



OBJECTIVES

WALD-WIKI is a wiki for private forestry associations that enables them to organize operations and establish a system to compile, generate, share, disseminate and continuously update expertise and empirical knowledge on climate change, crisis management, and transformation in forest ecosystems.

- The wiki provides professional support to forestry associations and forest owners by transferring knowledge.
- It provides support to establish and expand partnerships and sponsorships among forestry associations.
- It links experience from everyday forestry practice with current specialized knowledge from applied research.
- It provides the technical structure and establishes processes for sharing information and experience.
- It optimizes communication among forestry associations.
- It provides a system for reporting forest emergency situations (beetle infestation, storm-felled timber, etc.).
- It presents good forestry practices.
- It provides opportunities to acquire knowledge interactively (online learning).

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WALD-WIKI

PLATFORM FOR YOUR KNOWLEDGE, FOREST AND REGION.

Climate change and its effects are having a substantial impact on our forests and confronting actors in forestry with new challenges. Forest owners bear great responsibility for forests. Family forestry companies in particular have been living from their forests for centuries and manage them sustainably in order to pass their livelihood onto following generations. With great responsibility toward future generations, they are using their forests for production, protection and recreation and creating and firmly establishing public awareness of sustainability.

Climate change is confronting forest owners with new risks and threats, especially incidents of damage caused by storms, hurricanes, floods, etc., followed by pest problems. They have significant economic, ecological and social impacts. This necessitates proaction based on the situation and requires both transferring expertise compiled in forestry research projects widely and linking this knowledge with regional experience from everyday practice.



One of forest owners' most important forms of organization, forestry associations are instrumental in continuously disseminating and managing the specialized information compiled and in adding to existing expertise and empirical knowledge.

The specialized knowledge platform WALD-WIKI is intended to be compiled together with forest owners and forestry associations in a broad participatory process and make expertise and empirical knowledge accessible to a broad target group.

WALD-WIKI: A JOINT PROJECT

The joint project WALD-WIKI is being coordinated by the AGDW – Die Waldeigentümer and implemented nationally.

The forestry owners associations in Lower Saxony and Saxony-Anhalt are piloting the information and knowledge acquisition and editing system. The Forstliche Versuchs- und Forschungsanstalt Baden-Württemberg (FVA) is providing support as a forestry consultant and acting as the interface to the Network of Expertise on Climate Change, Crisis Management, and Transformation in Forest Ecosystems (www.waldwissen.net). The Fraunhofer Institute for Factory Operation and Automation IFF is providing technology assistance in the project.

WHAT IS A WIKI?

A wiki is a network of websites with contents (texts, images, videos, etc.), which are not only readable but also editable by users. One particularly well-known example of a wiki is the online encyclopedia Wikipedia.

The idea behind a wiki is to make information usable quickly and easily, i.e. to compile, add to, improve and share it with others. The fundamental feature of a wiki is thus users' departure from their passive role as consumers and their voluntary and self-organized involvement in the compilation of new content.

A wiki is intended to enable users to compile and document knowledge and experience collaboratively and to edit and make this knowledge available to them.

A wiki's individual (web) pages are interlinked, thus drawing users' attention to further information.