

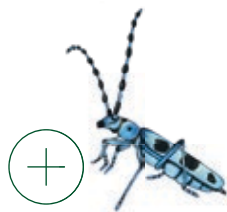
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ÖSTERREICHISCHE  
BUNDESFORSTE

# A brief portrait of Österreichische Bundesforste

As Austria's nature enterprise, Österreichische Bundesforste (ÖBf) maintains every tenth square metre of Austria's natural landscape. It cares for, protects and manages the natural resources of the Republic of Austria – lakes, forests and mountains – based on the principle of sustainability. Only as much is taken from the natural environment as can grow back again.



Diverse forests are the ideal habitat for endangered species like the longhorn beetle.

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## PROTECTION AND MANAGEMENT FOR NATURE

The protection of 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. 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.

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## 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. One of ÖBf's most important responsibilities is continuous mediation between ecological interests, business requirements and the needs and demands of society. This is the only way for the forest to successfully fulfill all its functions.

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.

Climate change is one of the greatest challenges. Extreme weather, heat, drought and the bark beetle are exerting increasing pressure on our forests. At the same time, forests are the best protector of the climate. They save tonnes of carbon and protect against natural hazards.

In the coming years, adapting our forests to the conditions of the future is to take top priority. Already today, ÖBf promotes species-rich mixed forests, natural forest communities and invests in the maintenance especially of protective forests in order to ensure healthy forests of the future with intact flora and fauna.



Find out more about the “forest of the future” at [www.wald-der-zukunft.at](http://www.wald-der-zukunft.at)



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## MANAGEMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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 longer than 120 years, planning has to take into account future generations. ÖBf supplies sawmills as well as the paper, cardboard and pulp industries, biomass heat and 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 too alongside leasing, renting and the issuing of building rights. As the third business segment, services offered range from forestry consultancy and the



Together with partners,  
Bundesforste has operated a fully  
digital timber storage yard in  
Amstetten since 2020, functioning  
as a new timber hub.

management of private forests to ecosystem planning for customers throughout Austria.

Renewable energies are the fourth pillar, where Bundesforste focuses on smallscale hydropower, wind power, forest biomass and photovoltaic projects, thereby making an active contribution to the energy turnaround. As a nature enterprise, ÖBf contributes to bioeconomics and promotes the production of biogenous products and renewable resources.

# KEY DATA

Timber harvested in 1.000 cubic metres, approx.	1,700
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	965
Management units (12 forestry units, 2 national park units, 1 forest technology unit)	15
Buildings, approx.	4,100
Real estate contracts <sup>1</sup> (leasing, rent, tourism, building rights), approx.	30,000
Forest districts	120
Hunting area in ha / districts, approx.	840,000 / 1,000
Fishery districts, approx.	550

<sup>1</sup>excl. hunting, fishery and ÖBf operations  
Status as of 31.12.2020

1,708,000 young trees  
were planted in  
Bundesforste forests  
in 2020.



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# FOREST MANAGEMENT UNITS

The forest management units serve as regional contacts and are at your disposal for hunting, fishing, real estate and forestry services.

## ● 1 Wienerwald

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