



Forests and Water at the Regional Level and Main findings from the Survey on Forests and Water

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Ministerial Conference on the Protection of Forests in Europe

- High-level forest policy process in Europe
- Policies for sustainable forest management
- Ministerial commitments and follow-up actions
- Open platform for dialogue
- 19 years of cooperation – 47 Signatories
- 5 ministerial conferences



Regional work on Forests and Water

- MCPFE Warsaw Resolution 2: Forests and Water, November 2007
- UNECE Water Convention workshops and recommendations on ecosystem services, 2004-2006
- Follow-up work:
 - 26th Session of the FAO EFC Working Party, Oulu, August 2008
 - III Int. conference "Forest and Water", Mragowo, September 2008
 - Conference "Water and Forest; a convenient truth", Barcelona, October 2008
 - Plenary session "Forests and Water", European Forest Week, Rome October 2008
 - Workshop on Forests and Water, Antalya, 12-14 May 2009



Survey on Forests and Water

April 2009

- 29 countries - 38 respondents
- Main findings:
 - Importance of forests and forests management
 - Coordination of work
 - Obstacles and solutions for cooperation
 - Payments for Ecosystem Services (PES)



Importance of Forests and Forest Management for water

Country:	Floods:	Erosion:	Landslides	Droughts:	Water quality:	Forest fires:	Overall:
Eastern/Sentral Asia	5	5	3,7	3,3	4,7	5,3	4,5
South	4	4,2	3,8	4,2	4,3	4,8	4,2
Western	4	3,2	3,8	2,8	5,4	5,5	4,1
Sentral	4,4	5	4,1	3	4,6	2,3	3,9
Northern	1,8	2,5	1,5	2,5	4,3	1,8	2,4
Issues (mean)	3,8	4,0	3,4	3,2	4,7	3,9	


Scale is 1-6, where 6 is most important and 1 is not important

Obstacles and Solutions

- Institutional
- Financial
- Laws and regulations
- Knowledge
- Other

Payments for Ecosystem Services

- 10 countries have PES addressed in national policies
- Mostly public subsidies
- Few practical examples of PES



**Thank you for your attention
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