigenous people as part of the nation and there is no people which live in forests and only from forests, so we could not consider them as a stakeholder group.

Targets for the participation of key stakeholders

Involvement of key stakeholders (forest owners), was based on institutional communication from CFRI and official nomination of the representatives from each stakeholder to be included in project activities and in the Working group as a members.

All other recognized stakeholders were invited to express interest to become members of the Working group. Some of them does and some only wanted to be informed on future activities and project results. Each stakeholder will be represented only by one person. During the meeting we will take care of equal representation of all stakeholders (strong and weak ones) facilitating meeting in the way that all voices can be heard, giving the equal power to all participants.

No matter of the responses received from stakeholders, we will invite all of them to the first meeting of the Working group. The minutes and all other working documents will be sent to all for comments and inputs, and the invitation to the following meetings as well. Their involvement and inputs will be welcomed in any time and any phase of the project.

All working documents, minutes and any other relevant documents will be published on the project web page and all stakeholders will be informed on that. We will proactively seek their participation by using outreach such as (but not limited to) personal emails, phone calls, meeting invitations.

THE WAY OF COMMUNICATION TO INCLUDE STAKEHOLDERS IN THE PROCESS

The announcement of the beginning of the process for revision of the national SFM standards will be announced on the web page of the PEFC project page hosted by Croatian Forest Research Institute web page, and other means for communication, such as FB profile of the CFRI and using different ways of outreach as sending emails, telephone calls, personal contacts.

Delivery of invitation to stakeholders will be provided by email or phone call.

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