



A FOREST OF INITIATIVES

COOPERATION OFFER
FROM THE STATE FORESTS



WE HAVE BEEN CARING FOR POLAND'S FORESTS FOR 100 YEARS

-  The State Forests ensure the continued growth of forest resources, sustainability, and protection of forests, while making use of their potential.
-  We manage forests in a sustainable manner to achieve a variety of natural, social, and economic benefits.

We also undertake joint initiatives with partners who support our efforts for sustainable development and nature conservation. Joint projects may combine several segments, including the implementation of environmentally-friendly business practices, cooperation on nature conservation projects, or educational activities.

We are looking forward to cooperating with companies, public institutions, and community organisations. We offer both technical and organisational support. Together, we can do even more – for the forest and for the people.

THE STATE FORESTS FOR THE ENVIRONMENT



Enhancing
forest resources



Protecting natural
resources
and biodiversity



Retaining water
in forests, preventing
droughts and floods



Increasing the CO₂
absorption capacity
of forests



Implementing projects
to combat the effects
of climate change



Promoting and implementing
actions in line with the
sustainable development
concept

COOPERATION WITH THE STATE FORESTS INCLUDES:

- participating in activities beneficial to the environment
- making impact on sustainable forest management
- achieving the UN's Sustainable Development Goals through supporting measures to increase the forestation rate, enhance sustainability of forest ecosystems, and ensure nature conservation and forest protection
- raising employees' environmental awareness, and undertaking initiatives aimed at their participation in environmentally-friendly activities
- providing stakeholders with information on the company's environmental activities
- encouraging consumers to make informed choices that have a positive impact on the environment

IN PREVIOUS YEARS, WE HAVE IMPLEMENTED ENVIRONMENTALLY-FRIENDLY ACTIVITIES WITH MORE THAN 30 ENTITIES

Over
30%
of the country
is covered with forests



The State Forests manage
76.9% of Poland's
forests with a total area of over
7.1 million ha

From any location in Poland,
one **can reach a forest in**
less than
an hour

Approximately
65% of all plant and
animal species living in Poland
are found in forests

500 million
trees are planted annually
by Polish foresters

An average of
3.5 million
people per year participate
in our educational projects

WHAT CAN WE DO COOPERATIVELY?

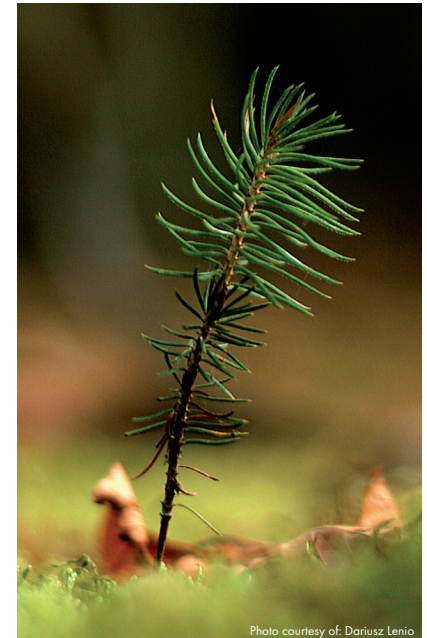


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LET'S AFFOREST POLAND TOGETHER

The main form of cooperation in environmental measures involves the possibility of financial support for the purchase of land to be afforested. Such projects increase the area of forests in Poland. Another option is to support the purchase of private forests to enable sustainable forest management in their area.

BENEFITS FOR THE COMPANY:



participation in an educational workshop on forest planting



joint care of the planted forest



planted forest marking

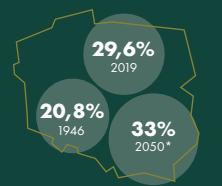


organisation of corporate volunteering



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THE PROPORTION OF STATE FORESTS IN THE AREA OF POLAND



ACTIVITY EXAMPLES:

- we have afforested 1 ha of land in the Mieszkowice Forest District in cooperation with the company Sprout World
- we have also afforested over 3 ha of land in the Rajgród Forest District in cooperation with Kingfisher

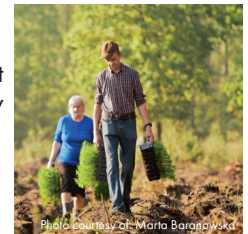


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LET'S PROTECT ANIMALS AND HABITATS

The State Forests run numerous programmes to protect native flora and fauna, which provide support for e.g.:

- 🌿 **the protection of naturally valuable habitats** including peatlands and wetlands
- 🌿 **forest animal rehabilitation centres**
- 🌿 **forest botanical gardens**
- 🌿 **breeding centres for** e.g. the western capercaillie, black grouse, grey partridge, and hare
- 🌿 **the protection of certain animal species** including the European bison, osprey, peregrine falcon, European pond turtle, and others
- 🌿 **pollinating insects** in forests (flower meadows, insect hotels, bee parks, planting melliferous (honey-bearing) plants)

ACTIVITY EXAMPLES:

- renaturalisation of wetlands in the Przemków and Sychowo Forest Districts, carried out with the company Transition Technologies MS
- the protection of crane habitats through the regeneration of wetland habitats in the Starogard Forest District in cooperation with PLL LOT



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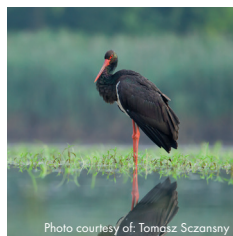


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LET'S SUPPORT ENVIRONMENTAL, INFRASTRUCTURAL, AND EDUCATIONAL MEASURES



Construction and upgrading of:

- ✔ tourist trails
- ✔ vantage points
- ✔ camping sites
- ✔ educational facilities
- ✔ forest car parks



Protection of forests from fires:

- ✔ purchase of fire-fighting equipment
- ✔ maintenance of fire escape routes and water take-off points
- ✔ improvement of infrastructure e.g. fire observation towers



Nature and biodiversity conservation:

- ✔ support for the State Forests' nature projects
- ✔ reforestation carried out as part of standard forest management tasks

ACTIVITY EXAMPLES:

- construction of a wooden observation tower in the Goleniowska Primeval Forest in the Kliniska Forest District, in cooperation with Budimex S.A.
- joint reforestation carried out with the company Teva Pharmaceuticals e.g. in the Bełchatów, Brzeziny, Jabłonna, and Żednia Forest Districts



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HOW TO COOPERATE WITH THE STATE FORESTS

SEND YOUR DECLARATION OF WILLINGNESS TO COOPERATE to the e-mail address: csr@las.gov.pl

SELECT A PROJECT (suggest / ask about options)

IMPLEMENTATION OF COOPERATION

Directly with a selected State Forests unit (under an appropriate agreement)

By purchasing Carbon Dioxide Units (Jednostka Dwutlenku Węgla, JDW*), followed by transferring the equivalent of the JDW purchase amount for a selected purpose (under an agreement with the General Directorate of the State Forests)



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* A Carbon Dioxide Unit represents 1 tonne of CO₂ that will be accumulated in tree stands and in the soil as a result of the implementation of additional measures. These Units are generated as part of the project Forest Carbon Farms. The price of a Carbon Dioxide Unit is determined based on the primary market auction prices at the European Energy Exchange (EEX) in Leipzig, Germany, and accounts for 10% of its (net) value. The Units are sold via the portal www.e-klimat.las.gov.pl. Carbon Dioxide Units are purchased on a voluntary basis, and represent an added value in the PR and CSR areas of the purchaser.

Q&A

HOW MANY TREES WILL WE COLLABORATIVELY PLANT?

If you provide financial support for forest planting, the minimum area to start with is 1 ha on which approx. 6-8 thousand trees will be planted.

WHAT ARE THE COSTS OF PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION?

Each project is subject to consultation on an individual basis, and its costs are determined by a number of components that are discussed at our organisational meetings.

WHEN IS THE COOPERATION IN FOREST PLANTING IMPLEMENTED?

In the Polish climate, trees are planted twice a year, in spring and autumn, when conditions are optimal for seedling growth, and trees take root best.

CAN EMPLOYEES OF OUR COMPANY PLANT A FOREST ON A VOLUNTARY BASIS?

We organise forest planting sessions in cooperation with the public. These sessions have a form of educational activities / workshops, and are not real support for our responsibilities. In order to organise such a meeting, visit the nearest Forest Inspectorate.

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN AFFORESTATION AND REFORESTATION?

Afforestation is the establishment of new forests in areas where there were none before, while reforestation is a process of forest restoration on the site of a previously existing forest.

WILL THE PLANTED FOREST BE USED?

The State Forests operate under the Forest Act which sets out e.g. the objectives and principles for the management of state forests. This Act ensures that these forests are managed in accordance with the principles of sustainable development.

WHERE CAN I FIND A LIST OF POTENTIAL PROJECTS TO BE IMPLEMENTED IN COOPERATION WITH THE STATE FORESTS?

There is no official list of measures to be carried out with our partners. Our offer of cooperation is very diverse and adapted to the individual needs and capabilities of the State Forests at any particular time.

WILL I BE PROVIDED WITH A LIST OF SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES TO BE IMPLEMENTED IN COOPERATION WITH THE STATE FORESTS?

The offer of cooperation with the State Forests is diverse, and the implementation of a particular project is determined by the specific needs and capabilities of the State Forests at a particular time. The final decision on the implementation of cooperation depends on the General Directorate of the State Forests which considers the capabilities and interests of both the State Forests and the potential partner.

You are welcome to contact us in order to develop an optimal cooperation model: csr@lasy.gov.pl

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