

# Forest management and climate change in Hungary

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for forest managers  
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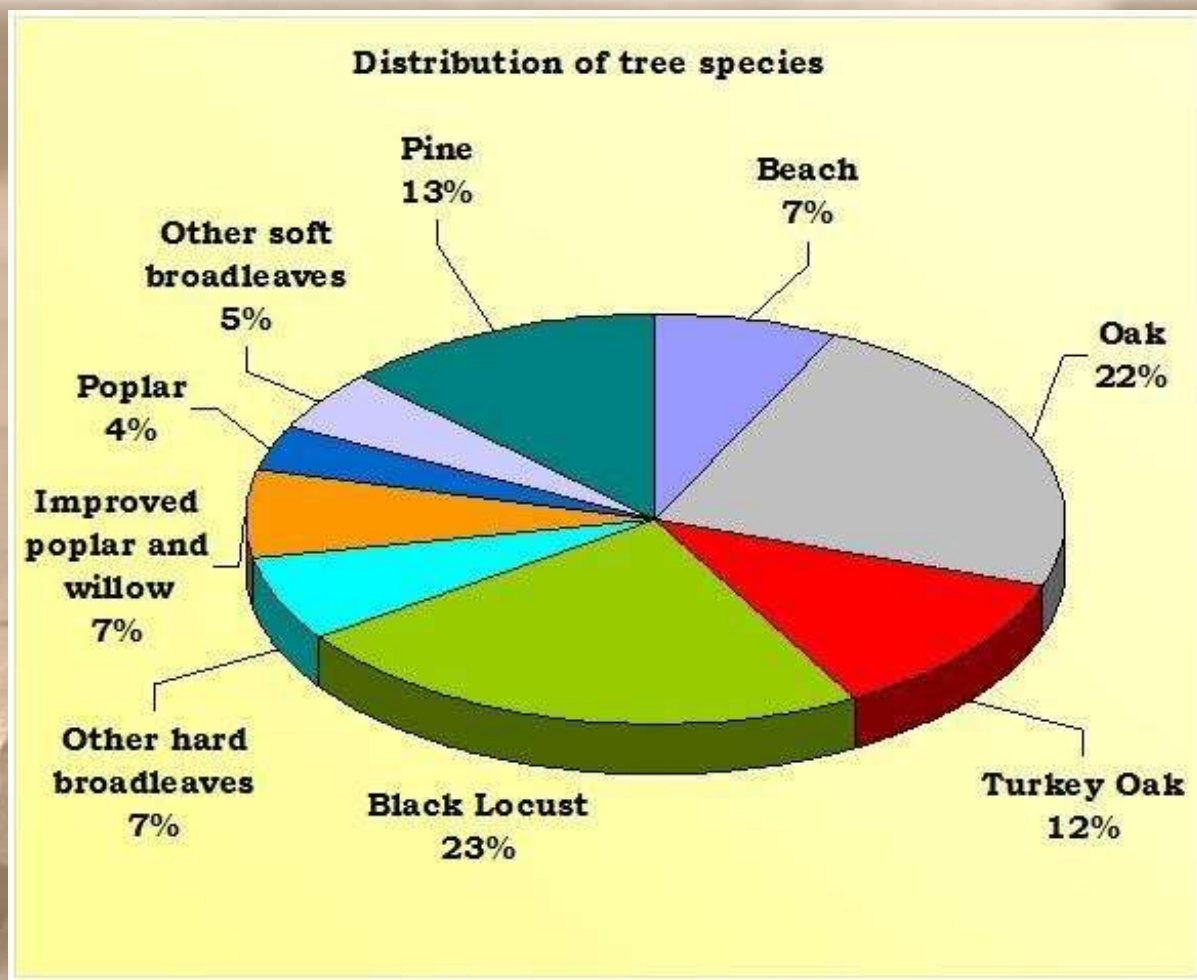
# Facts

- **Total area of the country: 9 303 000 ha**
- **Forest area: 2 055 600 ha**
- **Growing stock: 370 million m<sup>3</sup>**
- **Annual increment: 13,1million m<sup>3</sup>**
- **Total fellings: 7,9 million m<sup>3</sup>**
- **Reforestation: 19 000 ha annually**
- **Afforestation: 3-19 000 ha annually**
- **Ownership: State: 57%      Community: 1%**  
**Private: 42%**

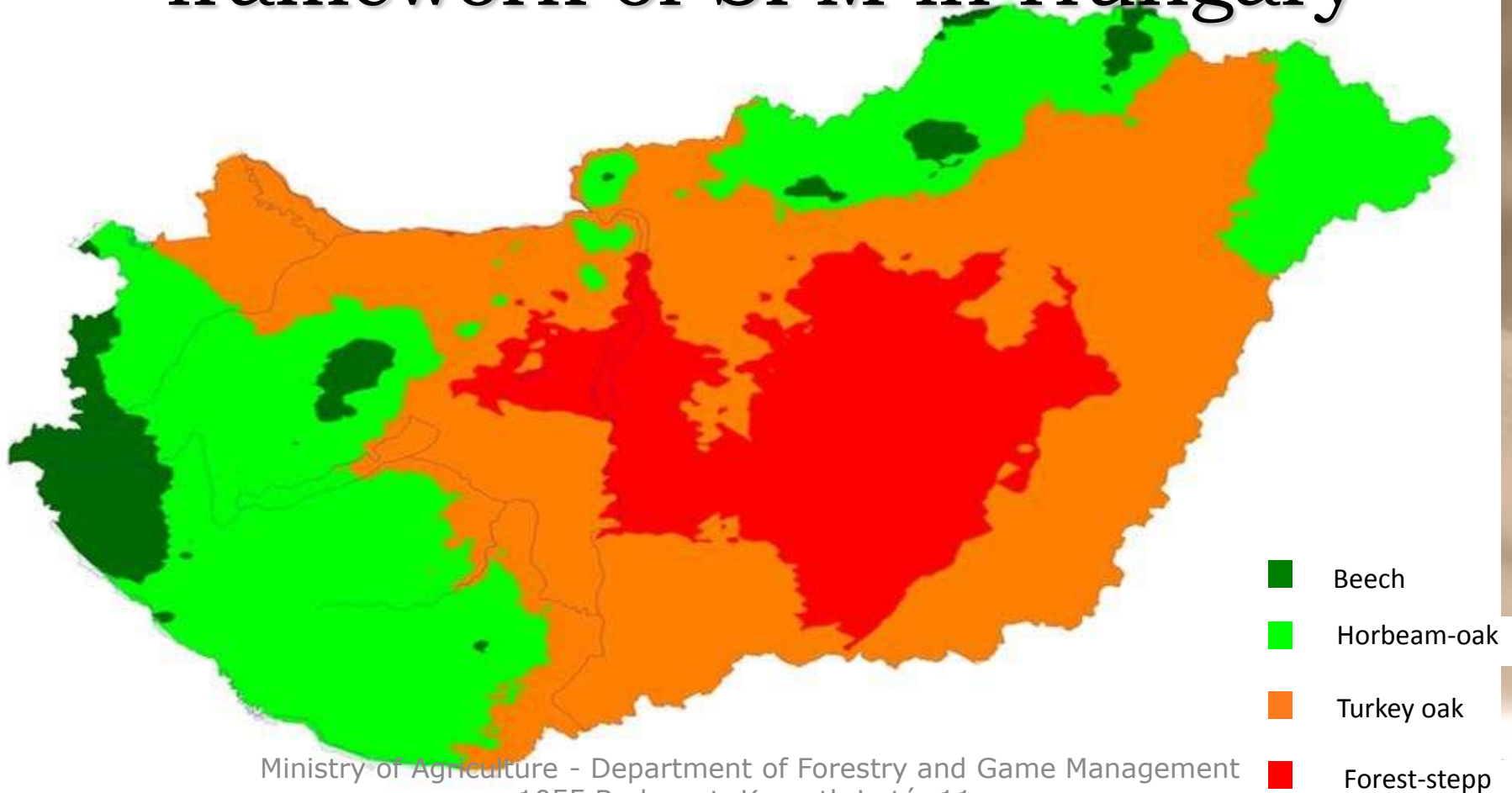


## Changes in forest cover from 1921 to 2014





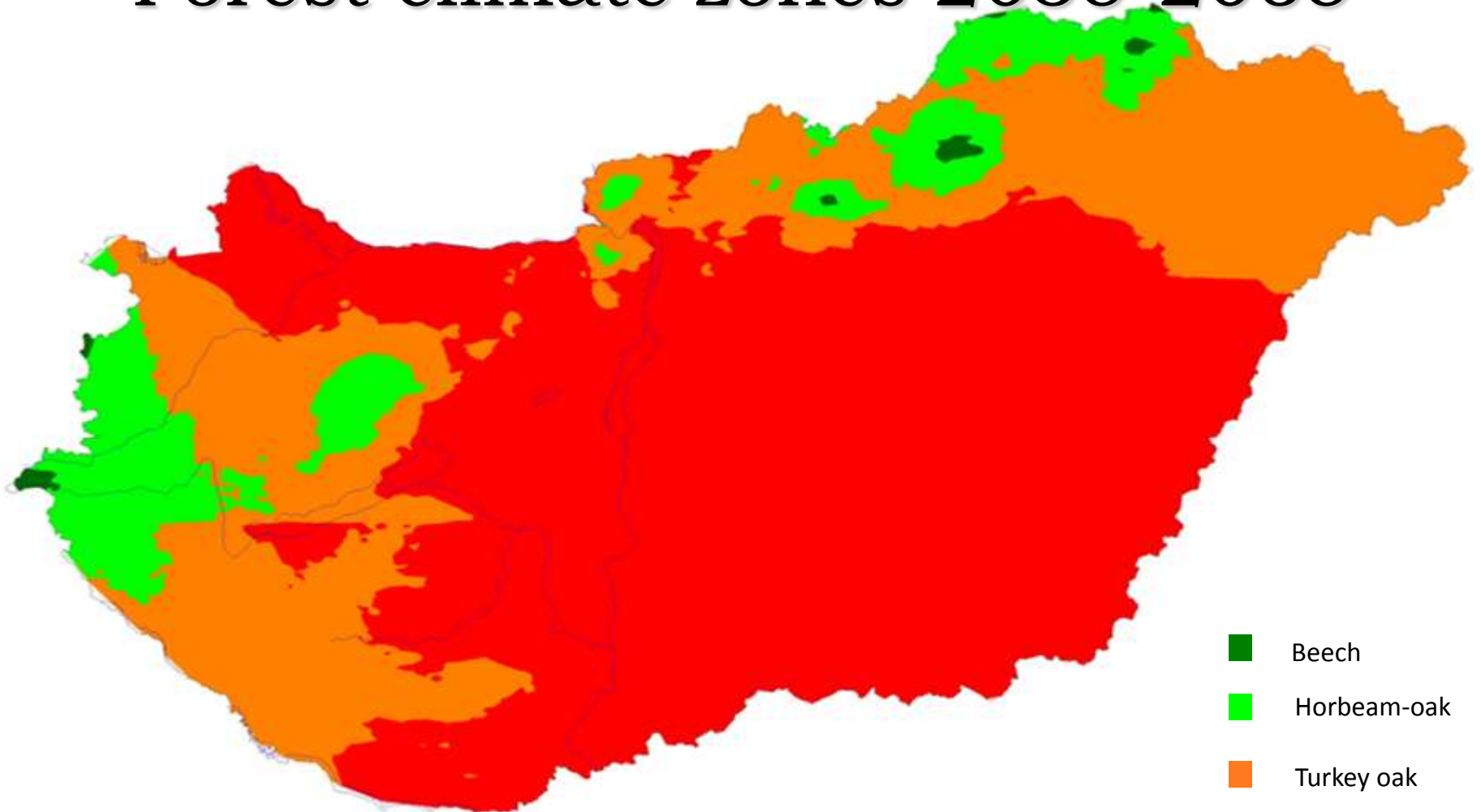
# Forest climate zones 1961-1990 framework of SFM in Hungary





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# Forest climate zones 2035-2065



-  Beech
-  Horbeam-oak
-  Turkey oak
-  Forest-stepp

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# How will trees respond to climate change within a generation?

Migration of trees vs. isotherm shift (km/100 years)

- beech migration 20-30
- oak migration 8-50
- isotherm shift 1.8 °C temperature rise 260
- isotherm shift 3.3 °C temperature rise 480



# The framework

- Legal framework – **forest act** and forest (forestry) related legislation, especially nature conservation, game management, water management legislation
- National Forest Program
- Institutions
- Information system
- Financial framework

# Legal framework – forest act

- definition of SFM
- protection of forests and forested land
- forest management planning system
  - district forest management plans (cover the whole forest area)
  - forest compartment based inventory, national forest database
  - forest management plans
- authorization of annual forest management activities
- provisions on regeneration (regeneration is obligatory)
- provisions on afforestation
- provisions on the protection of forests against damages (forest condition monitoring system)
- provisions on felling and other uses

**Forest inventory**

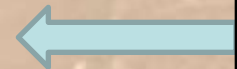
**Forest management  
planning**



**District forest  
managemet plans**

Consultations with:

- forest managers
- authorities
- stakeholders
- NGO-s
- municipalities



**forest management plans  
(FMP, 10 years) adopted  
by forestry authority  
resolution**



**Notification**

- forest management according to FMP

**Authorisation/Permission**

- land use change, division of forest land
- modification of FMP

**Regular controls**



# **National Forest Programme (2006-2015)**

- **The Hungarian NFP was elaborated in line with the MCPFE resolutions, especially Vienna 1 and FAO recommendations on national forest programs.**

## **Main objectives**

- **To ensure long term environmental, economic and social services of forests through sustainable multiple-use forest management.**
- **To harmonize the interests of the society in sustainable forest management with the owners and forest managers.**
- **To improve the viability of the forest sector.**
- **To maintain natural or close-to-nature forest stands composed by indigenous tree species and extend their area in accordance with prevailing site conditions.**
- **To increase forest cover by afforestation up to the rate of approximately 27 %.**



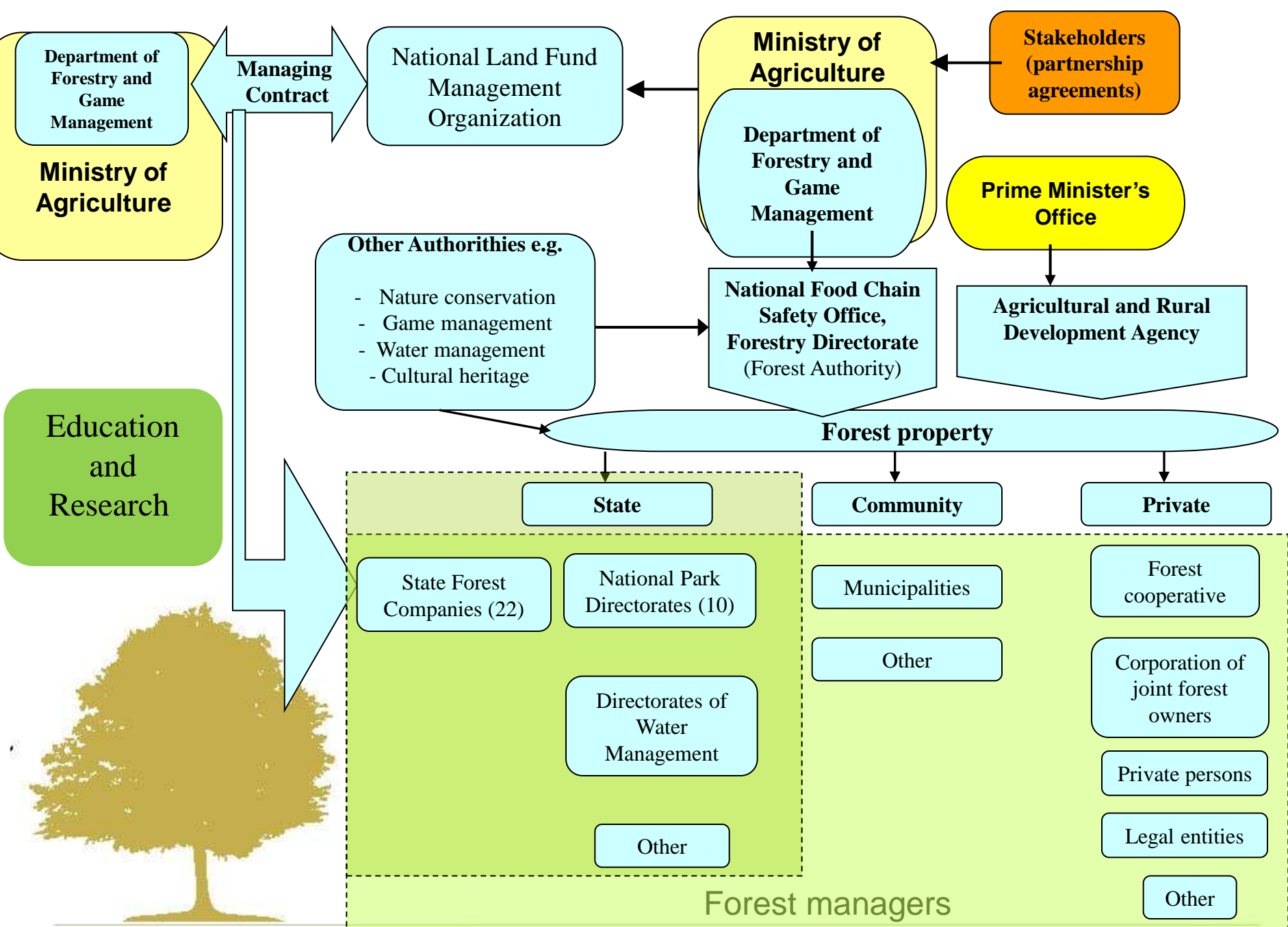
**The NFP sets up 10 operative programs** (e.g. state forestry, private forestry, forest protection, nature conservation, forest based industry etc.) **concerning forests and related fields with particular objectives to be achieved in this time frame.**

**State of play:**

- **Annual Program of Work (ministries, stakeholders, NGOs)**
- **Reporting on the Annual Program of Work (including monitoring)**
- **Public information**

**Future objectives – renewal of the NFP in 2015.**

- **Enhancement of the multi-stakeholder participation in planning and implementation**
- **Efficient communication**



# Information system

## National Forest Database

- forest area
- stand data
- registry of forest managers
- forestry professionals
- forest condition monitoring

## National Statistics

- forest products
  - import/export
  - employment
  - financial data
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# Financial framework I.

## **Rural Development Program**

- main source of subsidies in forestry
- main measures
  - technical advisory systems, knowledge transfer
  - improving the economic value of forests, wood mobilisation
  - innovation
  - afforestation and industrial plantations
  - agri-forestry systems
  - restoring forestry potential, prevention against fires
  - improving forest resilience
  - natura 2000
  - forest environment payments
  - non-productive investments, tourism



# Financial framework I.

## **National subsidies**

- since the accession of Hungary to the EU the amount is continuously decreasing
- main areas:
  - reforestation
  - afforestation
  - narrow gauged railways

# Reporting - criteria and indicators

- **Annual reports**

- Forest Report – FE SFM indicators (forest authority)
- State of the Hungarian forests (minister)
- Report on fellings (minister)
- National statistics (Office of Statistics)

- **Periodic reports**

- Hungarian forests (forest authority)
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