



Joint French Finnish Forest Commission  
Group Public Forests / Metsähallitus

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# State enterprise Metsähallitus, 1/3 of Finland (12.5 mill.ha)

- Commercial forests, forest land 3.6 mill.ha
  - Low productive non-protected land (scrub land, open bogs, mountain areas, etc) 1.5 mill. ha
  - National parks and other protected areas, wilderness areas, etc 4.0 mill.ha
  - Water areas 3.4 mill.ha
- Practically, all the State-owned lands and waters
  - Multiple criteria, multiple interests, public participation
  - Holistic management and decision-making: different kinds of areas complement each others, e.g. with respect to biodiversity, recreation, reindeer husbandry, nature tourism



# Metsähallitus Group

## DIRECTOR GENERAL

### Metsähallitus's joint Group units and Service Centre

#### FORESTRY

##### **Forestry**

Sales and marketing of wood to the forest industry and care of state-owned managed forests

#### BUSINESS PORTFOLIO

##### **Morenia Oy**

Processes and sells soil and aggregates

##### **Eräsetti Wild North**

Nature tourism and fishing and hunting tourism services, sells and markets fishing, hunting and snowmobiling permits

##### **Laatumaa**

Real estate operations, focus on plots for holiday homes

##### **Fin Forelia Oy**

Produces and sells seedlings

##### **Siemen Forelia Oy**

Produces and sells seeds

##### **Metsähallitus Holding Oy**

Investments in sectors closely related to Metsähallitus's activities

#### NATURAL HERITAGE SERVICES

##### **Natural Heritage Services**

Management of national parks and other conservation, wilderness and hiking areas, protection of species and habitats, produces hiking, hunting and fishing services

# Metsähallitus in 2009

(1/2)

- Economic situation in general and especially of forest industry very challenging in Finland; taking this into account our financial results were relatively good
- Profit 59 mill. Euros (95 % dividend to the State)
- Cuttings about 4.7 mill.m3
- Increase in wood energy delivery
- Difficult year in nature tourism and soil resources businesses

# Metsähallitus in 2009

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- New cutting restrictions on more than 40.000 ha forest land
- New large scale natural resource plans: inceasing the cutting budget while at the same time giving more emphasis on multiple-use objectives
- Continuous increase in productivity at Natural Heritage Services
- New figures about the significancy of national parks on regional and local economies: economic effects in the society are much higher than the State money used on the services and infrastructure
- ? Destiny of the Finnish State Enterprise Model ?

# Metsähallitus & ONF

- EUSTAFOR a key element of co-operation in many ways, especially EUSTAFOR's working groups and projects (e.g., ecosystem services, climate change)
- Last exchange activity: Marianne Rubio at Metsähallitus in 2008
- Metsähallitus folks' last official visit in France in 2007
- Metsähallitus is interested in continuing bilateral co-operation
- Theme ideas (visit / exchange of personnel)
  - Management of NATURA areas
  - Establishment and management of national parks



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