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**ÖSTERREICHISCHE
BUNDESFORSTE**

WHERE NATURE IS AT HOME

A brief portrait of Österreichische Bundesforste

Österreichischen Bundesforste (ÖBf) are Austria's nature enterprise. They care for, protect and manage the natural resources owned by the Republic - forests, lakes and mountains - sustainably, responsibly and in the interests of all.

PROTECTION AND MANAGEMENT FOR NATURE



*Diverse forests are
the ideal habitat for
endangered species
like the brown owl*

Protecting nature and the environment is an integral part of ÖBf's everyday activities. Around half of all ÖBf land is protected under law. Forests, alpine areas and flood plains as well as meadows, lakes and moorland enjoy special protection because of their high ecological value. The categories of protection cover national parks, nature and landscape conservation areas and natural monuments.

ÖBf also plays an important role in the implementation of the Natura 2000 European network and supports initiatives for biodiversity. Roughly 26 % of the total ÖBf area are Natura 2000 sites. ÖBf has contributed substantial areas of land

and know-how to three national parks, the Wienerwald biosphere reserve, and Dürrenstein- Lassingtal wilderness reserve. ÖBf business units are involved in the management of the Donau- Auen and Kalkalpen national parks.

ÖBf works closely with environmental protection organisations, federal and municipal authorities and the scientific community. There is a special focus on promoting biodiversity: For each of the 120 Bundesforste forest districts, from the valleys to the mountains, separate ecological plans are being drawn up to promote and increase the diversity of species and habitats.

RESPONSIBILITY FOR MANKIND AND SOCIETY

Intact landscapes, healthy forests, clean water and fresh air are decisive factors for the high quality of life in our country. Nature must remain open to all people, but must also be protected from harm.

Climate change is considered as one of the biggest challenges. Extreme weather, heat, drought and the bark beetle are exerting increasing pressure on our forests. At the same time, forests are the best protectors of the climate. They save tonnes of carbon and protect against natural hazards. ÖBf meets the challenges of the climate crisis with active forest management under the motto "Forest of the future". This is because only a sustainably managed forest can cope with future ecological and social requirements. In the coming years, adapting our forests to future conditions is to take

top priority. Already today, ÖBf promotes species-rich mixed forests, natural forest communities and invests particularly in the maintenance of protective forests in order to ensure healthy forests of the future with intact flora and fauna.

ÖBf is continually expanding the basis for a diverse recreational offering in collaboration with municipalities, associations and partners from the tourism and business sectors. This portfolio includes natural swimming areas with public access, mountain bike routes, trekking trails and bridleways as well as facilities for winter sports. ÖBf helps conserve Austria's rich cultural heritage by maintaining valuable historical buildings such as Eckartsau Castle, the imperial hunting lodge in the Donau-Auen National Park, or Lamberg Castle in Steyr, Upper Austria.

ÖBf provides public
access to almost
70 natural bathing spots.



MANAGEMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

*The wind farm on
the Pretalpe (Styria
is the largest in the
entire Alpine region.*



As the largest ecosystem manager in the country, Österreichische Bundesforste is responsible for 10 % of the country's land area including 74 of the larger lakes and 15 % of the forests. ÖBf was originally founded in 1925 and reorganised as a stock corporation in 1997. The sole shareholder of ÖBf AG and owner of all ÖBf land is the Republic of Austria. Each year, the company pays a contribution to the Republic's budget for the right to manage its lands (usufruct fee and dividend). ÖBf's primary business is forestry management. All related activities are conducted in full awareness of the needs of nature and in accordance with the principle of sustainability. With production cycles lasting on average more than 120 years, planning has to take into account future generations. ÖBf supplies sawmills as well as the paper, cardboard power plants with the renewable material

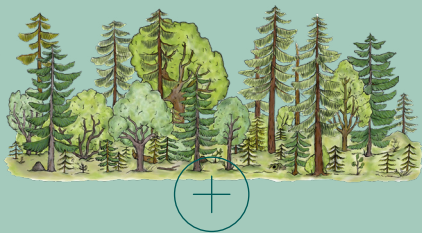
of wood. The real estate segment is becoming increasingly important, where own real estate projects are being driven forward more intensively along side leasing, renting and the issuing of building rights. As the third business segment, services offered range from forestry consultancy and the management of private forests to ecosystem planning for customers throughout Austria.

The revenues generated by the Real Estate and Renewable Energy business segments provide the financial flexibility needed to support the long-term transformation of the Bundesforste-forests into climate-resilient, biodiverse, and robust forests for the future.

KEY DATA

Timber harvested in 1,000 cubic metres, approx.	1.800
Total area in ha, according to ÖBf surveys, approx.	850,000
Thereof forest area, approx.	510,000
Employees full-time equivalent, average for the year	1.062
Management units 12 forerstry-, 2 national park units-, 1 forest technology unit	15
Buildings, approx.	4,150
Real estate contracts ¹ (leasing, rent, tourism, building rights), approx.	27.000
Forest districts	120
Hunting area in ha / districts, approx.	840.000 / 1.000
Fishery districts, approx.	550

¹ excl. hunting, fishery and ÖBf operations
As of 31.12.2025



The Bundesforste invested
around 15,8 million euros
in the "Forest of the
Future" in 2025

FOREST MANAGEMENT UNITS

The forest management units serve as regional contacts and are at your disposal for hunting, fishing, real estate and forestry services. You can find all contact information on the respective forestry enterprise's website or at **www.bundesforste.at/forstbetriebe**.



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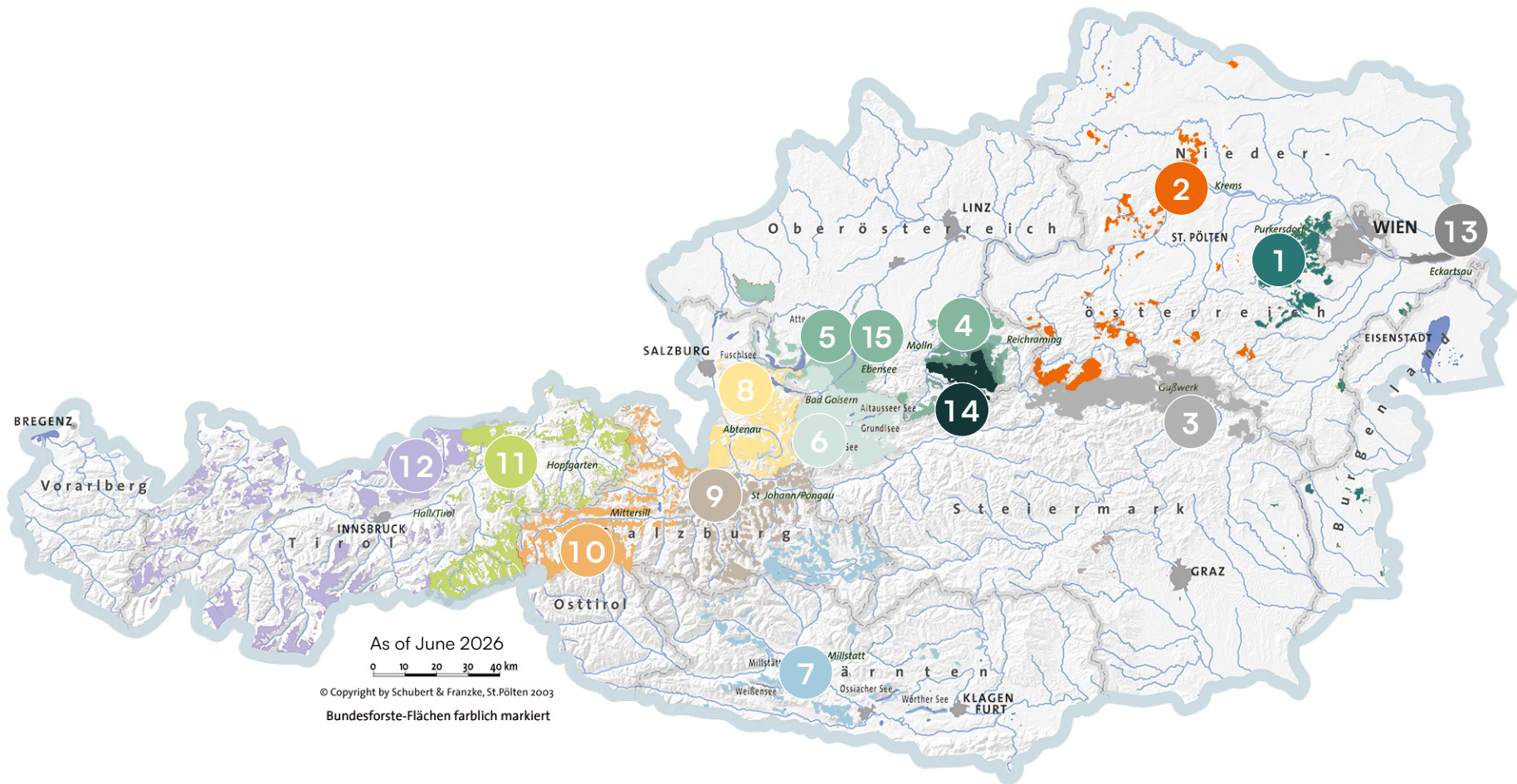
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- **Area > 100 ha, by size**
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