

# Conservation and promotion of resources in small private forests.

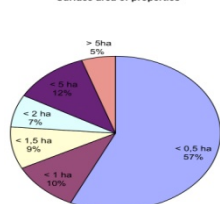
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The purpose of the REGIOWOOD project is to develop permanent means of promotion of wood as a material within small private properties in our forests.

## Private forest

Area : 379 ha  
Land-plots : 1191  
Landowners : 249  
**Private property**  
1<sup>st</sup> quartile : 0.13 ha  
2<sup>nd</sup> quartile : 0.38 ha  
3<sup>rd</sup> quartile : 1.36 ha  
Average : 1.5 ha  
Smallest : 0.008 ha  
Biggest : 54 ha

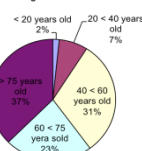
Surface area of properties



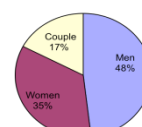
## Fragmented structure and organization of the forest territory



Age of Owners



Gender and Properties



« As a small private forest owner, you're not recognized by the wood-market but It doesn't matters! Even if I know that I won't see the final results, I still go to the wood every week. I've received this wood from my father and I hope to give it in return to my children. We are part of this village and in this place everyone has got his own wood. So we continue! »  
**Hubert G., 68 years Vielsalm**

## Uses and utilities of the small private forests:

- Wood and non-wood production
- Public services production
- Social and community resource
- Biodiversity and wildlife corridor
- Landscapes structure
- Hunting, picking, firewood or private use (agriculture, building)

## Life cycle of small private forests



## Actions for involving owners and valorizing forest estates:

- News Letter
- Timber sale in common
- Property exchange
- Training days
- Field visit for a diagnosis & Management plan
- Forest trail investment

REGIOWOOD is an INTERREG project with 19 partners. This project covers a large scale territory which is representative of the north-west European rural environment. During 3 years (from october 2008 to october 2011) this cross-border partnership between Wallonia (Belgium), Grand-Duché de Luxembourg, Lorraine (France) and Rheinland-Pfalz (Germany) allowed all the members of the forest and wood network to meet and share their visions of the small private forest . The final purpose is a better knowledge of the territory to ensure a good match between wood resources and economical, social and ecological supplies in a sustainable management perspective.