

Croatian Forests Ltd. – Successful in Fulfilling it's Mission

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Abstract:

This presentation gives the key data on the forest fund of the Republic of Croatia, as well as on the company Hrvatske šume d.o.o., founded according to the Law on Forests with the purpose of managing state-owned forests.

The total area of forests and forest land in the Republic of Croatia amounts to 2.688.687 ha, whereby 2.106.917 ha or 78%, are state-owned forests, and 22%, that is 581.770 ha are private-owned forests.

Out of the total area, 2.402.781 ha (89%) is stocked, including various degraded forms, whereas 285.906 ha (11%) is non-stocked and unfertile.

According to their purpose, 2.416.107 ha are commercial forests, 154.539 ha are protective forests and 118.048 ha are forests with a special purpose.

The total growing stock in the forests of Croatia amounts to 397.963.000 m³. The largest part of it consists of beech (36%), Pedunculate oak (12%), Sessile oak (10%), hornbeam (9%), fir (8%), Common ash (3%), spruce (2%) etc.

Total increment amounts to 10.526.238 m³ or 2,6%, 80% of which stems from state-owned forests.

The mission of Hrvatske šume d.o.o. is to ensure an integral and sustainable management of forests on the whole area of the Republic of Croatia, in an environmentally sensible, economically efficient and socially responsible way towards the society in general. The fact that HŠ d.o.o. is successful in the implementation of these principles has been proved by the awarding of the FSC certificate.

Forest openness of the forests managed by HŠ d.o.o. amounts to 8,96 km/1000 ha when the total area is concerned, whereas on the stocked area it amounts to 11,54 km/1000 ha. HŠ d.o.o. makes considerable investments into the forest openness and dispose of substantial building capacities.

Net production of wood assortments in 2011 amounted to 4.894.688 m³, out of which 2.266.882 m³ is roundwood, and the rest of 2.627.806 m³ is stackwood, that is small industrial wood.

Hrvatske šume d.o.o. has a three-layer organization. The company consists of the General Directorate, 16 regional Forest administrations with 169 Forest offices and 21 working units of various production activities.

The Management Board of HŠ d.o.o. consists of the President and two members (Ivan Paveli , Ivan Ištok and Marija Veki). The supreme body of the owner – the State – is the Assembly, represented by the Minister of Agriculture, Tihomir Jakovina. The Supervisory Board consists of 7 members. HŠ d.o.o. is the founder and the owner of 6 daughter companies.

At the moment the Company employs 8626 employees, whereof 8074 permanently and 552 temporary.

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