



Stakeholder perceptions of Swiss forest policy an analysis of the Swiss forestry sector

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Introduction

Increasing:

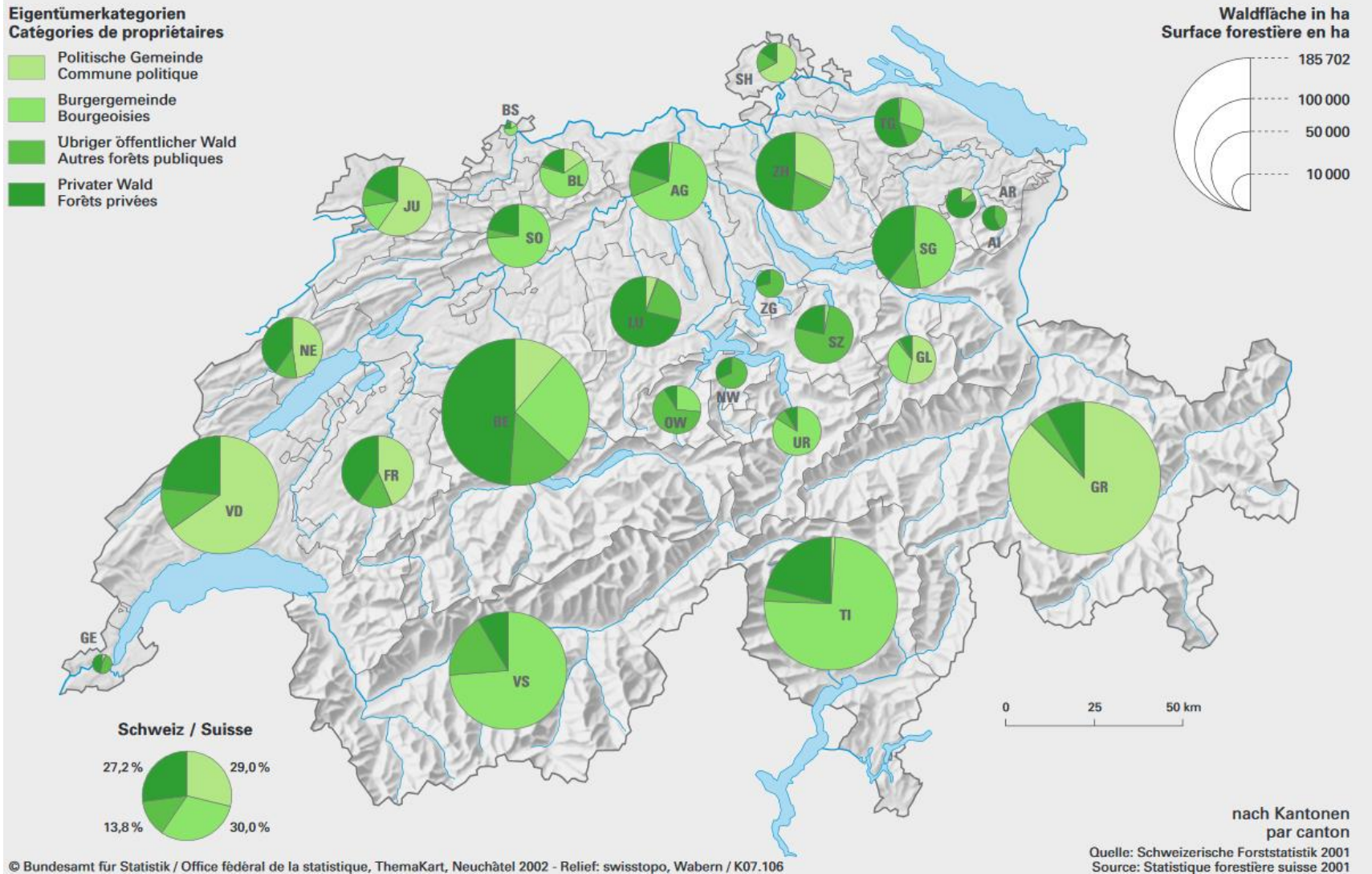
- Expectation of multi-functional forests
- Changing ownership and management in Europe

Challenge?

Role of stakeholders and their perception of policies



Forest ownership & management in Switzerland



Forest ownership & management in Switzerland

- Ownership stable: 70% public, 27% private, 3% mixed
- Challenge: number an actors
- Management: push for increased cooperation

Research question and methods

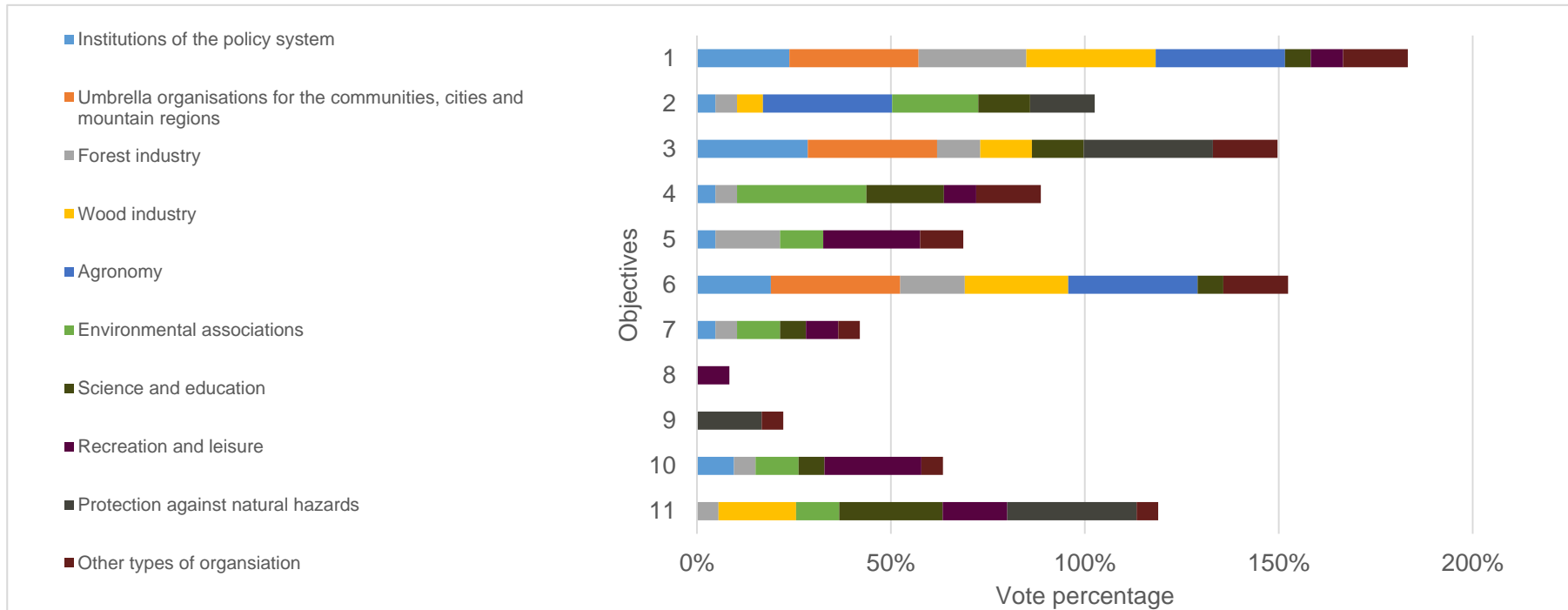
- How do stakeholders (not just owners) perceive Swiss forest policy?
- Expert interviews (11) and online survey with national stakeholders (83; 54% response rate):
 - Institutions of the policy system
 - Forest management (includes owners)
 - Timber industry
 - Environmental association
 - Other type of association
 - Science & education

Swiss forest policy

- Swiss Federal Forest Act and Ordinance
- Forest Policy 2020 – federal policy setting strategic guidelines -> leading to recent revisions in Federal Forest Act and Ordinance
- Aim: sustainable forest management and to create favorable conditions for efficient and innovative forestry and wood industry
- Sets 11 objectives, 5 prioritized
- Basis for cantonal forest policies, forest owners and managers

Perceptions of the Swiss Forest Policy 2020

Stakeholder rankings of importance of objectives



Objective 6 – „improving the economic performance of the forestry and wood industry“ most frequently chosen

Criticisms: lacking participation, financial tools and economic aspects regarded as needing improvement

Conclusion

- Overall positive perception of Swiss Forest Policy 2020
- But:
 - Misfit between preferences of stakeholders and the Confederation regarding prioritized objectives
 - Criticisms of lacking participation
 - Concerns regarding financial tools and economic aspects
- Reconsider economic aspects in terms of prioritized objectives, tools and responsibilities
- Participatory approach in the future?
- Financial tools as means to foster cooperation?

Thank you! Questions?

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Extra slides

Perceptions of the Swiss forest policy 2020

CORRECT LEVEL OF ACTION GOOD STRATEGIC
GUIDELINES GOOD APPROACH SHOULD SHAKE
THINGS UP SHORT AND SUCCINCT BROADLY
SUPPORTED BALANCED SIGNED BY THE FEDERAL
COUNCIL INTEGRAL POLICY A GOOD TOTAL
PACKAGE BALANCED INTERESTS 3 PILLARS OF
SUSTAIBNABILITY NATIONAL STRATEGY

UNBALANCED IMPLEMENTATION GREEN GOALS ARE
FAVORED FOCUS ON PUBLIC TASKS TOP-DOWN
UNCLEAR IMPLEMENTATION GOALS ARE NOT
BALANCED NO CLEAR PROCESS LIP SERVICE
VALUE CHAIN NOT CONSIDERED SOCIAL
CONDITIONS FOR FOREST WORKERS NOT
MENTIONED