

Tenth meeting of the Forum Forestier Lémanique

« WATER & FOREST » Ecological, Economic, and Social interfaces in the Lémanique Region

Wednesday 7 June 2006
(IUCN Gland and Versoix)

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Introduction

Context

The conservation, management and sustainable use of water constitutes a major challenge for the 21st century. The putting in place of a “global management regime for water” necessitates taking into account all human activities relating to this resource whether it be its use, conservation or measures against the dangers it can pose. In this context, the forest plays an important role for putting in place such strategies, whether it be its influence on the conservation of hydrological resources (restoring of water tables), mitigation of natural dangers (flooding, landslides, etc.) or the ecological vitality of water courses (wooded banks).

The decline in the economic benefits of wood harvesting and the reduction in public subsidies for the maintenance of forests have in recent years been leading towards a trend in rationalisation and mechanisation of forestry practices. Insofar as this evolution influences the structure, composition and vitality of forest stands, the impact can be questioned on the future capacity of forest areas to fulfil their economic, ecological and social functions as concerns water regulation and supply.

From the economic point of view the services provided by forest ecosystems are difficult to quantify (water supply, mitigation of natural dangers, protection of river banks and watercourses, etc.). Nonetheless it is recognised that any investments made today for the upkeep and sustainable management of forests are in the medium to long term less costly than the technical or technological replacement of services that may have to be made later. In this context, putting in place a “global water economy regime” is at least a linked part of the interactions – economic, ecological and social – arising from the management and sustainable conservation of forest ecosystems.

Presentation

Général	<p>The day will be in two parts. In the morning a workshop will be organised at the Headquarters of the World Conservation Union (IUCN), Gland (Vaud) on the theme of “must one, should one, can one – and if so, how – value ecosystem services in the field of water and forest?” In the afternoon the Forum will move to stretches of the Versoix river (Genève) for a continuation of the morning’s discussions from a more practical viewpoint, taking examples of synergies between water and forest in the Lake Léman arc.</p>
Objectives	<p>The day will give a close look at the economic, ecological and social interfaces between sustainable forest management and the global economics of water supply in the Lémanique region. It is intended to encourage exchanges and dialogue between the different actors involved in these questions at the global, regional and local levels.</p>
Audience	<p>Public administrations, municipalities, specialists, consultants, non-governmental organisations, as well as anyone concerned with or interested in this topic.</p>
Speakers	<p>Christian KÜchli, Chef de section suppléant, Section exploitation des forêts et économie du bois, Division forêts, Office fédéral de l'environnement (OFEV), Berne</p> <p>Enrique Lahmann, Senior Coordinator, Global Programme Team, IUCN Gland</p> <p>Eric Treboux, Inspecteur des forêts du 14^{ème} arrondissement, Service des forêts, de la faune et de la nature du canton de Vaud (SFFN), St-George</p> <p>Hervé Fauvin, Directeur Technique du Syndicat Mixte d'Aménagement de l'Arve et de ses Abords (SM3A), Bonnaville, France</p> <p>Jeffrey A. McNeely, Chief Scientist, Global Programme Team (GPT), IUCN Gland</p> <p>Jérémie Debard, Chargé de mission du contrat de Rivières Pays de Gex – Léman, Communauté de Communes du Pays de Gex, Preveysin-Moens, France</p> <p>Joshua Bishop, Senior Economics Advisor, Economics and the Environment, IUCN Gland</p> <p>Matthias Finger, Professeur, Chaire de management des industries de réseau, EPFL, Lausanne</p> <p>Olivier Ferry, Chef du service Développement et Territoires, Direction Territoriale Rhône-Alpes, Office National des forêts, Annecy, France</p> <p>Olivier Picard, Responsable du Service Recherche & Développement, Institut pour le Développement Forestier, Paris, France</p> <p>Philippe Steinmann, Inspecteur des forêts du canton de Genève, Domaine nature et Paysage (DT), Genève</p> <p>Sibylle Vermont, Collaboratrice scientifique, Division affaires internationales, Office fédéral de l'environnement (OFEV), Berne</p>
Moderators	<p>Yves Kazemi, Chairman of the Forum Forestier Lémanique</p> <p>François Rapin, Secretary General of the International Commission for the Protection of the Léman water Resources (CIPEL)</p>

Programme

From 08.45	Gathering at the Headquarters of IUCN at Gland	
	INTRODUCTION	
09h00	Opening of the meeting by Yves Kazemi , Chairman of the FFL	
09h05	The Millennium Ecosystem Assessment: an institutional, economic and social challenge to value ecosystem services	Jeffrey McNeely
09h15	SHOULD ONE, SHOULD ONE, CAN ONE VALUATE THE ECOSYSTEM SERVICES IN THE WATER AND FOREST DOMAINE? (PRESENTATIONS)	
	Valuation of ecosystem services: milestones to better integration between forest and water management	Joshua Bishop
	Creation of markets for ecosystem services in Costa Rica: building the link between forest and water management	Enrique Lahmann
10h15	COFFEE BREAK	
10h45	HOW TO VALUE ECOSYSTEM SERVICES IN THE WATER AND FOREST DOMAINE? (ROUND TABLE)	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Selling water: a challenge for private forest owners in France • The "forest and drinking water" project of the Forest Division • Code of conduct on payments for ecosystem services in integrated water resources management • Management of forests and protection of water resources in the 14th forestry district, Vaud 	<p>Olivier Picard</p> <p>Christian Kùchli</p> <p>Sibylle Vermont</p> <p>Eric Treboux</p>
	Questions and discussion in plenary	
12h15	Opportunities and limits in the valuation of ecosystem services of the forest in the field of water (synthesis)	Matthias Finger
12h30	Closure of the morning session and departure for Versoix (by bus)	
13h00	LUNCH AT THE RESTAURANT LA BECASSIERE IN VERSOIX (CENTRE SPORTIF)	
14h00	ECOLOGICAL, ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL INTERFACES BETWEEN WATER AND FOREST IN THE LAKE LEMAN AREA (EXCURSION)	
14h00	Opening of the afternoon by François Rapin , Secretary of CIPEL	
	EXCURSION ALONG THE RIVER LA VERSOIX	
14h15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • River contracts for the Pays du Gex and the Arve: tools for international cooperation and sectoral coordination at the regional level • Integrated management of wooded river banks: how to reconcile biodiversity, landscape protection, mitigation of natural risks, forest exploitation and river leisure pursuits? 	<p>Jeremy Debard</p> <p>Hervé Fauvin</p> <p>Philippe Steinmann</p> <p>Olivier Ferry</p>
	CONCLUSIONS	
16h15	Summary of the day by Jean Combe , in-coming Chairman of the FFL	
16h30	Closure	

Practical information

Date	Wednesday 7 June 2006 from 09h00 to 16h30	
Place	Morning session IUCN – The World Conservation Union Headquarter Rue Mauverney 28 1196 Gland, Suisse	Afternoon visit Excursion along the River La Versoix Meeting at 13h45 hrs at the Restaurant de La Becassière, Sports Centre, Versoix <u>(transportation by bus from Gland to Versoix and return will be organized)</u>
Transportation	By car: Autoroute Geneva-Lausanne: Gland exit By train: walking distance 10 minutes from Gland Station	By car: Geneva-Lausanne autoroute A1, Coppet-Versoix-Divonne exit. Take the direction towards Versoix as far as Mies, then turn right <u>after</u> Mies school and follow the Route des Penys for about 2 kms as far as La Becassière Sports Centre, Versoix By train: by bus or by foot (15 minutes) from Versoix Station
Language	French and English – everyone may speak in their preferred language.	
Registration fee	The registration fee, including the mid-day meal (but excluding drinks) and transport costs in the afternoon, is CHF 50.- or 30 Euros. Price for students: CHF 30.- or 20 Euros.	
Lunch	The mid-day meal will be at the Restaurant La Becassière (La Becassière Sports Centre, Route de l'Etraz 201, CH-1290 Versoix, Tel. 022 / 755 16 71). <u>Please don't forget to inscribe for it !</u> The price of the meal is included in the registration fee. This will be collected at the beginning of the day (cash only). Drinks are at extra cost to the participants.	
Registration	Deadline for registration is 24 May 2006 using the attached registration form or by email. It is possible to register for just half the day (morning or afternoon). Attention, The number of places is limited!	
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Cancellation	For those persons registered for the meal, the price of it will be charged to them later in the case of their absence or cancellation received less than 2 days in advance.	

Registration form - 10th meeting of the FFL, 7 June 2006

Please return this form by **NOT LATER THAN 24 May 2006** to
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Registration

Please answer to all the questions

I/we will participate in the morning session (IUCN, Gland) YES NO

I/we will take lunch (Restaurant de La Becassière, Versoix) YES NO

I/we will participate in the afternoon visit (along the Versoix) YES NO

Number of participants _____

Total registration fees (CHF or €) CHF _____ € _____

Comments
(if desired)

Date

Signature

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