



Scenarios for a Sustainable Future

Forest Green Infrastructure

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« Understanding and managing biodiversity dynamics to improve ecosystem functioning and delivery of ecosystem services in a global change context: the cases of soils and sediments, and land- river and sea-scapes »



CONSORTIUM DESCRIPTION

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

- What are the effects of local conditions and connectivity on local population occurrence or (meta)population dynamics for species representing different organism groups?
- Can Citizen Science Data be used to answer the above question?
- What are the estimated global demand for wood the coming 100 years given global socio-economic scenarios (Shared Socioeconomic Pathways)?
 - Includes downscaling the demand to study landscapes
- How should we manage the landscape (forestry, conservation) to deliver the wood demanded, allow profitable forestry and allow long-term persistence of species?
- What is the insurance value of alternative forestry (compared to BAU) given different future climate change uncertainties?



SCIENTIFIC OUTPUTS

- Both occurrence of mobile species (birds) and sessile species (fungi) are explained by connectivity, but the spatial connectivity scales are different
- Species frequencies (commonness) in the landscape are explained by different species' colonization rates, rather than extinction rates
- CSD constitute a promising data source to explain species distributions
- It is difficult to estimate rates of colonization-extinction dynamics based on CSD
- Given global socio-economic scenarios, future wood demand > possible supply in some EU countries, while in others it is the opposite
- Demand/supply relationships affect the future persistence of forest species in different EU countries
- Alternatives to BAU forestry, e.g. Stop thinnings, More broadleaves or Continuous Cover Forestry, may have significant insurance value given increased future storms
- Four scientific articles; 17 scientific oral presentations



SOCIETAL / POLICY OUTPUTS

- Stakeholders include NGOs, landowner organizations, large forest companies, authorities on forest use and conservation, a state ministry
- Interactions with stakeholders at 16 events as basis for scenario formulations, interpreting results and spreading results
- Present and discuss results on factors (e.g. connectivity) affecting species occurrence and dynamics
- Informed about (simulations of) global socio-economic scenarios
- We developed landscape-scale forestry and conservation scenarios based on discussions with stakeholders or through an Analysis Hierarchy Process (AHP) survey
- Currently: simulating forestry and conservation scenarios
- Will present and discuss conclusions on insurance value of alternative forestry
- Four popular articles; Two popular oral presentations

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