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Outlook of Estonian forest sector 2010

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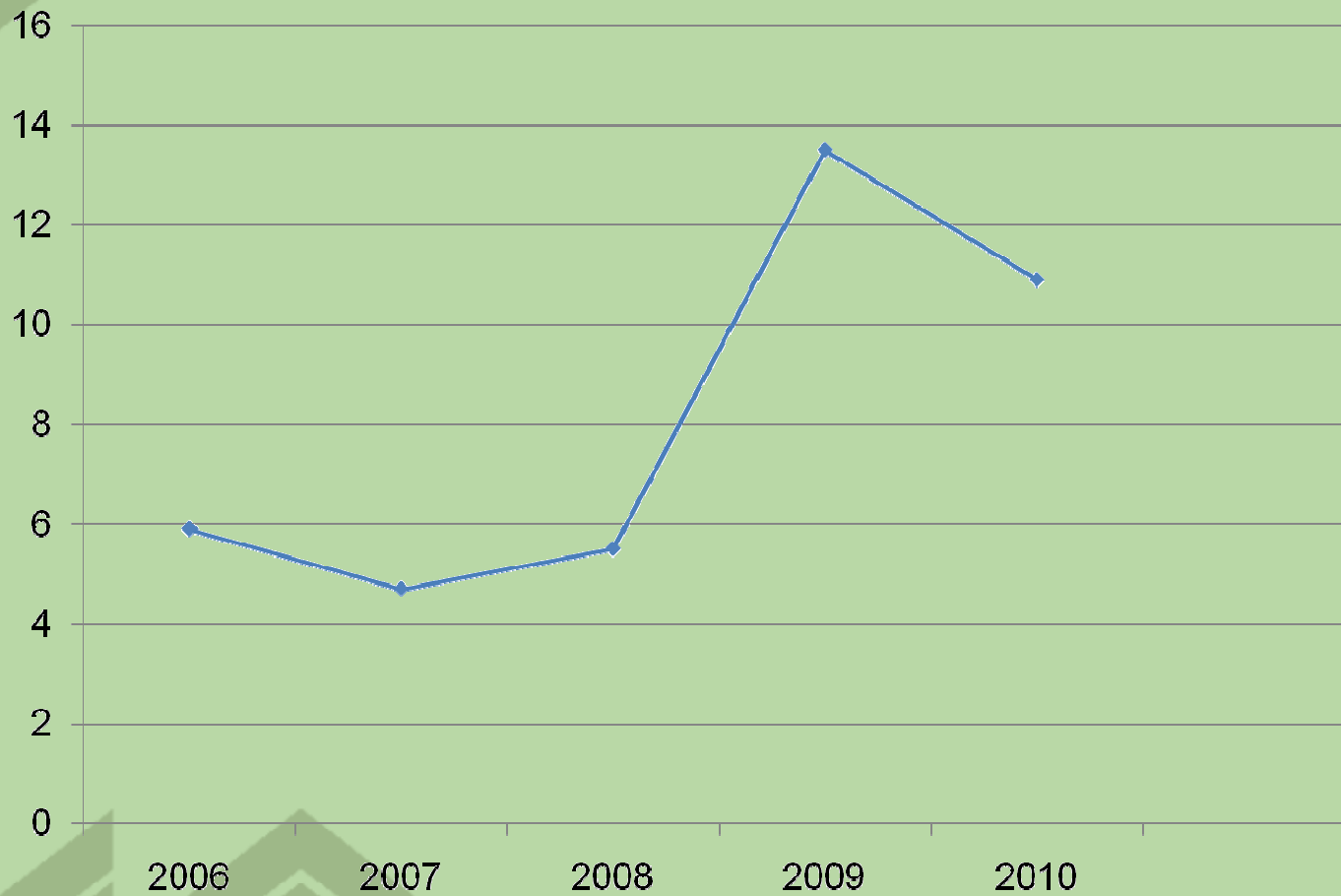


Unemployment



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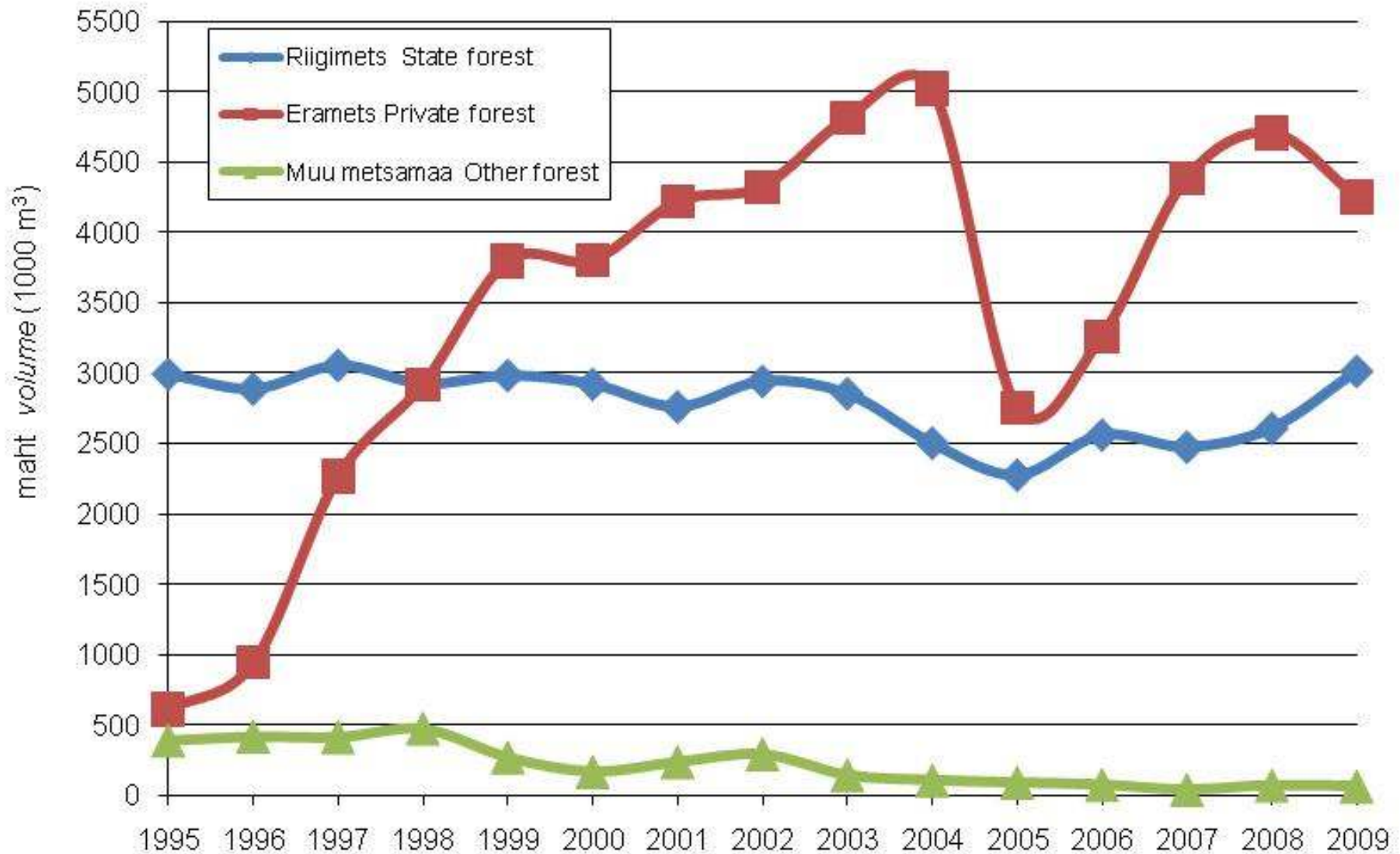


Annual harvest



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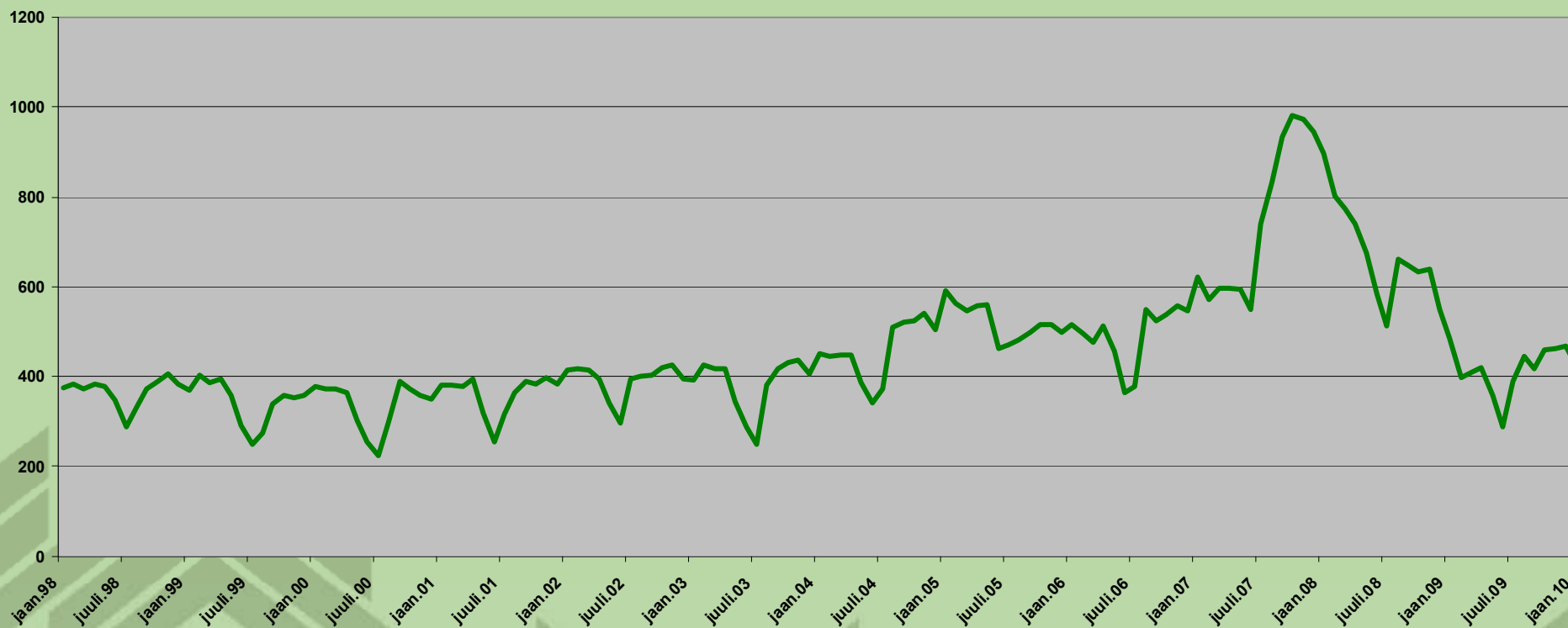


Average roundwood prices in state forest



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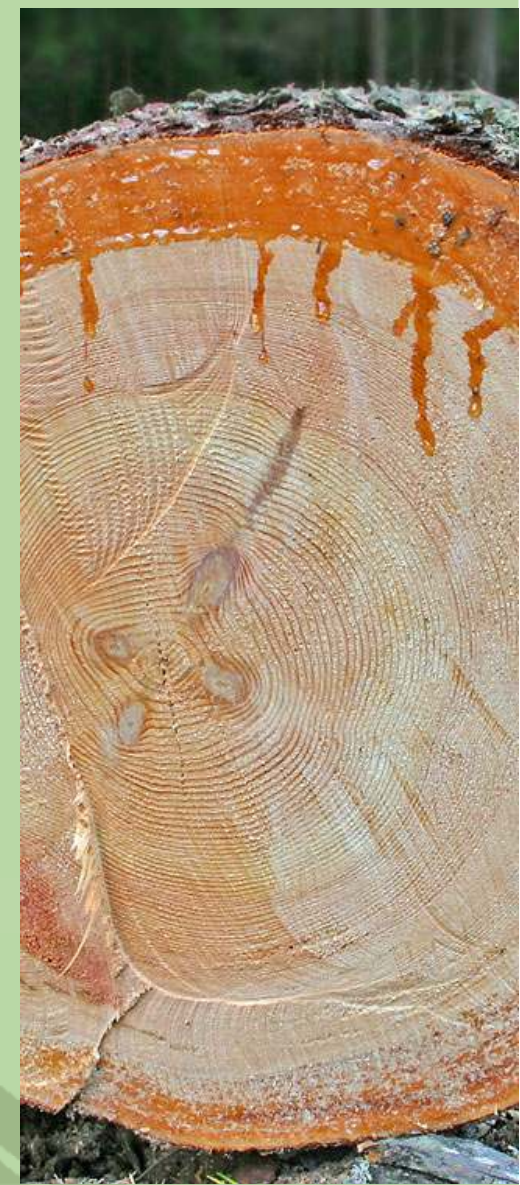
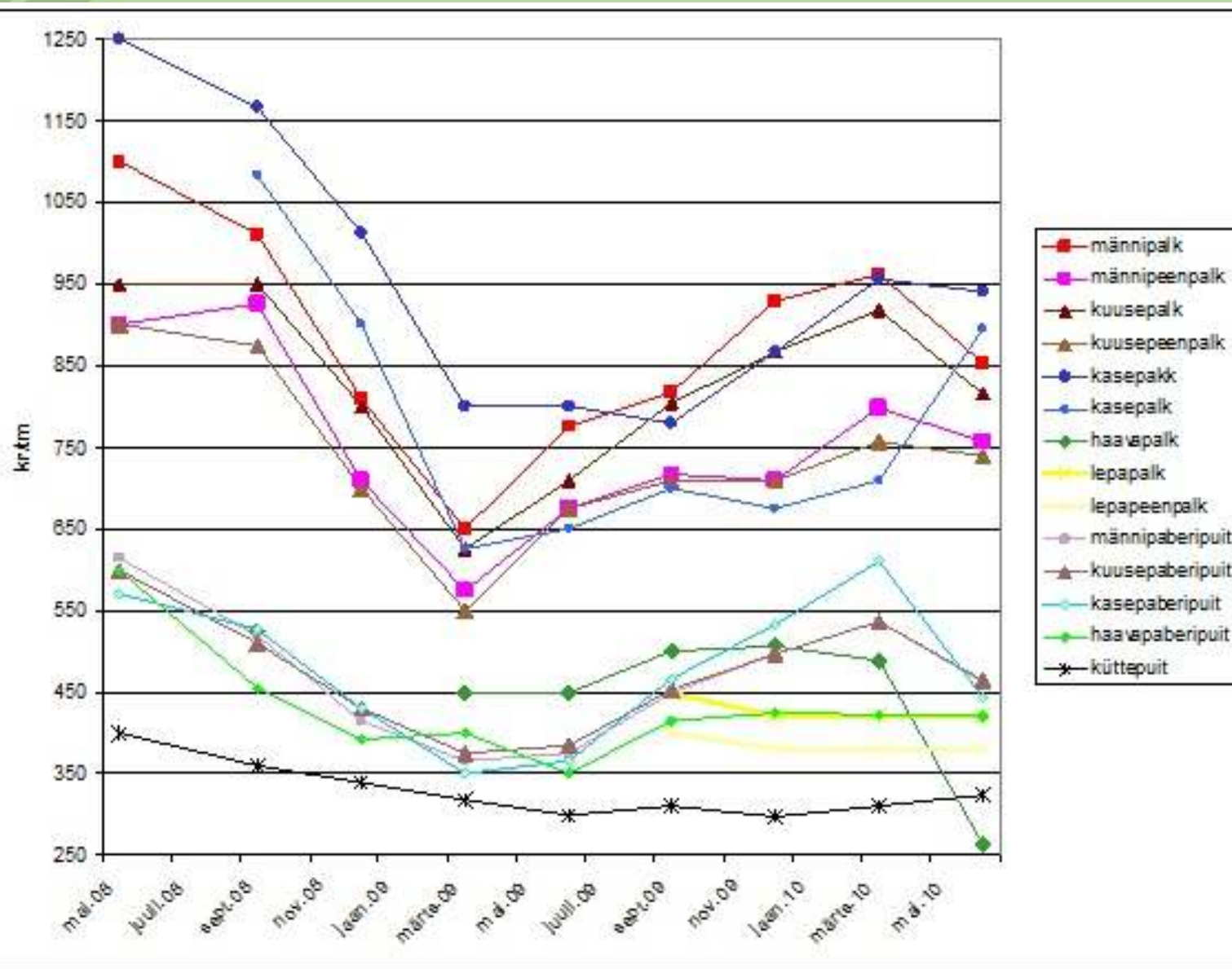


Woodprices



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Private forestry – co-operation



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	03.2009	03.2010	Change
Number of organized private forest owners	1983 members	2639 members	+ 656 members (33%)
Area managed by organized members	118 678 ha	168 097 ha	+ 49 419 ha (41,6%)

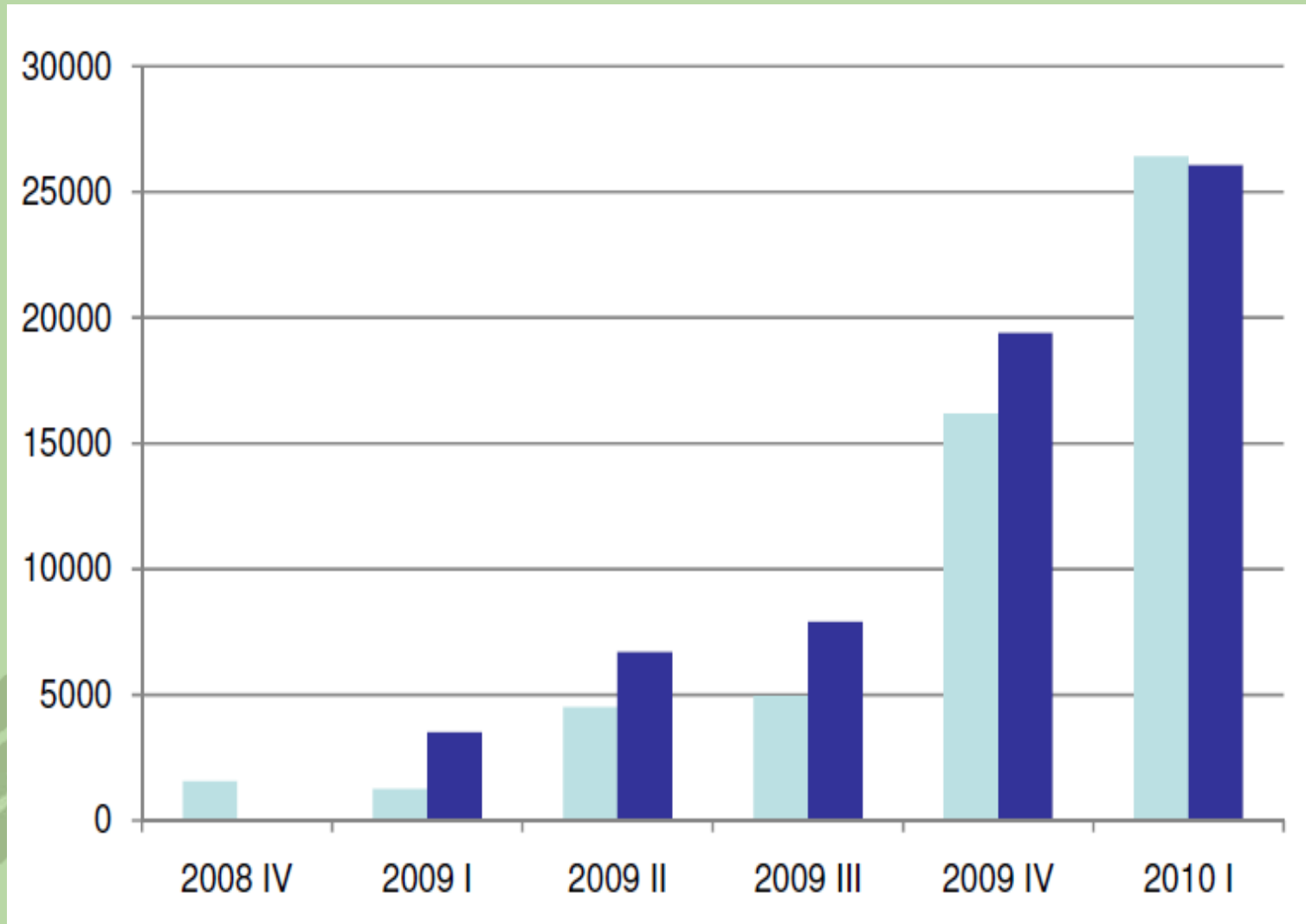


Sales of private forest owners' cooperatives



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Support for private forest owners

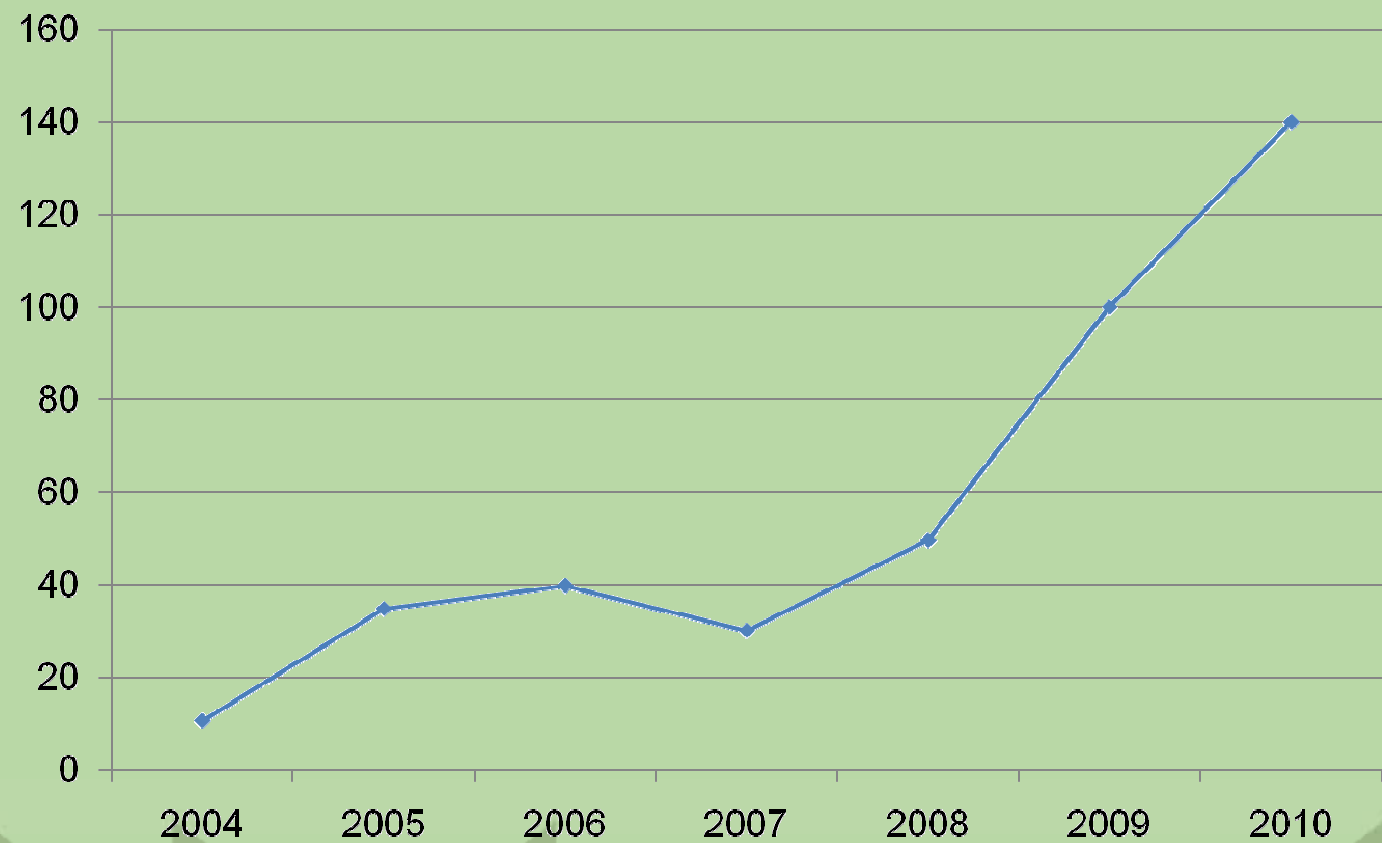


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million EEK



Forest development Plan 2011-2020



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Key problems:

- Socio-economic impact of forest protection
- Availability of wood – forest owners' motivation in light of current taxation system and co-operation practice
- Competitiveness – limits for truck-transportation

Objective:

Sustainable forest management

Forest development Plan 2011-2020



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Strategic issues:

- Optimal harvest (max 15 mln m³)
- Wood for energy (2 mln m³)
- Forest reserves 10% (208,400ha ->220,000 ha)
- Climate change adaptation – maintain annual increment and carbon sequestration
- Forest inventory – up-dated information for privat forest owners and decision-makers

Activities of the Estonian Society of Foresters



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- 23.04.2010: Forestry vision conference
- 22-24.04.2010: 'Metsatelk' rural trade fair
- 23-30.04.2010: Forest Week
- 10-11.09.2010: Baltic Forest Conference

- Publishing activities (2009: 3 publications, 2010: 4 publications)

Survey of public attitudes on forestry and forestry related communication



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- - 24% (2009:26%) respondents believe that situation in Estonian forests has improved, 33% (35%) believe that it has turned worse in the last 5 years
- - Respondants are assuming that big problems are related with replanting 43% (32%), overutilization 10% (23%) and illegal harvesting 19% (22%)
- - At least 2/3 **agreed** with the following statements:
 1. Forest is important for national economy
 2. Wood is environment-friendly material and should be used more
 3. Maintaining forest environment is more important than making income from wood utilization
 4. Forest related recreation is growing trend
 5. Wood is important source of renewable energy and should be promoted

Respondents "groups": conservative (48%), supporters of wood utilization (28%), balanced (23%)

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- Majority's **disagreement** with the following statements:
 1. Annual harvest is too low – high quality wood will rotten and the potential of employment is not used
 2. Annual increment is higher than annual harvest
 3. Estonian forests are managed sustainably
- People are looking for information on recreation possibilities 62% (51%), forest management 49% (36%) and nature conservation/forest protection 45% (36%).
Main source of information is internet 91% (83%)



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