



# Forestry in the Slovakia

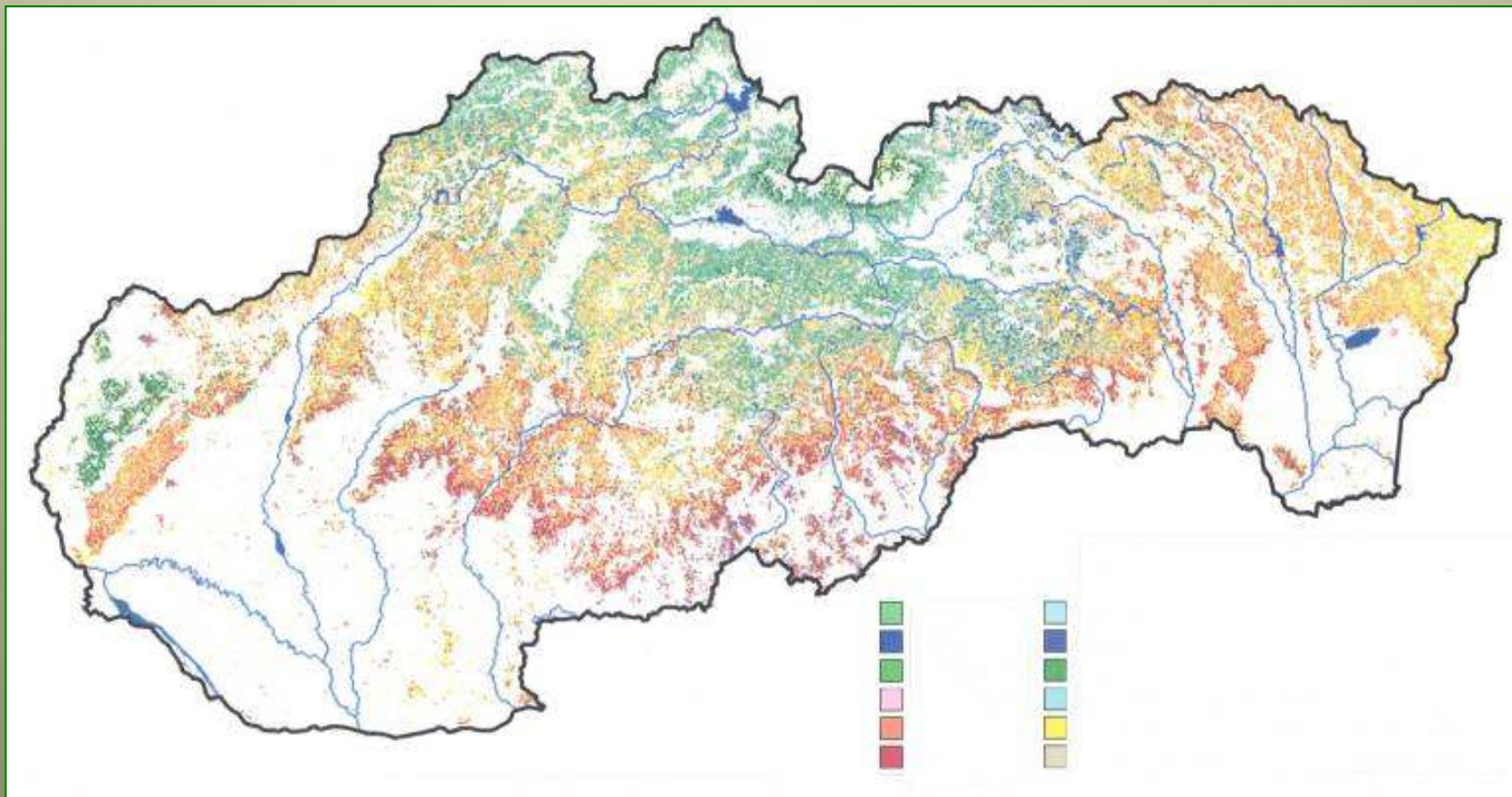
## Representative institutions and organisations





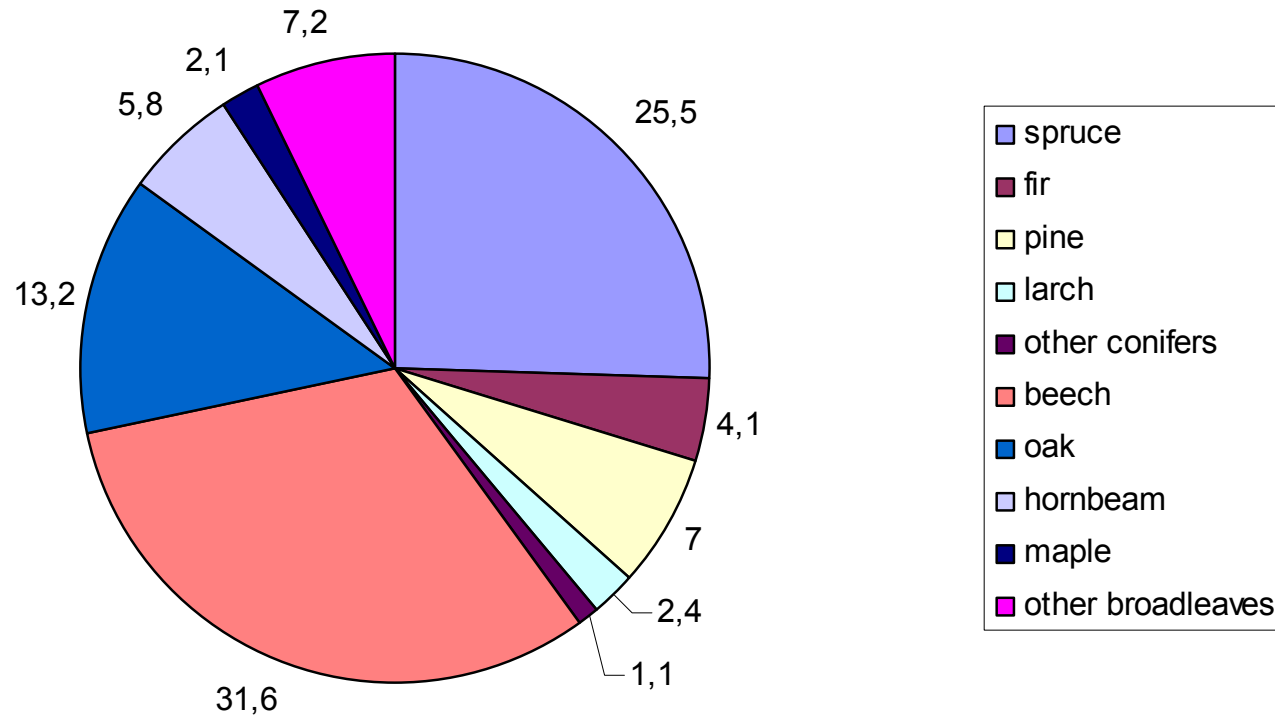
# Basic information

- Total forest area 2 009 ths. ha – 41% of the Slovak territory
- Forest stands are formed from lowland to the upper tree line





- Categorisation of the forests according to their prevailing functions
  - Commercial forests – 69,9%
  - Protection forests – 17,0%
  - Special purpose forests – 13,1%
- Tree species composition





- Growing stock – 456 mil. m<sup>3</sup>, per 1 ha 237 m<sup>3</sup>
- Total current increment per ha – 6,14 m<sup>3</sup>
- Felling volume 9,248 mil. m<sup>3</sup>, of which incidental felling is 60,4%
  - Conifers – 6,183 mil. m<sup>3</sup>
  - Broadleaves - 3,065 mil. m<sup>3</sup>
- Felling volume out of total current increment cca 75%
- Reforestation area – 15 883 ha
  - Artificial regeneration- 9143 ha
  - Natural regeneration - 6740 ha





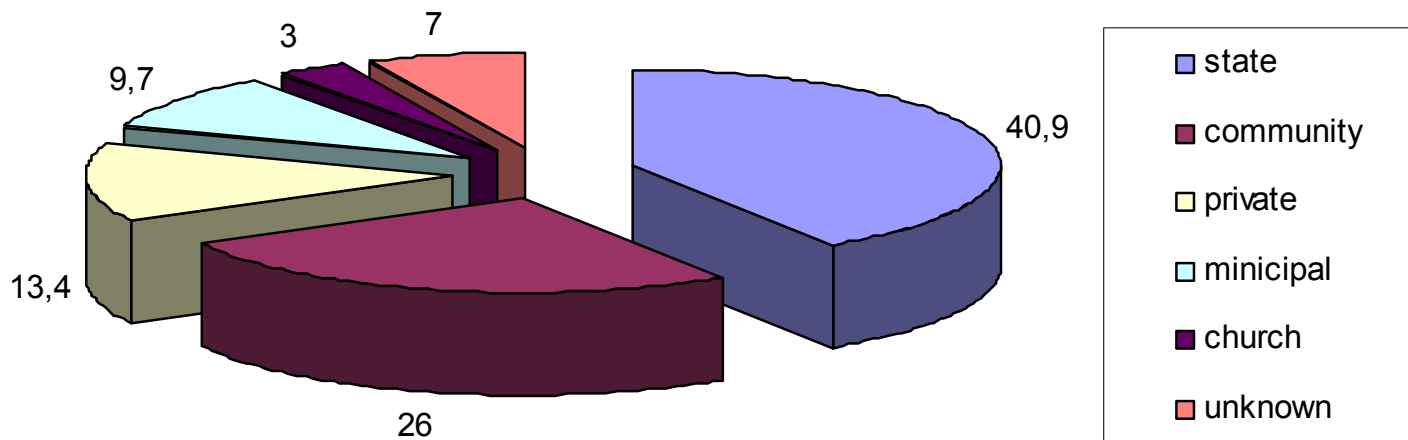
- Cost and revenues are almost in balance - it is about 400 mil. € with the gain about 4%
- Forest sector employees- 20 ths.
- The rate of forests sector's contribution to gross domestic product – 0,41%





# Development in ownership and organisation

- 2<sup>nd</sup> part of 20<sup>th</sup> century – all forests under the administration of the state- several state forest enterprises
- After 1990 – changes in establishment of society = changes in forestry
- Forests by ownership





Changes in ownership = changes in organisational structure

- State forests – one big enterprise (Forests of the Slovak Republic)
  - Municipal forests – Association of Municipal Forests
  - Church forests – the Slovak Union of Diocese Forests
  - Private and community forests – the Slovak Union of Republic Associations of Non-state Forest Owners
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- Division in the forest ownership – separation of former unique state organisations and state foresters to state and non-state ones
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- Foresters began to search for an independent organisation which could combine them

# Slovak Forestry Chamber

- Constituted by the Act 259/1993
  - Juridical person
  - Non-state, non-political, self-administrated institution
  - Associating physical persons and juridical persons as well
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- Reasons for creation
    - To take part in the development of Slovak forestry
    - To claim common interests of its members in creating of commercial and social forestry policy
    - To promote and advocate rightful professional, social and economic demands of its members







## Specialized sections

### Pro Silva

advocating and promoting close to nature forestry in practice



**Club „Women in forestry“**  
joins them, develops domestic as well international relationship between women in forestry





# Specialized sections

**Educational**  
organising field trips, issuing booklets



## Public relations

organising forestry meetings,  
acknowledging distinguished  
foresters





## Activities

- Providing legal and consulting services
- Helping to organise further education
- Organising excursions with professional topics
- Protecting the interests of its members
- Helping to inform the society about the work and importance of forestry
- Proposing and marking up forest legislative





# Present problems

- External

- Low support from the central body of state administration
- Restricted competence by law
- Criticism of non-governmental environmental organisations (often without proper reason)
- Weak presentation in the media

- Internal

- Insufficient interest in the membership from forestry organisations and foresters themselves
- Shortage of finances



## Present goals

- To advocate the interests of the Slovak forestry with more energy and enthusiasm
- To gain more competences and authority by the amendment of the legal acts
- To get satisfactory financial assecuration
- To raise the number of members





**Thank you  
for your attention**