

# FOREST POLICY ISSUES

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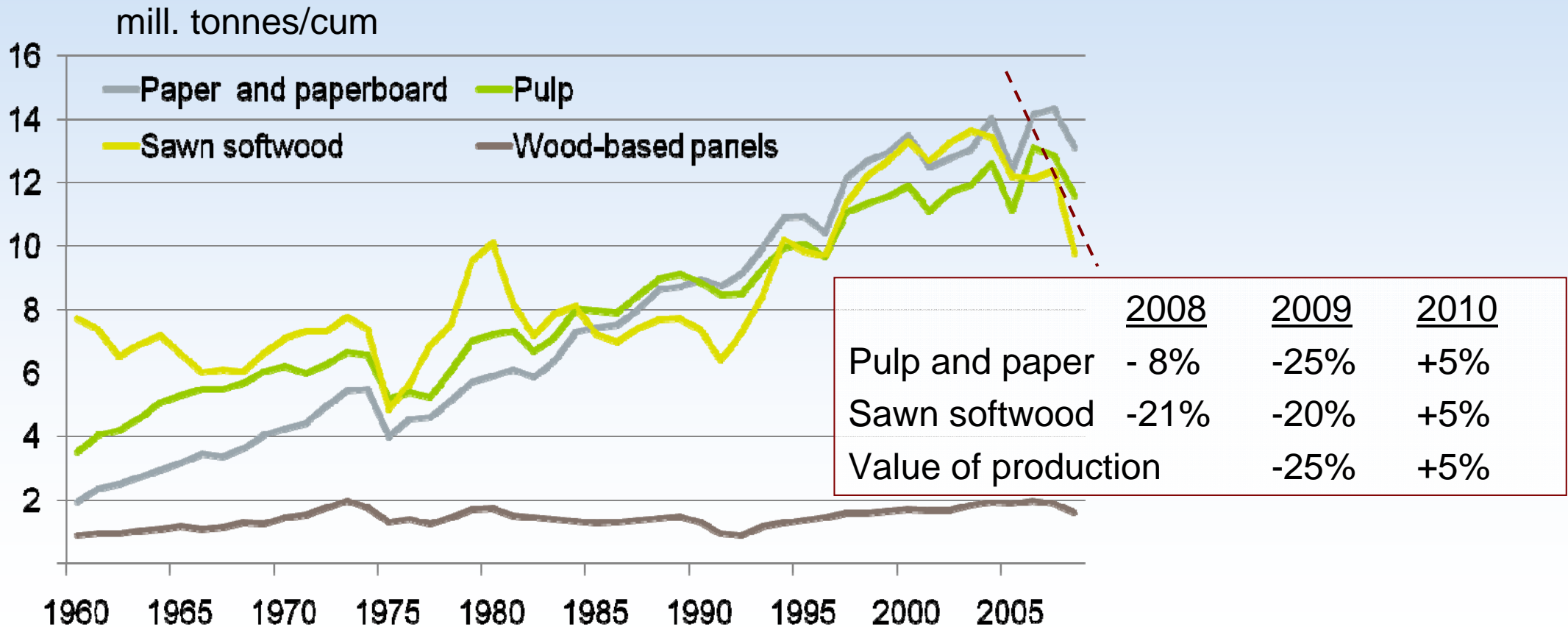


- Forest sector's situation
- Updating Finland's NFP 2015
- Reform of forestry organisations
- Policy developments
- EU forest affairs



# FOREST INDUSTRY SITUATION

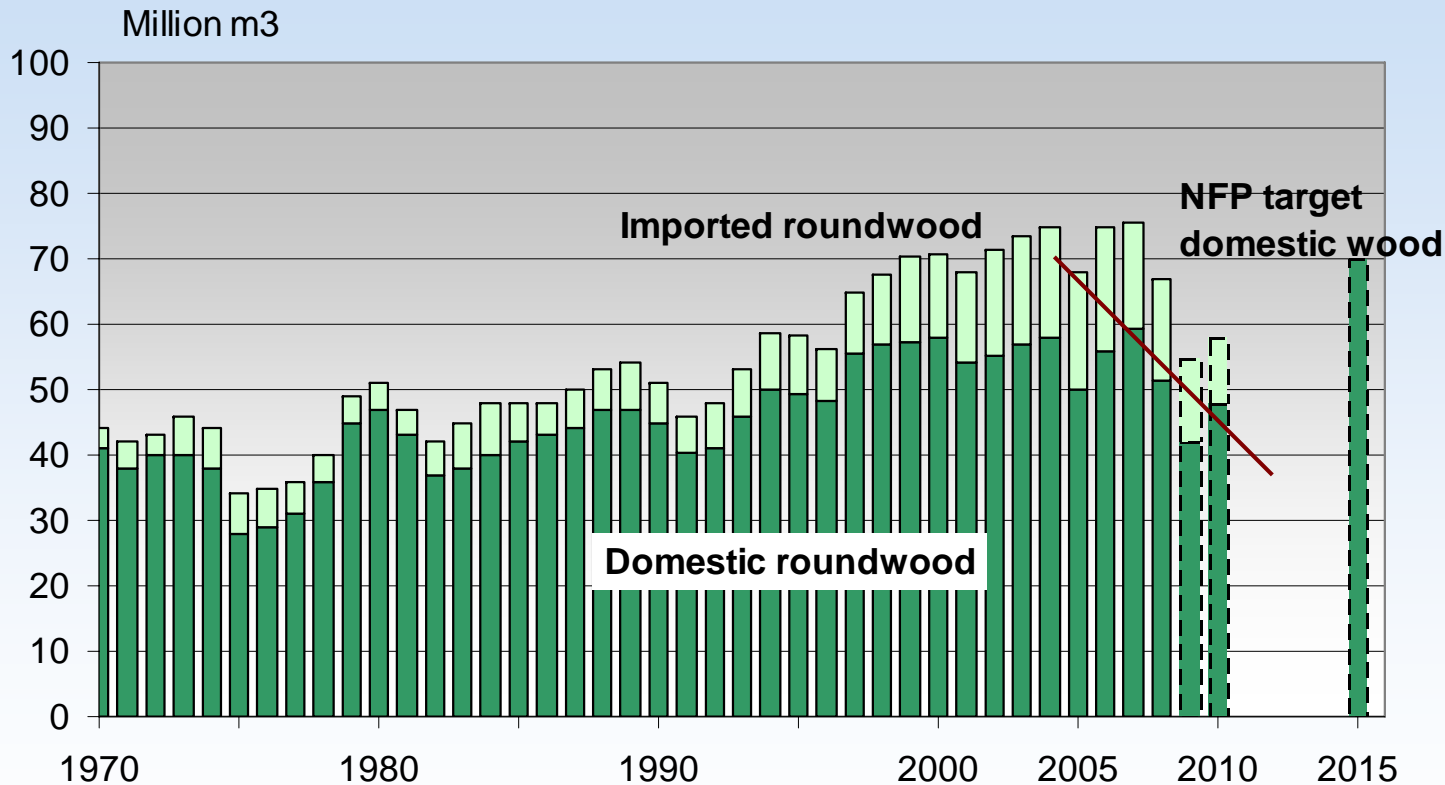
Forest industry production volumes in Finland since 1960's



Strong development of new wood-based products and services needed; excellent renewable resource base.

Competitiveness of forest sector is a concern.

# DECREASE OF TIMBER HARVESTING



Timber harvesting		
<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>
-10%	-20%	+15%

NFP target 70 Mill.m<sup>3</sup>  
unrealistic  
Realistic level for the  
coming years 50 Mill.m<sup>3</sup>

# UPDATING NATIONAL FOREST PROGRAMME 2015

November 2009 -  
January 2010

Forest sector scenarios, foresight

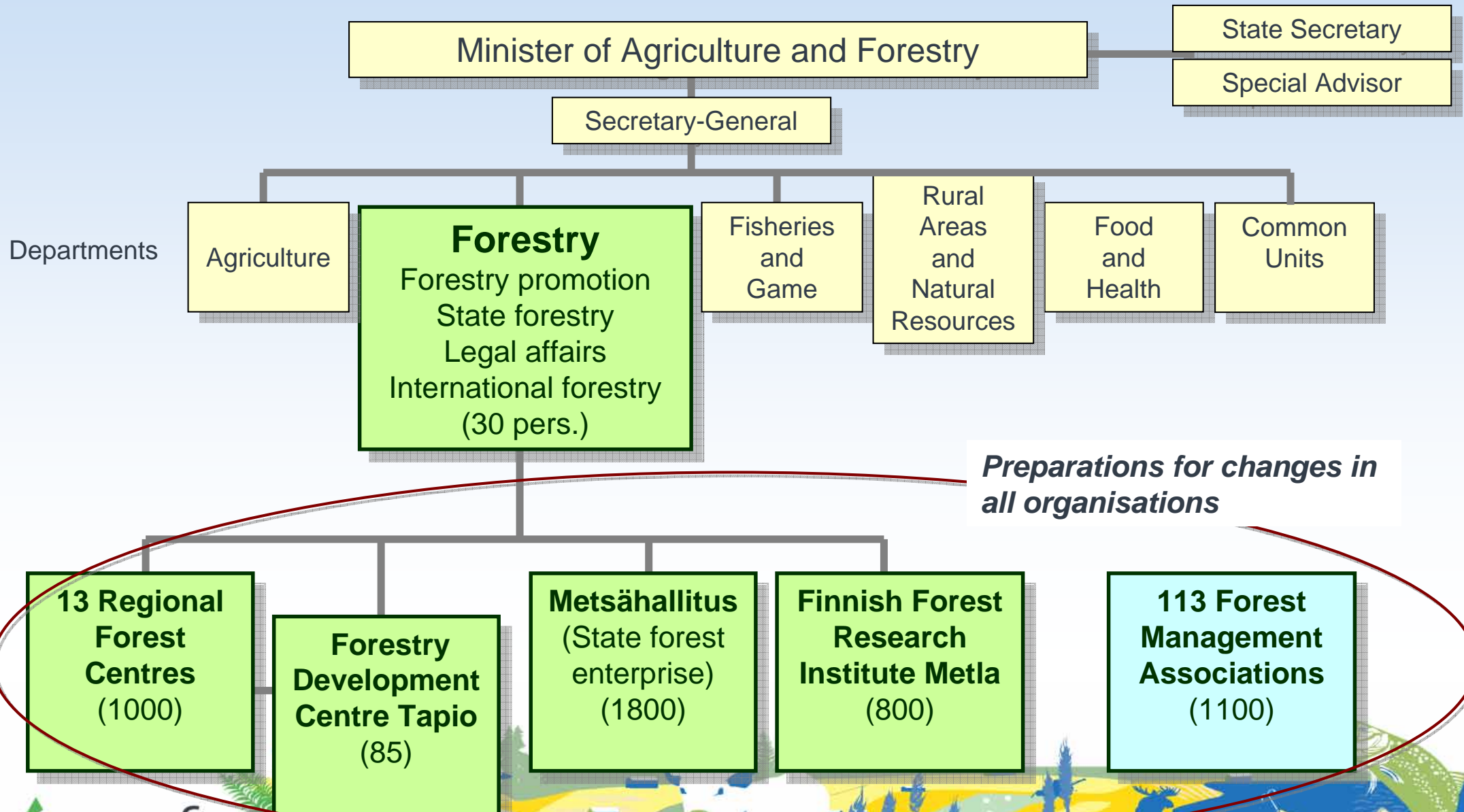
January - May  
2010

Mid-term evaluation of NFP 2015

June 2010

New orientations for NFP 2015 (National Forest Council)  
Outlook for the future (MoAF report for the preparation of 2011  
general election and the Programme of the new Government)

# FOREST ADMINISTRATION

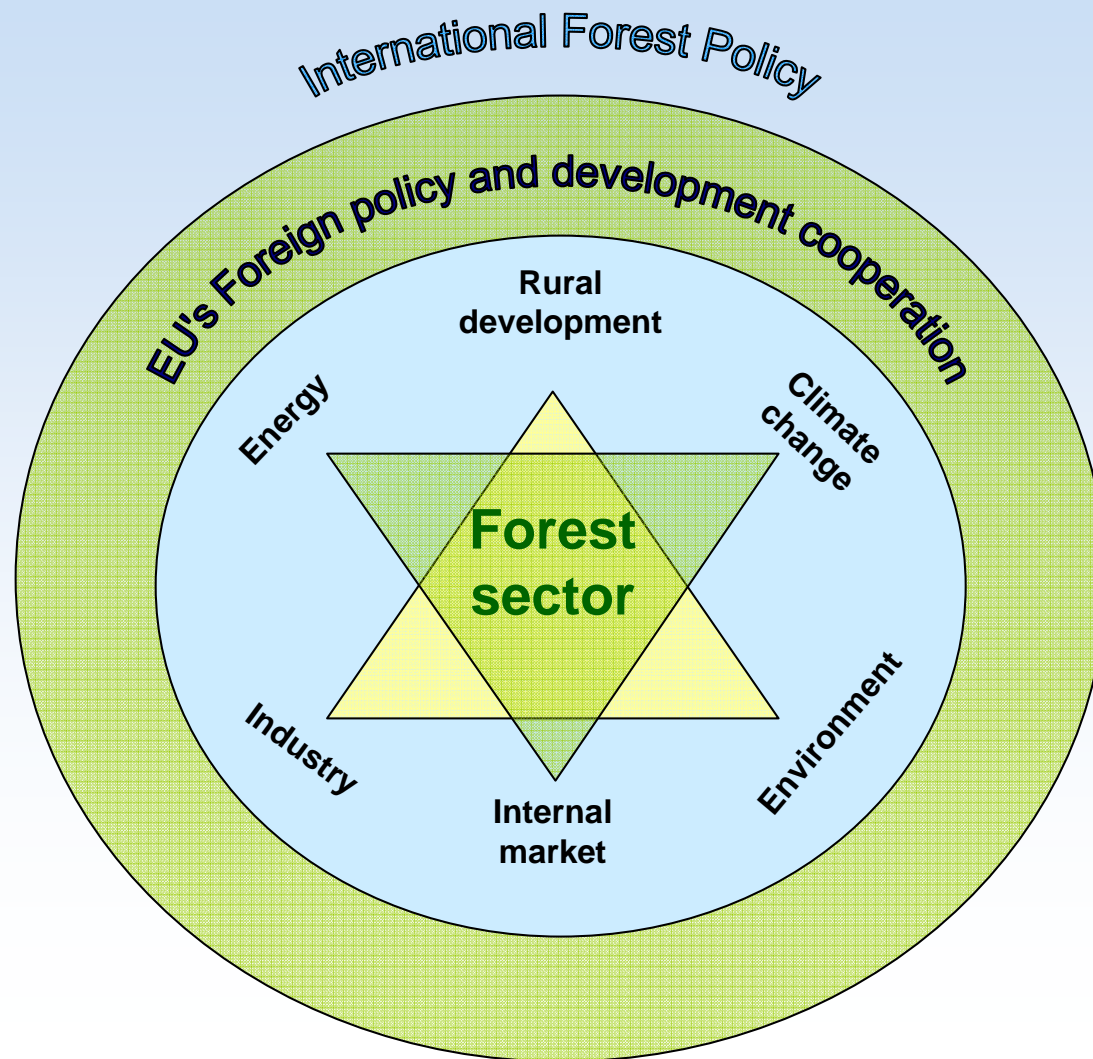


# OTHER POLICY DEVELOPMENTS

- Updating Forest Act
- Functioning of wood markets
- Forest conservation; implementation of METSO programme
- Renewable energy targets; national action plan and mobilization of wood energy
- Increasing use of wood and wood based products



# EU FOREST AFFAIRS



# "EU FOREST POLICY" DEVELOPMENTS

- Implementation of Forest Action Plan (ongoing 2007 - 2011)
- Forestry activities in future Rural Development policies (ongoing -> 2013)
- Illegal logging, FLEGT DD-Regulation (co-decision ongoing)
- Green public procurement and promotion of forest products (ongoing)
- Sustainability criteria for biomass (CION's report February 2010 ->)
- Role of forest sinks in EU's climate policy (ongoing)
- Green paper on forest protection and information (March 2010 ->)

Comprehensive consideration of EU forest affairs needed on basis of EU Forest Strategy and mid-term evaluation of FAP?

Possible linkages to Forest Europe LBA

