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Forest owners and managers

Lesy ČR, s.p. - Lesy České republiky, s.p. (*Forests of the Czech Republic*), www.lesy.cz

Forests of the Czech Republic (LCR) is a company based in Hradec Kralove founded January the 1st, 1992 by the Ministry of Agriculture. LCR main activity, next to other activities like forest education and outdoor activities for public, is the management of approximately 50 percent of the Czech Republic forests, over 1.3 million ha, which are owned by the state and are PEFC certified. Furthermore, the company is in charge of nearly 20,000 kilometers of small watercourses.

Forests of the Czech Republic are the most important partner of nature protection authorities and the largest manager of specially protected natural areas in the Czech Republic. More than 30 % of the area of land to which it has the right to manage , is part of the protected landscape areas. Nature Parks are used mainly to protect the landscape and are a further 20 % of the land to which it has the right to manage . Forests of the Czech Republic performing the function of forest manager not only in state forests managed by them, but also in forest of other forest owners.

Function of General director has been carried out by Ing. Daniel Szórád, Ph.D. from the April 14th, 2014.

VLS, s.p. - Vojenské lesy a statky, s.p. (*Military Forests and Farms*), www.vls.cz

Military Forests and Farms of the Czech Republic (VLS) is a company that is purposeful organization founded by the Ministry of Defence of the Czech Republic to manage forests and agricultural lands in military training areas.

VLS manages about 126 000 ha of forest land , which comprises about 5 % of forest land in the Czech Republic. VLS also manages about 700 ha of agricultural land and is also involved in hunting and fishing. VLS is also active in forest pedagogy for public.

Managing Authority of VLS is the headquarter of state-owned company based in Prague. Function of General Director is carried out by Ing. Josef Vojáček.

SVOL - Sdružení vlastníků obecních a soukromých lesů v ČR (*Association of Municipal and Private Forests in the Czech Republic*), www.svol.cz

Association of Municipal and Private Forests in the Czech Republic (SVOL), based in the city of Pelhřimov, is an association of legal entities and is a voluntary organization with nationwide jurisdiction, which brings together owners and managers of non-state forest property.

SVOL was established on March 3rd, 1992. The supreme authority of SVOL is the Conference and the executive body that represents SVOL on public is the Board. Chairman of the Board is Ing. František Kučera.

Since March 1999, SVOL is an associate member of the European Federation of communal forests FECOF and by July 1999 member (observer status) of the European Confederation of forest owners CEPF, based in Brussels. In both of these multinational organizations SVOL is member of the senior management and with the entry of our country into the European Union from May the 1st, 2004 SVOL acquired the status of full member.

There are 614 direct members (more than 1,250 forest owners) with a total area of 398,096 hectares of forest actually organized in SVOL.

SVOL Chamber of private forests in the Czech Republic is a political corporation consisting of owners of private forests and legal entities established or intended for management of private forests and to manage them. Chamber of private forests is a collective member of SVOL, through which private owners are involved in the activities of SVOL. Chamber actually consists of 150 members in private forests with an area of more than 136,000 ha of forest, ie. 34% of the total forest area of all SVOL members.

Professional forest manager (OLH) and private forest owner - Ing. Miroslav Pacovský

Forest owner is obliged to ensure managing forests in conjunction with professional forest manager (OLH). OLH provides complex care for the forest, from harvesting and sale of timber, forest protection up to silvicultural care of the forest, including the realization of subsidies in forestry. OLH must have license for this activity granted by a state forest administration.

Forest owners have the right to choose OLH who is responsible for managing forests according to valid forest management plan and in accordance with current legislation. Forest owner is obliged to notify the state forest administration with the name of the OLH. The forest owner, who operate according to forest management plan, he is obliged to conclude a contract with OLH for the performance of activities. If it meets the requirement of professional forestry education and professional forestry practices, the forest owner in the woods in his possession can perform activities of OLH himself without a license.

Costs of OLH in forest properties under 50 ha are covered by the state and cost of OLH for managing forest properties over 50 ha pays forest owner.

Business sector and industry

SDP - Společenstvo dřevozpracujících podniků v ČR, z.s. (*Fellowship of Wood Processing Enterprises in the Czech Republic*), www.sdpcr.cz

Fellowship of wood processing enterprises in the Czech Republic (SDP ČR) is a voluntary fellowship of production and trade communities, cooperative enterprises, vocational schools and various companies.

There are actually 85 member companies in SDP ČR and the main purpose of the SDP ČR is promoting legitimate business interests in wood processing and other related industries to the external environment, state authorities, the main buyer and supplier organizations.

SDP ČR is based in city Jihlava. The function of SDP ČR Committee Chairman is carried out by Ing. Petr Pražan, Ph.D. and the function of SDP ČR Secretary is carried out by Ing. František Novák.

ACPP - Asociace českého papírenského průmyslu (*Association of Czech Pulp and Paper Industry*), www.acpp.cz

Association of Czech Pulp and Paper Industry (ACPP) unites legal entities and individuals in the paper industry or related fields and public school facilities focused on the paper industry. The Association represents its members in negotiations with government authorities, trade unions and international organizations. Ensures the promotion of common interests and presentation of member companies via working groups - statistics and information, ecology and the environment, recycling, economy and finance, and collective bargaining with the unions.

From 1st January 2004 ACPP is a full member of the Confederation of European Paper Industries (CEPI), which brings together 18 European countries.

ACPP has 13 regular members . Production of ACPP member companies represent more than 85 % of the total production of pulp, paper and cardboard and products made of them in the Czech Republic.

The supreme authority of the association is General Assembly, which is usually 2 times a year. In between the meetings of the General Assembly the ACPP is managed by Association Board whose Chairman is Ing. Petr Sedláček. Secretariat of ACPP is based in Prague and function of Secretariat Director is carried out by Ing. Zdeněk Musil.

ALDP - Asociace lesnických a dřevozpracujících podniků (*Association of Forestry and Wood Processing Enterprises*), www.aldp.cz

Association of forestry and wood processing enterprises (ALDP) was established as a professional association of corporate entities doing business in the forestry and wood processing industry , which aims to promote the legitimate interests of its members in society and contribute to the cultivation of a positive development of the business environment in the forestry and logging sector. Convinced of the benefits of responsible management of wood raw material and wooden products directed the efforts of the Association to promote research, development and innovation in the field and also to promote occupational education.

Establishment of ALDP binds to December 2013. Managing Authority of ALDP is the General assembly based in Prague.

ALDP actually has 11 members in Forestry Section, with annual volume of harvested wood of 5.2 million cubic meters and with 1,370 employees. Section of Woodworking Companies actually has 8 members with annual volume of processed timber of 9.8 million cubic meters, this section employs 3,890 employees.

ALDP is based in Prague and the function of Chairman of the Board is carried out by Ing. Petr Jelínek.

ČAPLH - Česká asociace podnikatelů v lesním hospodářství (*Czech Association of Entrepreneurs in Forestry*), www.caplh.cz

Czech Association of Entrepreneurs in Forestry (ČAPLH) is a professional, voluntary, employers and independent association of legal entities, companies operating in the field of forestry and wood processing with operations in the Czech Republic, whose main concern is to defend the legitimate interests particularly of small and medium enterprises of regional importance.

The aim of ČAPLH is to support and defend the legitimate interests of members in the areas of work and care about their career interests and professional growth, as well as contributing to the creation and implementation of economic policy in forestry, wood industry and related fields, in negotiations with the government of the Czech Republic and business entities in the Czech Republic and abroad, including collective negotiations on higher level collective agreements and including representing members in negotiations with trade unions.

There are actually 15 full members in ČAPLH and 1 associated member. ČAPLH was founded in 1995 and its secretariat is based in Prague.

Political-administrative sector

FLD ČZU - Česká zemědělská univerzita v Praze – Fakulta lesnická a dřevařská (*Czech University of Life Sciences in Prague – Faculty of Forestry and Wood Sciences*), www.fld.czu.cz

The Czech University of Life Sciences Prague (CULS) is a public university and it is celebrating its 110th anniversary in 2016. There are six faculties and one institute at CULS, Faculty of Forestry and Wood Sciences, Faculty of Economics and Management, Faculty of Agrobiology, Food and Natural Resources, Faculty of Engineering, Faculty of Environmental Sciences, Faculty of Tropical AgriSciences and Institute of Education and Communication.

Faculty of Forestry and Wood Sciences (FFWS) of the Czech University of Life Sciences offers comprehensive education in applied biology and technology. The subjects taught at the Faculty provide students practical knowledge in all spheres

regarding forests. The graduate is able to develop forest natural resources and secure their sustainable management.

There is also school forest enterprise at Kostelec nad Černými Lesy which is one of the estates of the university. The main activity of the school enterprise is to provide practice and exercises for students of Life Sciences in Prague, support in writing scientific papers and research projects. Now passes annually over 4,000 students.

Faculty of Forestry and Wood Sciences at Czech University of Life Sciences is based in the northwest part of the Prague and function of the dean of FFWS is carried out by prof. Ing. Marek Turčáni, PhD.

ÚHÚL - Ústav pro hospodářskou úpravu lesa (*Forest Management Institute*), www.uhul.cz

The Forest Management Institute (FMI) is a government organization established by the Ministry of Agriculture of the Czech Republic. The FMI operates as a service of the Ministry of Agriculture for forestry.

The scope of the institution is nationwide and these are the main activities of FMI - The implementation of forest inventory in the country. The surveying and administration of Regional Plans of Forest Development, including the execution of uniform forest typologic system in the Czech Republic. Providing information on forests and hunting to the Ministry of the Interior for regional authorities and municipal authorities of municipalities with extended competence. The delimitation of forests under the emission influence. The preparation of analyzes, methodologies, concepts and forecasts. Processing departmental statistical statement sectors of forestry and hunting, including consulting and training activities. The information assurance function and data center sectors of forestry and hunting, cooperation in the creation of the Information Forest Management Standard, creating a uniform geographic information system. The assurance of advisory and services for the implementation of forest certification in the Czech Republic. The assurance of scientific and technical development and training in the field of forest management, including participation in domestic projects and grants. Consultancy, methodological and educational activities. Participation in international activities and involvement in international projects. Preparation of documents for the periodic report on the state of forests. The implementation of reprographic, cartographic, photogrammetric and bookbinding work. The conduct of supervision, performance of professional tasks, classifying, change or removal of genetic resources into the National Programme for the protection and reproduction of the gene pool of tree species, and many other activities.

FMI head office is based in Brandýs nad Labem, function of the FMI director is carried out by Ing. Jaromír Vašíček CSc.

Krajský úřad Vysočina (*Vysočina Regional Office*), <http://urady.statnisprava.cz>

Regional Authority is one of the regional bodies (besides the regional council, regional board, the governor of the region and a special regional authority). Regional authority is necessary level of public administration. The Regional Authority performs tasks within the scope imposed on him by law, regional council and regional board and helps the committees and commissions. Furthermore carries a statutory state administration (delegated powers).

Example agendas in independent powers - preparation of materials for meetings of the regional council and the regional board, provision of information, cooperation with media, publishing Journal of the region, personnel matters, commenting draft state authorities that affect the competence of the region, budgeting the region and others.

Example agendas in delegated powers - State forest management, hunting, putting reproductive material in circulation, fisheries, water and sewer systems, water management, public administration in the field of agriculture, public administration in territorial planning and others.

The regional authority is legally divided into departments and units. Departmental responsibilities of individual unions partly reflects the scope of ministries (Department of Environment and Agriculture, Department of Education, Youth, Sport and Physical Education, the Department for Regional Development).

Regional Office staff consists of director and heads of the departments. Vysočina Regional Office is based in city Jihlava and function of the director of Vysočina Regional Office is carried out by Mgr. Ing. Zdeněk Kadlec, dr. h. c.

MŽP - Ministerstvo životního prostředí (*Ministry of the Environment of the Czech Republic*), www.mzp.cz

The Ministry of the Environment (MoE) was established as of 1 January 1990 by Act no. 173/1989 Coll., dated 19 December 1989, to function as the central state administrative authority and supreme inspection authority in environmental affairs.

The MoE is the central state administrative authority in protection of natural water accumulation, protection of water resources and the quality of groundwater and surface water, air protection, nature and landscape protection, conservation of agricultural land, operation of the National Geological Survey, protection of the rock environment, including mineral resources and groundwater, geological works and environmental supervision of mining, waste management, environmental impact assessment of activities and their consequences, including transboundary, gamekeeping, fisheries and forestry in national parks, national environmental policy.

To guarantee and inspection activity of the Government of the Czech Republic, the Ministry of the Environment co-ordinates the activities of all Ministries and other central state administrative authorities of the Czech Republic in environmental matters.

The Ministry of the Environment is based in the capital city Prague and function of Minister of the Environment is actually carried out by Mgr. Richard Brabec.

Sector utilizing ecosystem services of forest management

ČLS - Česká lesnická společnost (Czech Forestry Association), www.cesles.cz

Czech Forestry Association (ČLS) is a voluntary, apolitical, professional social organization associating physical and legal persons whose professional activity is related to or associated with the forest, forestry, the forestry education, research and education, with wood industry and protection of nature and landscape.

ČLS was established by the General Assembly 23. 2. 1990. In its action builds on more than 150 years of tradition of forestry community organizations on the territory of today's Czech Republic, where it currently works.

The main activities of ČLS is to provide professional growth and education of its members and other interested parties, pursue development in forestry, forest research, paying attention to youth work especially in the form of forest pedagogy, paying attention to nature and landscape protection in the Czech Republic, discuss basic issues in the field of forestry, timber industry, protection of the cultural landscape and nature conservation.

ČLS is based in Prague, its office is managed by Secretary PhDr. Ing. Vít Skála, Ph.D. and function of Committee Chairman is carried out by Ing. Pavel Draščík.

Biosférická rezervace Dolní Morava, o.p.s (Biospheric Reservation Lower Morava), www.dolnimorava.org

Biosphere Reserve Lower Morava is part of the World Network of Biosphere Reserves and was formed with the participation of stakeholders and municipal of biosphere reserves, in accordance with the Seville Strategy of creation and management of biosphere Reservations statutes and the Framework of the World network of biosphere reserves.

Committee of the International Coordinating Council of UNESCO program " Man and Biosphere " in Paris approved the creation of Lower Morava Biosphere Reserve on 8th July 2003.

Lower Morava Biosphere Reserve is the only one biosphere reserve in the Czech Republic, which is represented by a non-profit non-governmental organizations, in which organs are also representatives from businesses, government, communities, professional organizations and non-profit organizations working in the territory of biosphere reserves. In the Czech Republic it is also the first time a biosphere reserve is represented by the non-governmental organization . This management model is unique in our country because until now management of Czech biosphere reserves was always associated with performance management of one of nature protection authorities, either the protected area or national park.

Lower Morava Biospheric Reservation is based in city Lednice and the function of director of the biosphere reserve Lower Morava is carried out by Ing. Jan Vybíral.

Lesnický park Křivoklátsko (*Forestry Park Křivoklátsko*), www.lpkřivoklatsko.cz

Forestry Park Křivoklátsko is an area of 17,000 hectares situated in the Middle Bohemia close to town Křivoklát, approximately 50 km west of Prague, on which owners and managers decided to implement forest management with the standard of forest parks. It is open to all nature-friendly human activities utilizing this region.

It was founded May 13th, 2010 by the free will of its founders, namely Jerome Colloredo - Mansfeld, the largest private owner of forests in the Czech Republic, by the company Forests of the Czech Republic and the Czech Forestry Association.

Establishment of the Forestry Park Křivoklátsko is the logical conclusion of the long series of generations of foresters with sensitive attitude to forests who has been managing the Křivoklát forests and the attitude of local residents to the whole country. All together for several centuries have been actively shaping the local landscape, have been sustainably using its natural resources and have been increasing its production potential. Continuing this process is fully in line with the traditions of life in the Czech countryside and guarantees not only enhancing the natural values of this area, but also preservation of Křivoklát forest as a cultural heritage of our ancestors. We believe that the depth of the forest park ideas will be appreciated by future generations.

ČSOP - Český svaz ochránců přírody (*Czech Union for Nature Conservation*), www.csop.cz

Czech Union for Nature Conservation (ČSOP) is a civic association of people who share an active interest in nature conservation and the environment. The mission is to protect and restore nature, the landscape and the environment, to promote environmental education and support sustainable living.

The range of ČSOP activities is very broad. Among others, management of valuable natural sites, carrying out biological field research and surveys, preservation of the richness of plant and animal life in the Czech Republic, work with children and youth as well as with the general public, providing care for injured or otherwise handicapped wildlife, participation in administrative decision-making processes, and cooperation in the preservation of cultural heritage.

The Union has existed since 1979 and its members come from the ranks of professional naturalists, experienced volunteers as well as pure enthusiasts who simply love nature. In around 350 local branches all over the Czech Republic there are almost 7 thousand adult members and over 2 thousand children organized in groups of Young Environmentalists. ČSOP also registers hundreds of individual members. ČSOP is a member of International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) and is a founding member of the Czech National Committee of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).

ČSOP head office is based in Prague and the function of the Union Chairman is carried out by RNDr. Libor Ambrozek.