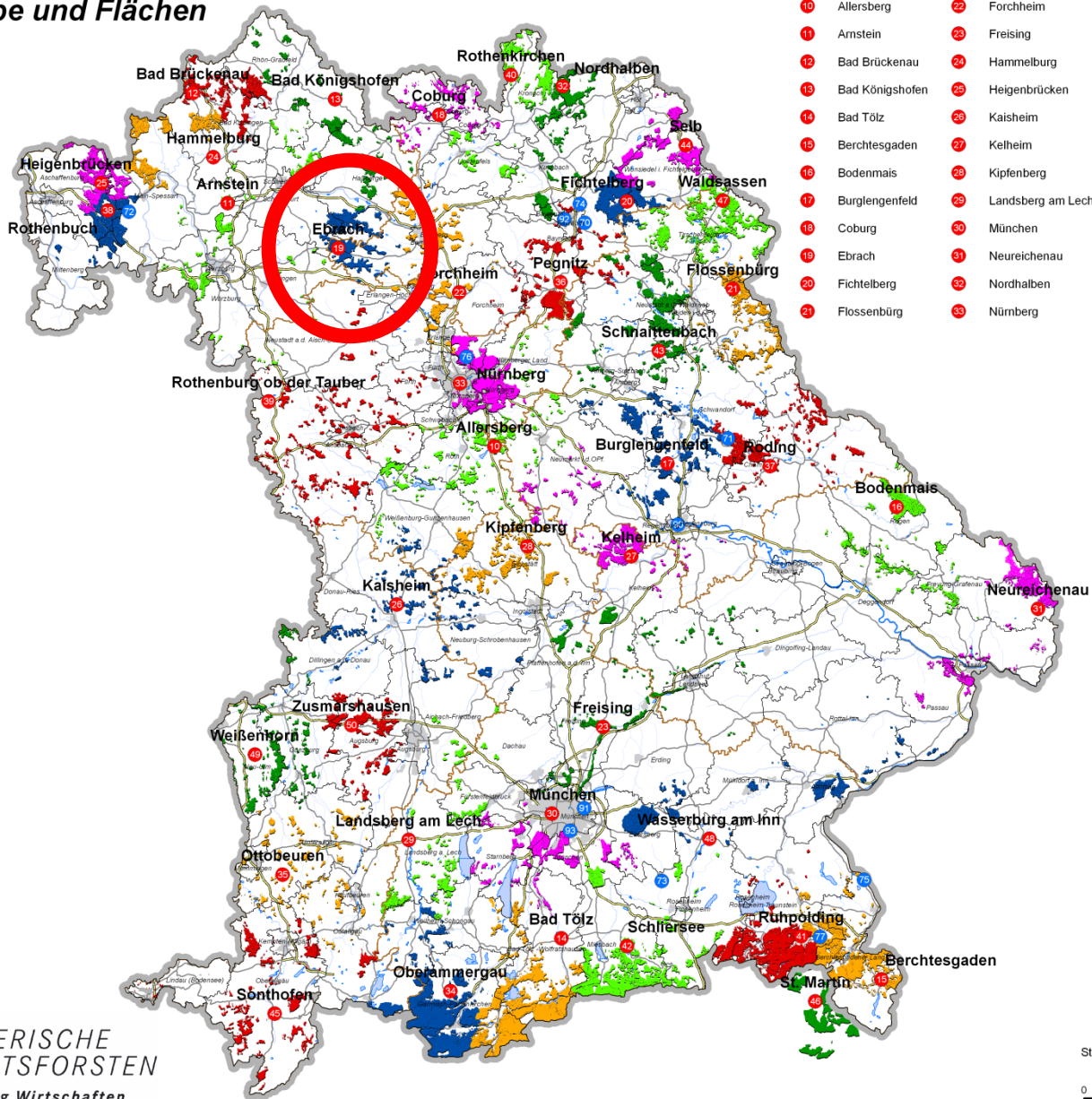


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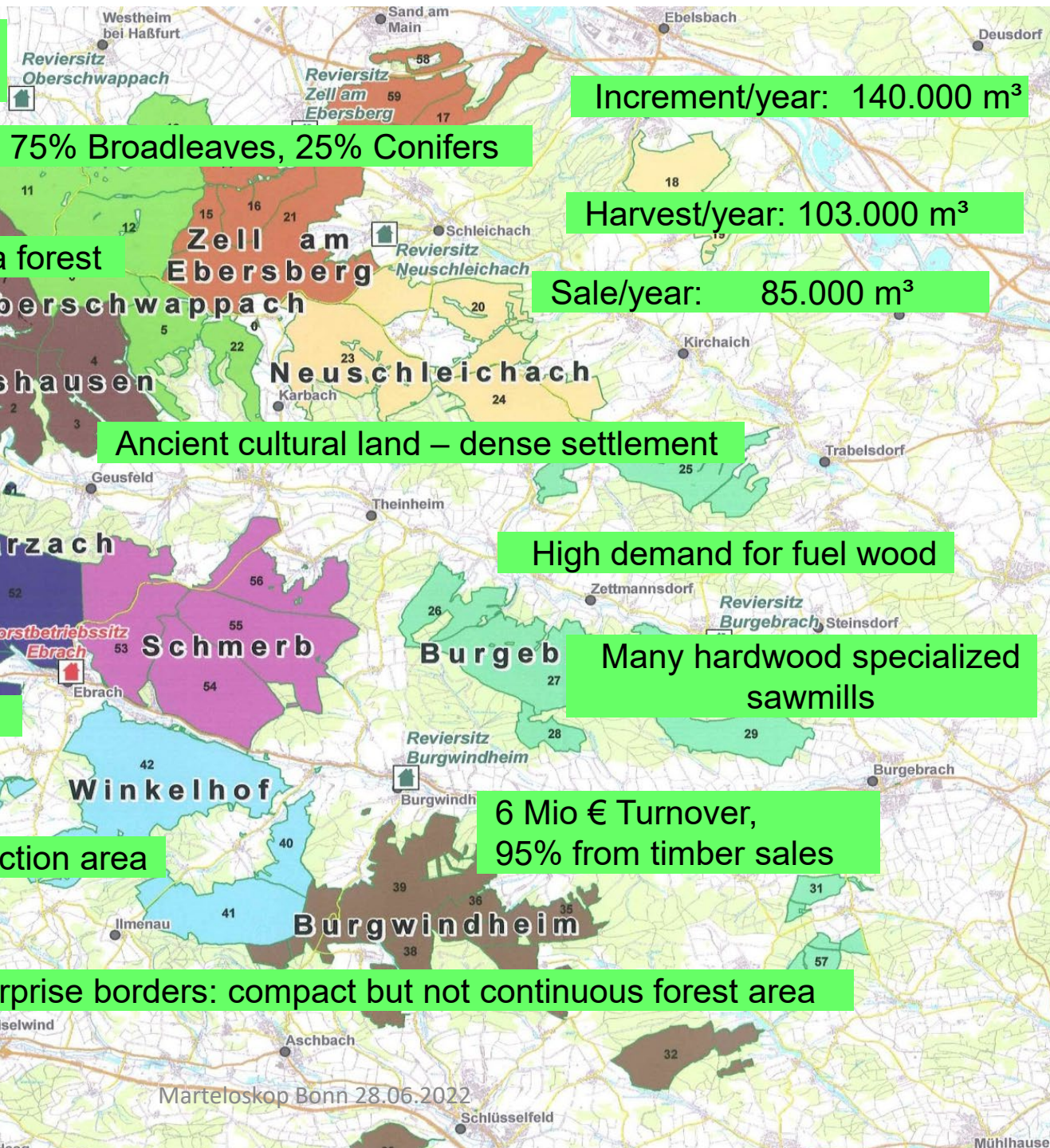
Effects of maintenance and thinning on the emergence of habitat structures

by Ulrich Mergner, Rauhenebrach

Forstbetriebe und Flächen



Information about Forest Enterprise Ebrach



Increment/year: 140.000 m³

75% Broadleaves, 25% Conifers

Harvest/year: 103.000 m³

17.000 ha total, 16.500 ha forest

Sale/year: 85.000 m³

Mean age: 90 years

Ancient cultural land – dense settlement

High demand for fuel wood

Many hardwood specialized sawmills

11.500 ha Natura2000 area

6 Mio € Turnover,
95% from timber sales

16.800 ha Landscape protection area

250 km enterprise borders: compact but not continuous forest area



The map displays the Zell am Ebersberg region, divided into numerous forest management units (Forstbetriebe) numbered 1 through 58. Each unit is color-coded and has a red arrow pointing to it, indicating fuelwood demand. The units are distributed across several municipalities: Hundelshausen, Oberschwappach, Zell am Ebersberg, Neuschleichach, Schmerzbach, Burgebrach, Winkelhof, and Burgwindheim. The map also shows surrounding areas like Reviersitz and Gerolzhofen. A green banner is overlaid on the map, and a white box in the bottom left provides specific data for the Ebrach unit.

**Dezentralized fuelwood demand in the region of
the state forest enterprise**

Forstbetrieb

Ebrach:

2300 customers

in 150 villages



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Sägewerkskunden des Forstbetriebs Ebrach in der Region Steigerwald

Landkreis Bamberg

1. Brehm, Richard – Kemmern
2. Eberlein – Stadelhofen
3. Gunreben – Strullendorf
4. Jacob, Erich – Grub am Forst
5. Kröner – Bischberg
6. Lechner – Burgebrach
7. Moser – Burgwindheim
8. Moser – Burgebrach
9. Reinlein – Geiselwind
10. Schonath – Scheßlitz
11. Schug – Schönbrunn
12. Ziegelhöfer – Breitengüßbach

Landkreis Schweinfurt

13. Alt – Schwebheim
14. Barthel – Donnersdorf
15. Gleitsmann – Wipfeld

Landkreis Haßberge

16. Bauerschmitt – Eltmann
17. Gehrig – Oberaurach
18. Jäger, Ludwig – Rauenebrach
19. Jäger, Bernd – Rauenebrach
20. Reitz – Wonfurt
21. Wirth – Oberschleichach
22. Zipfel – Rauenebrach

Landkreis Erlangen-Höchstadt

23. Brehm, Wolfgang – Adelsdorf
24. Kugler – Vestenbergsgreuth

Landkreis Neustadt a. d. Aisch- Bad Windsheim

25. Nahrhaft – Markt Bibart

60 sawmills and a large number of wood processing
companies
in the region Steigerwald

60 Sägewerke in
der Region
Steigerwald



überwiegend Laubholz-Kunden

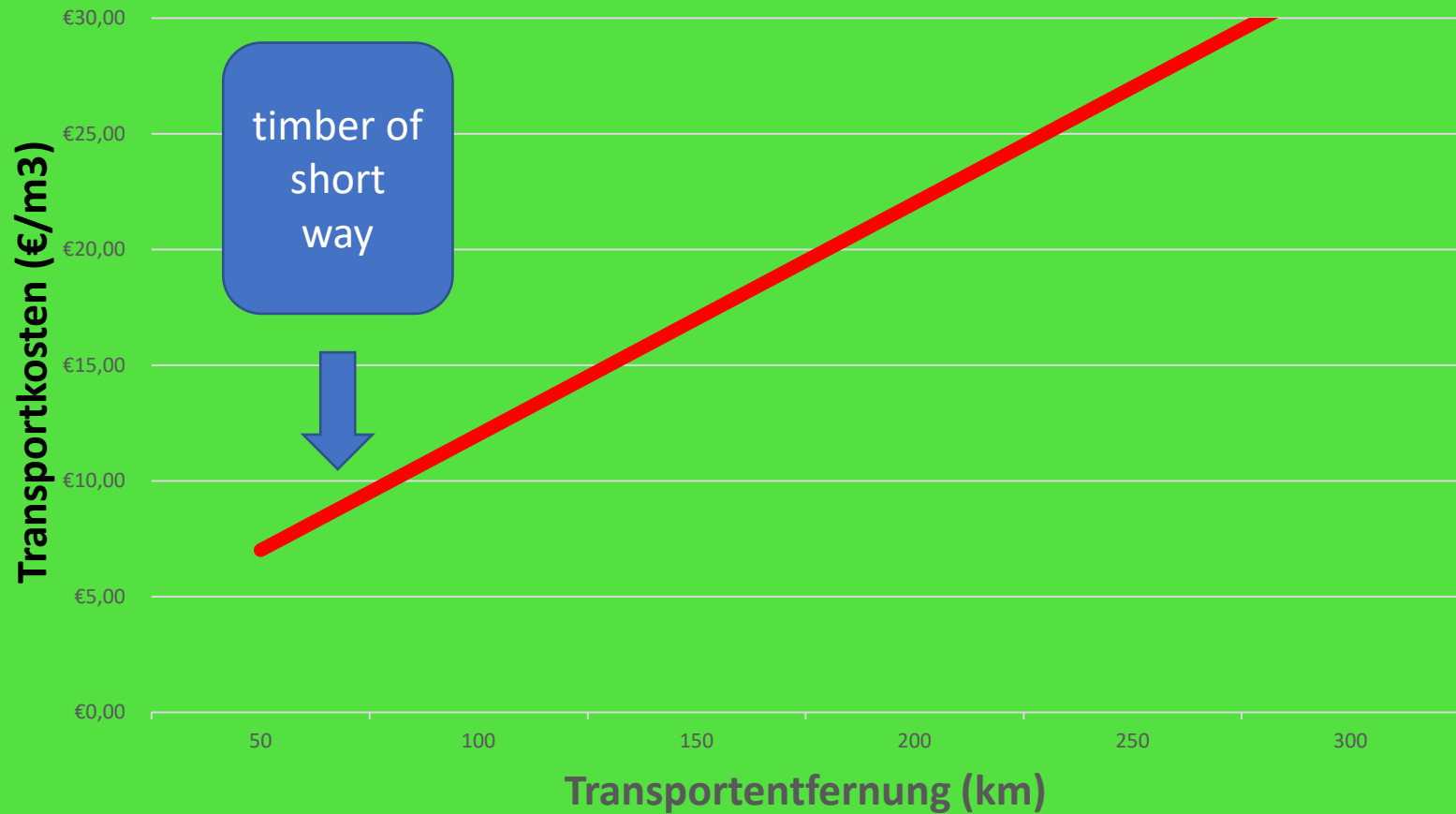


Nadel- und Laubholz-Kunden

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Fright charges of timber from forest to sawmill





**Dezentralized timber demand needs
wood production in the
neighbourhood**



A photograph of a dense deciduous forest. The trees are tall and thin, with vibrant green leaves. The forest floor is covered in fallen logs and branches, many of which are covered in moss. The lighting is bright, suggesting a sunny day. A green rounded rectangle is overlaid on the image, containing text.

Deciduous tree forests with a large amount of habitat-trees and deadwood ...



... are the habitat of the biodiversity in forests





Hesperus ruficornis (Graw., 1802)



Dicoena barolinensis (Hbst., 1779)



Rhamnusium bicolor (Schrk., 1781)



Aliaudor rhinana Bach, 1859



Anaxipha brunnicornis Germ., 1844



Oxypilophorus multiflorus (Rosh., 1947)



Thymalus limbatus (F., 1787)



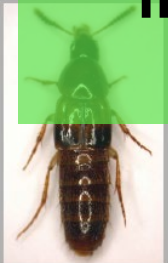
Clytus fulvipes (F., 1795)



Corocelus sandvici (F., 1787)



Adarus populineus (Crautz., 1796)



Crophala velatus (Cl., 1794)



Planidium rugidum Thoms., 1855

confirmation by experts:

500

saproxylic beetles

**in the forests of the enterprise
Ebrach / Steigerwald**



Stagmomus quadricornis Kirby, 1815



Eucinetus confusus (Fairm., 1855)



Eucinetus pygmaeus (DeGeer, 1774)



Scaphisoma boreale Lindbl., 1825



Ptychopagus thomsoni (Gyll., 1806)



Mycaophagus fulvicornis F., 1792



Trox lepto (Fald., 1836)



Anaspis marginicollis Lindberg, 1925



Biodiversity – the associated species



Bechsteins bat



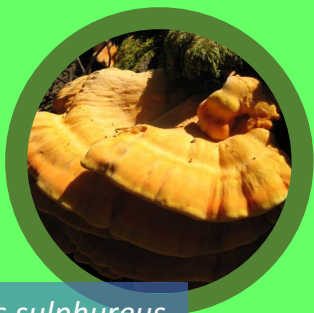
Hericium erinaceus



Collared flycatcher



Middle spotted woodpecker



Laetiporus sulphureus



Dicranum viride



Osmoderma eremita



Elater ferrugineus



Common pipistrelle

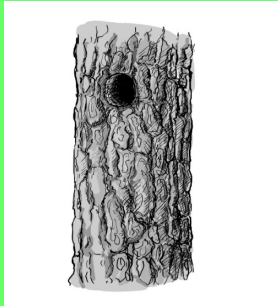


Limoniscus violaceus



Bolitophagus reticulatus

Microhabitats – key structures for biodiversity conservation



Woodpecker cavities



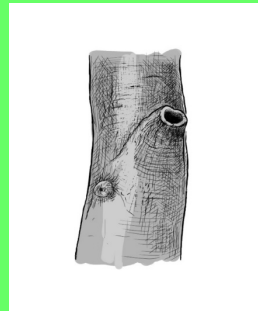
Conks



Cracks and scars



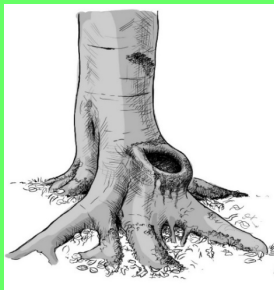
Nests



Branch cavities



Mould cavities



Dendrotelms



Epiphytes



Bark pockets

The most important paper about the systematic of microhabitats comes from European Forest Institute: Daniel Kraus et al, 2016

Katalog der Baummikrohabitate

Referenzl

Catalogue of tree microhabitats

Reference field list



| Illustrationen | Code | Typ | Beschreibung | Saproxylische Mikrohabitate |
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CV1

Spechthöhlen



CV11 $\varnothing = 4 \text{ cm}$

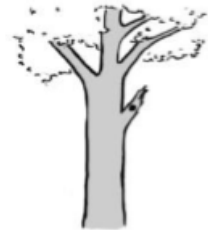
Höhleneingang mit einem \varnothing von 4 cm und einem größeren Innenraum. Die Höhle von *Dendrocopos minor* befindet sich in Starkästen der Baumkrone.



CV12 $\varnothing = 5 - 6 \text{ cm}$

Höhleneingang mit einem \varnothing von 5 - 6 cm und einem größeren Innenraum.

Picus viridis baut seine Höhlen in den Stamm, wobei er vorwiegend Totastlöcher als Ansatzpunkt zum Höhlenbau nutzt. Der runde Höhleneingang folgt dem Habitus des Totastlochs.



Die Höhlen z.B. von *Dendrocopos major* findet man an Faulstellen von Totastlöchern, toten Starkästen sowie in stehendem Totholz.



CV13 $\varnothing > 10 \text{ cm}$

Spechthöhlen am Stamm weisen auf *Dryocopus martius* als Bewohner hin. Der Höhleneingang ist $> 10 \text{ cm}$ im Durchmesser, wobei dieser im Höhleninneren größer ist. *Dryocopus martius* baut seine Höhlen am astfreien Stamm. Der Höhleneingang ist oval. Die meisten Höhlenbäume haben einen BHD von mehr als 40 cm,

Höhlen

Höhlen

Baumhöhle mit Mulm und Bodenkontakt, was das Eindringen von Bodenfeuchte in den Hohlraum erlaubt. Der Eingang zur Höhle kann auch höher am Stamm liegen.

Stamm- und Mulmhöhlen

$\varnothing \geq 10$ cm (Bodenkontakt) CV21

$\varnothing \geq 30$ cm (Bodenkontakt) CV22



Mit Mulm gefüllte Stammhöhle ohne Bodenkontakt.

$\varnothing \geq 10$ cm CV23

$\varnothing \geq 30$ cm CV24



Halboffene Stammhöhle mit oder ohne Mulm; das Mikroklima des Hohlraumes ist teilweise den äußeren klimatischen Bedingungen ausgesetzt und Niederschlag kann eindringen. Der Eingang zur Höhle kann auch höher am Stamm liegen.

$\varnothing \geq 30$ cm / halboffen CV25



Großer, kaminartiger Hohlraum im Stamm mit Öffnung nach oben, mit oder ohne Bodenkontakt.

$\varnothing \geq 30$ cm / hohler Stamm CV26



CV2

**Knowledge of scientific researches in
Naturwaldreservat Waldhaus (strictly protected
area of 10 ha) in Steigerwald forests:**

**High amount of species
on small areas**

Targets for state forest according to Art. 18 of Bavarian Forest Law:

Management aims for state forests is to optimize the total value of all ecosystem services

Demand: Conservation

Large beech forest area
11.500 ha Natura2000 areas
NGOs demand National Park

Demand : Sawn timber

nearly 25 Sawmills
50.000 m³/year

Demand :

Fibres

ca. 10 customers, 7000 m³/year

Demand : Drinking water

600 springs, 241 ha Water protection areas

Mission:

To deliver demands in optimal way

Demand : Fuel wood

2000 customers
15.000 m³/year

Demand : Recreation

Visitors, Locals, Communities
125 hiking trails= 336km

Demand : Hunting

ca. 60 – 70 hunters
More than 1000 hunters during driven hunts

Demand : Working place

60 workers
12 contractors
30 Sawmills

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We urgently need examples for alternative concepts

**Timber harvesting in accordance with nature
in Ebrach/Bayerische Staatsforsten**

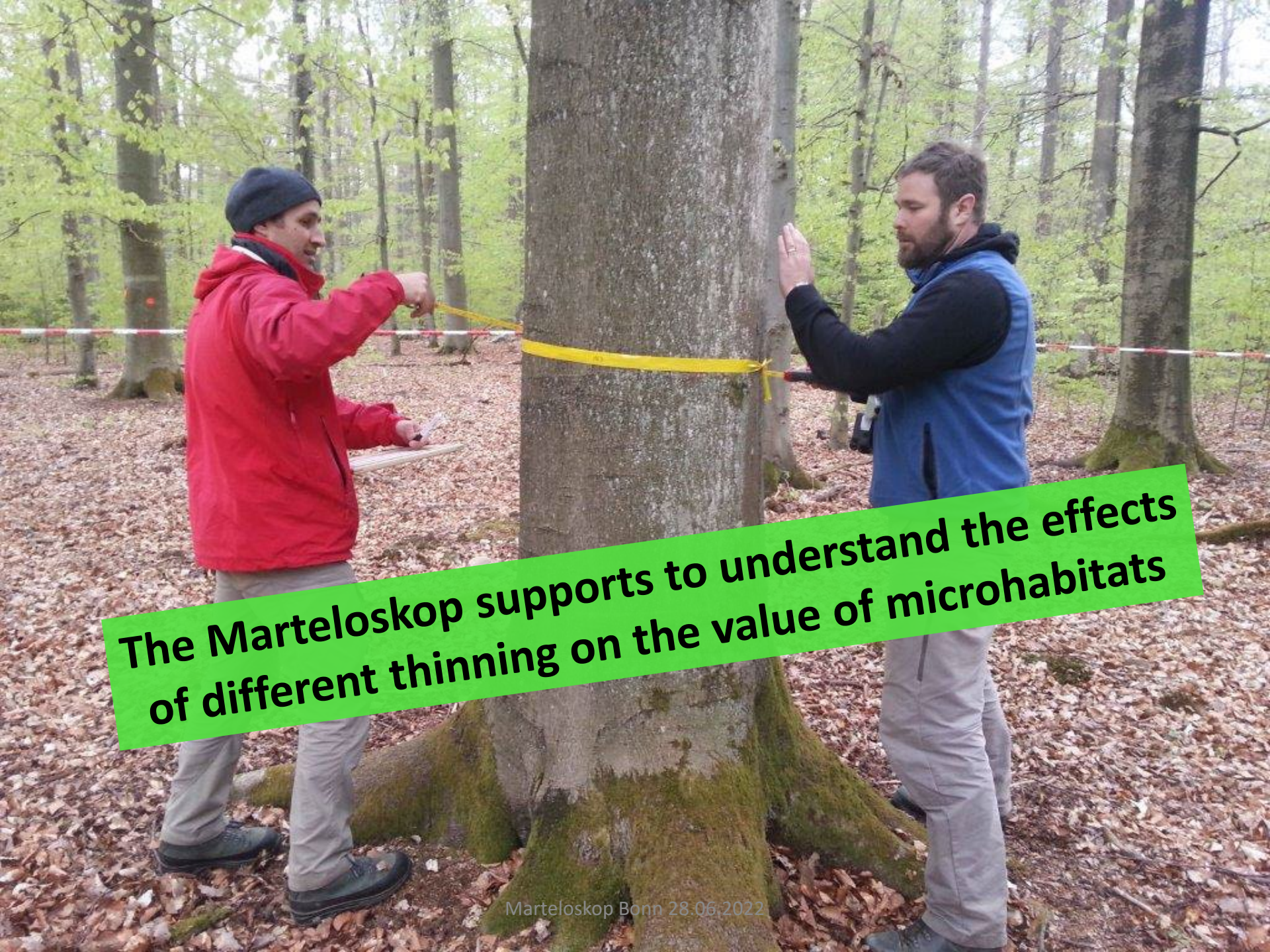
**Marteloskopes can help to find
good solutions**



Marteloskop Steinkreuz near Ebrach ...



... an important place of learning



The Marteloskop supports to understand the effects of different thinning on the value of microhabitats



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Description of two different thinning-scenarios

Scenario 1 (negativ-thinning):

- **Removal of 74 low economical value trees (analog former ANW (Pro-Silva)-management)**
- **Protection of a few recent and clearly habitat-trees**

=> Worth of removal-trees: 8,068.- €

Scenario 2 (positiv-thinning):

- **Promotion of 36 high economical value trees**
- **Removal 28 neighbour-trees**
- **Protection 24 habitat trees**

=> Worth of removal-trees: 4,488.- €



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Ecological value of the two thinning scenarios

| | Scenario 1 | Scenario 2 | |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|------------|
| | (negativ thinning) | (positiv thinning) | difference |
| <i>Points of microhabitats = ecological value</i> | | | |
| - Directly after cut | 2753 | 3431 | 678 |
| - Estimation in 30 years | 3767 | 4765 | 998 |



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The result shows:

**Negativ thinning
with the removal of low value trees
reduces
the later habitat trees**

Thinning effects on biodiversity

A photograph of a forest plot with low thinning. The trees are densely packed, and the ground is covered with fallen leaves.

A = low th.

A photograph of a forest plot with middle thinning. The trees are more spaced out than in plot A, and the ground is covered with fallen leaves.

B = middle th.

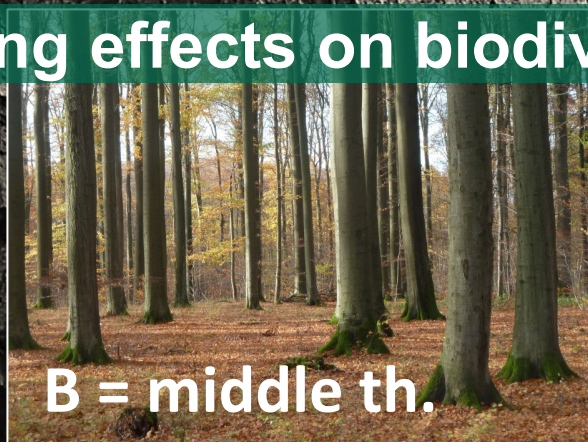
A photograph of a forest plot with intensive thinning. The trees are widely spaced, and the ground is covered with fallen leaves.

C = intensive th.

**The world's oldest beech research area
ABC-Grad in the Abteilung Kapelle / Forest
Fabrikschleichach
200 years old – 150 years research**

**The research shows
the effects of different thinning on microhabitat-
structures**

Thinning effects on biodiversity



Microhabitats



A-Grad

B-Grad

C-Grad

■ Höhle

■ Kronenbruch

■ Tot

■ Freiliegender Holzkörper

■ Riss/Rinne

■ Totholz im Baum

■ Pilz

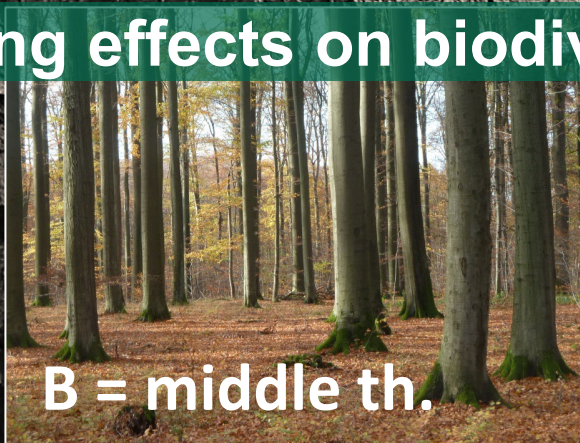
■ Zwiesel

■ Klebäste/Mondkrater/Krebse

Thinning effects on biodiversity



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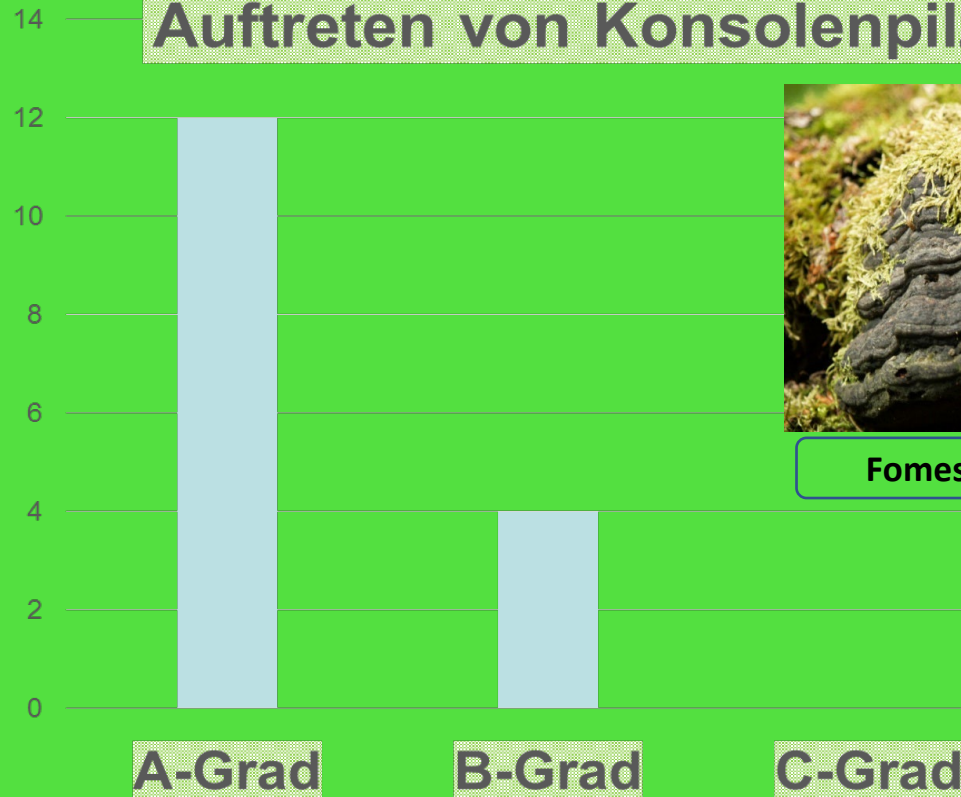


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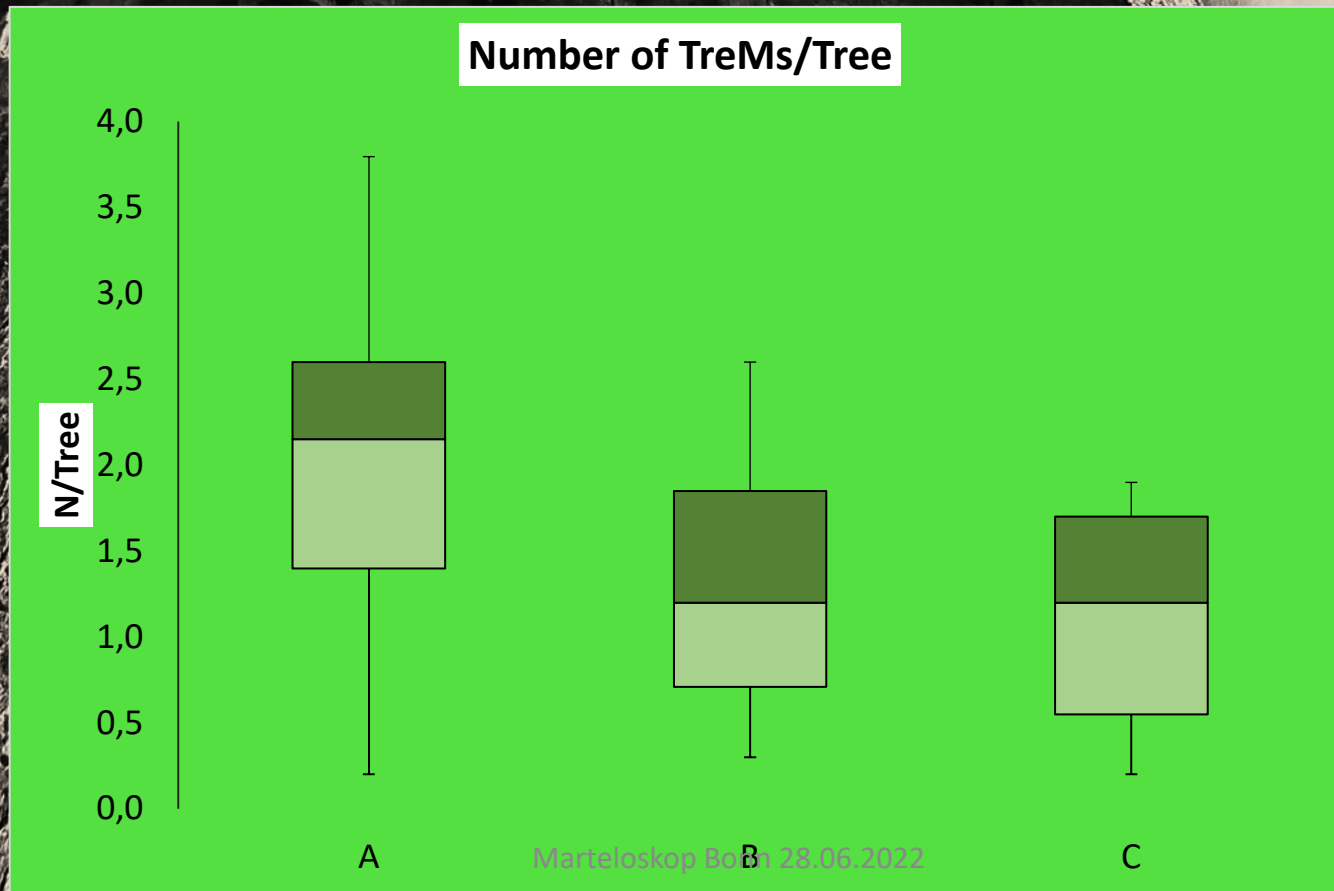
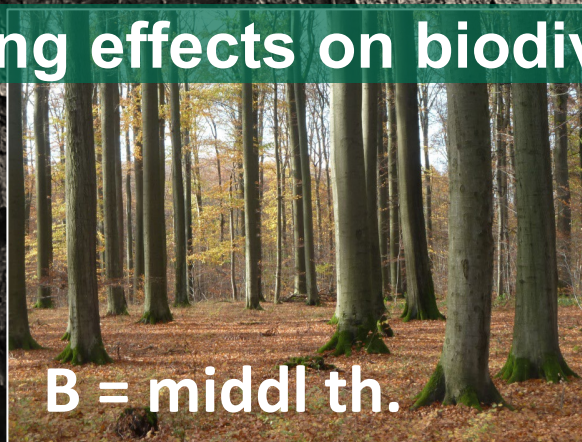
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Auftreten von Konsolenpilzen



Fomes fomentarius

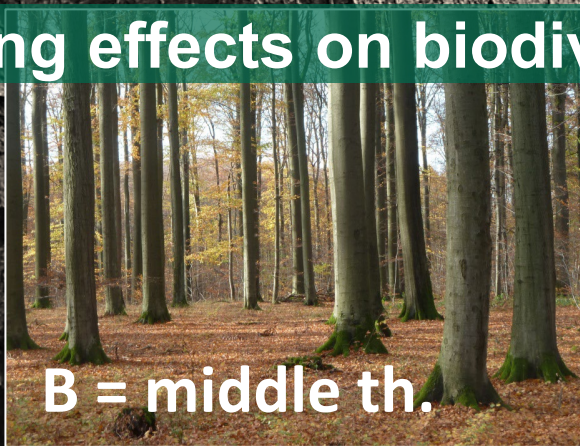
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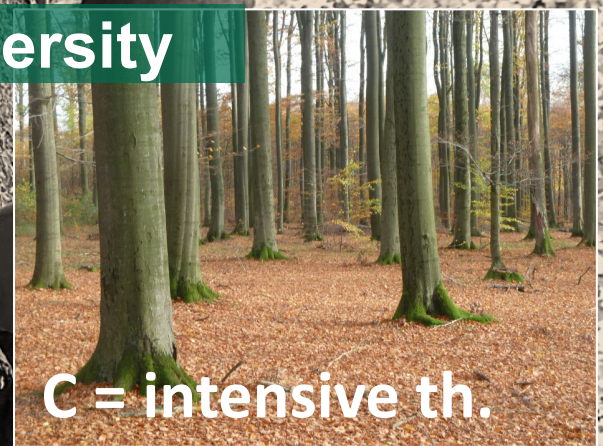
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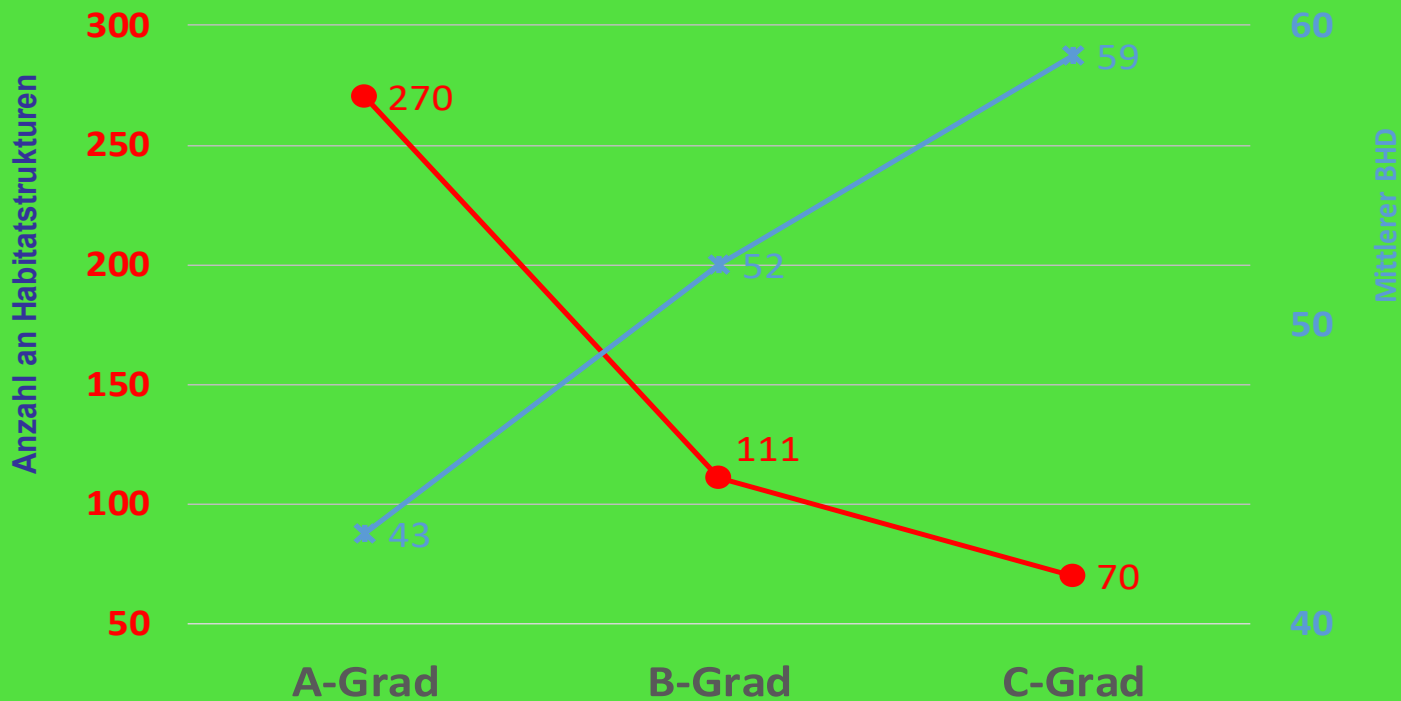


B = middle th.



C = intensive th.

Habitatstrukturen und mittlere Baumdurchmesser
in Abhängigkeit vom Durchforstungsgrad





The ABC-Grad research shows:

- 1. Thick trees and old forests have not an inevitably ecological value**
- 2. Already during maintenance and thinning we have to pay attention on microhabitat-structures**



Is this a nice forest ...?



... after cutting the low value trees?



Or better this ...?



... with a lot of microhabitat-structures !



**We forster have to change our
optic**

—

what is a beautiful tree?

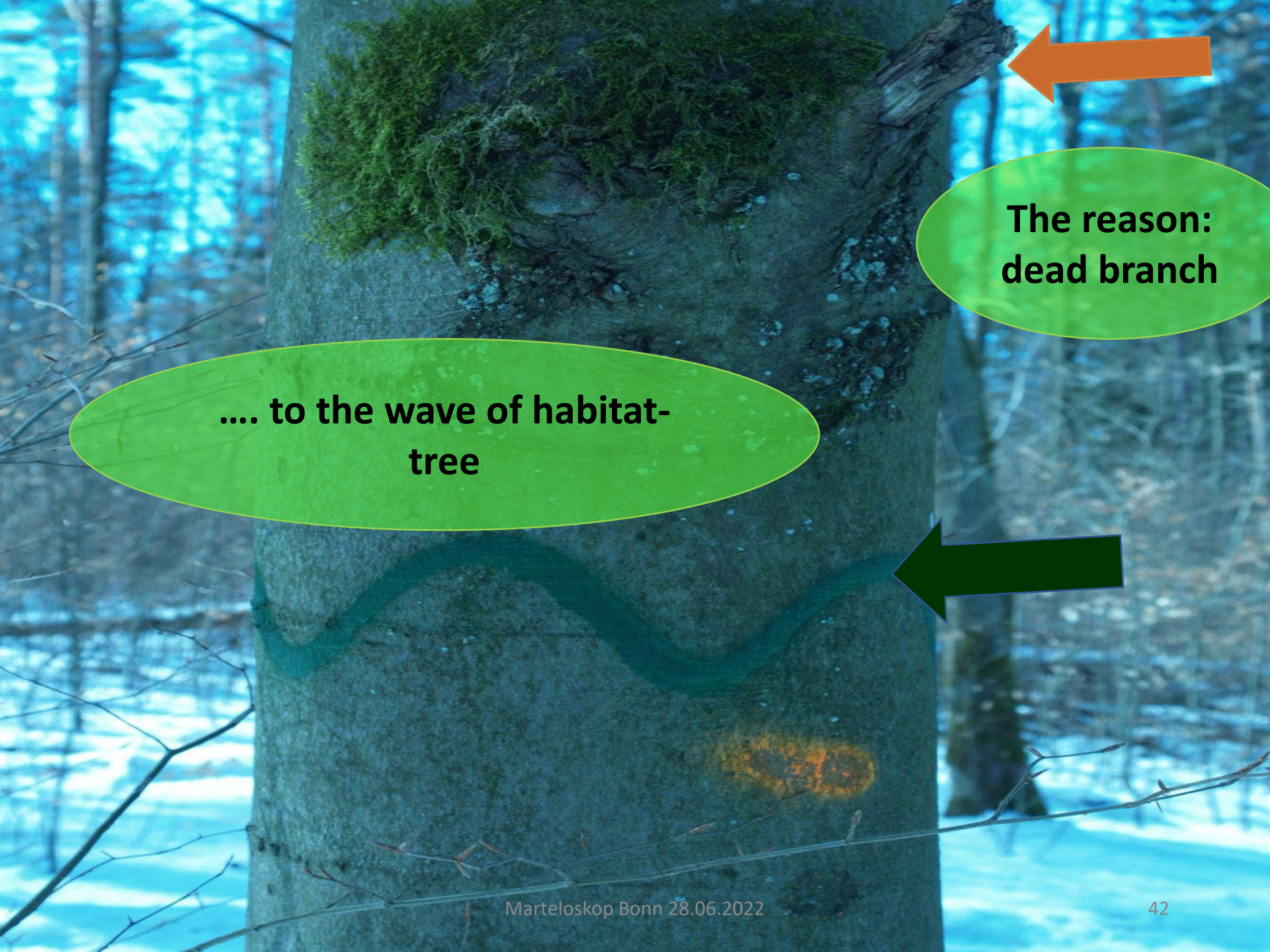


**Saproxylic beetle know what they
need:**

The trees on the right side !



**We foresters have to
change: from sign to cut**



**The reason:
dead branch**

**.... to the wave of habitat-
tree**



**Naturschutzkonzept
für den
Forstbetrieb Ebrach**

**Protection
despite use**

**Regional Concept for
conservation of natur
and wood-species**



Strategy for the safeguarding of biodiversity

Our local concept

- Integrative model „Schützen und Nutzen“
- 1.670 ha **set-asides**:
 - 6 strict reserves
 - 200 „Trittstein“ habitats, one 850 ha
 - 40 km edges
- 6.000 ha **minimal impact** in stands more than 100 y.
- Deadwood management:
 - 40 m³/ha from 140 years
 - 20 m³/ha from 100 years
- 10 habitat trees per ha

52. EBRACHER FORST

11. Winterrangen

5. Kappe

1. Schläge

Felsenkeller

STEIN

6. B

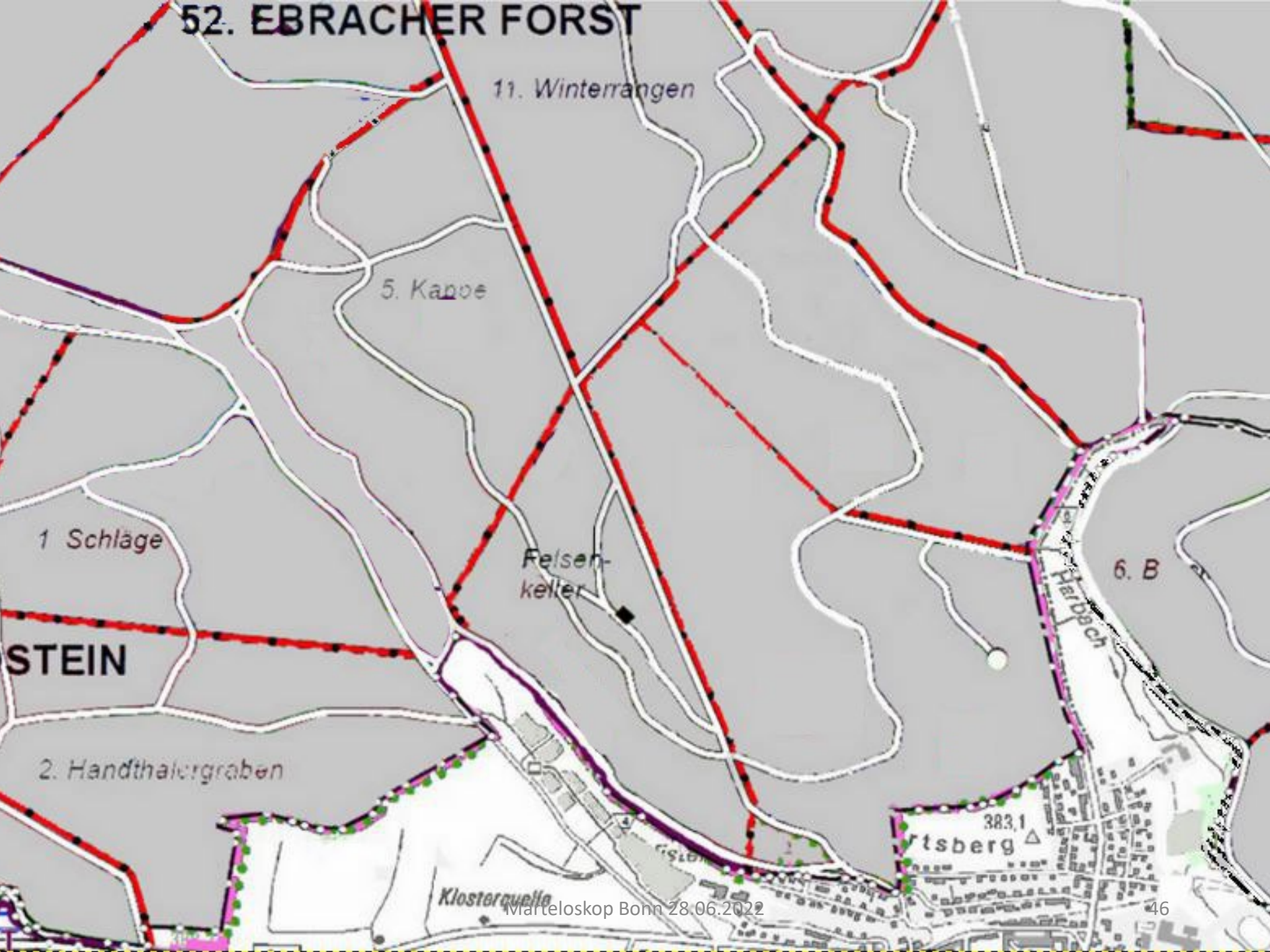
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Herbach

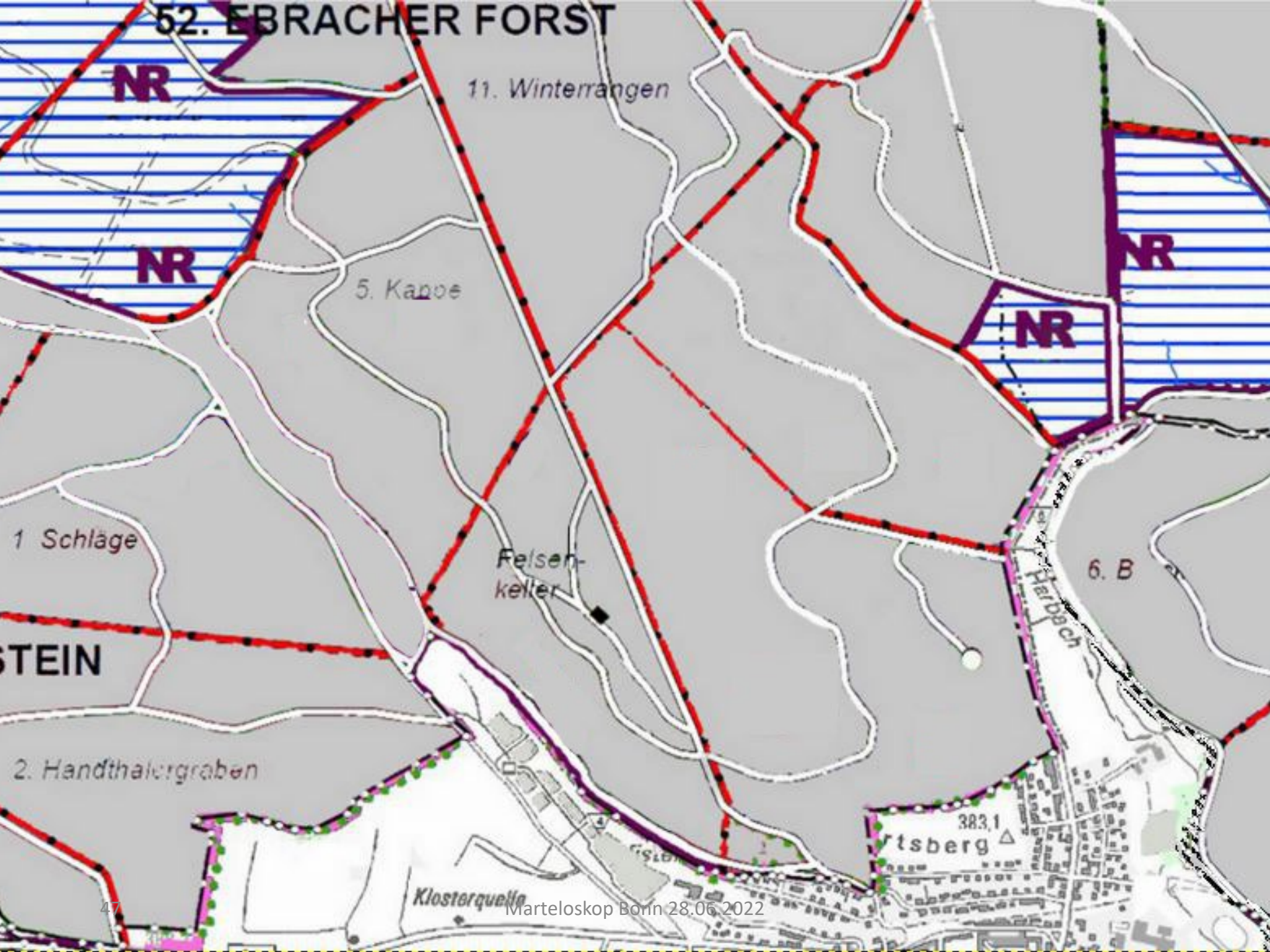
Klosterquelle

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Wirtsberg



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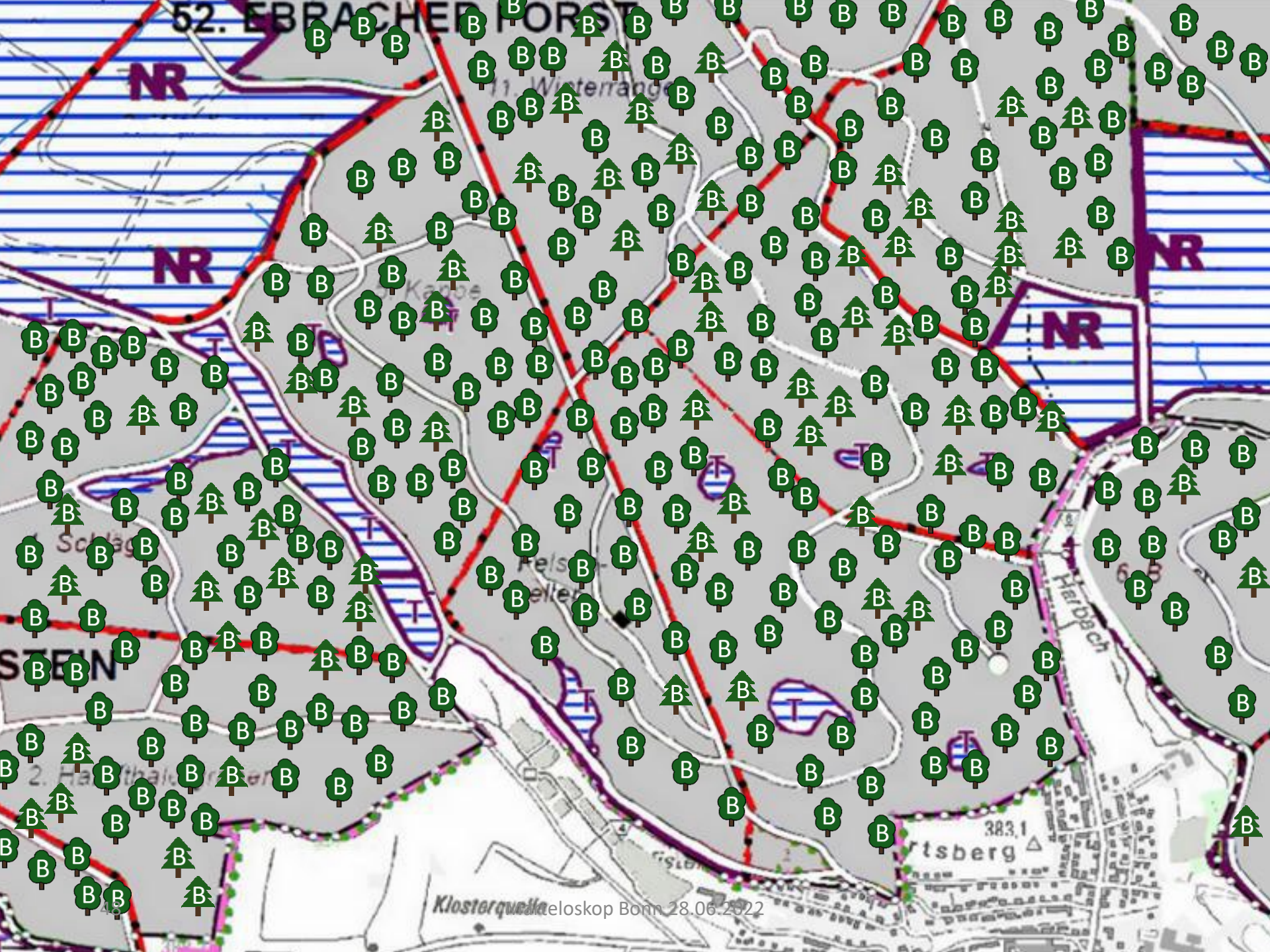
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Klosterquelle

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tsberg



Rules for Protection despite Use

Tending

- Conservation goal:
 - Retention of wolf trees (undesired overgrowth)
 - Retention of mature „achievers“ as habitat trees
- Silvicultural goal:
 - Diversification of mixed tree species
- Implementation:
 - No tending in mono-specific young stands
 - No negative selection
 - Spray-paint instead of chainsaw (Fuelwood harvest as priority)

Rules for Protection despite Use

Early and late thinning phases

- Conservation goal:
 - Retention of potential habitat trees
- Silvicultural goal:
 - Promotion of elite trees (tree groups)
- Implementation:
 - Limiting selected elite trees to ca 40 – 50 / ha
 - Positive selection and marking with coloured tape
 - Preservation of potential habitat trees
 - No negative selection, no clearing out of bad quality trees
 - Creating high stumps during harvester operations

Rules for Protection despite Use

Regeneration phase (AD / VJN / LB)

○ **Conservation goal:**

- **Accumulation of deadwood (20 m³ / 40 m³)**
- **10 habitat trees/ha**

○ **Silvicultural goal:**

- **Target diameter harvest**
- **Promotion of admixtures**

○ **Implementation:**

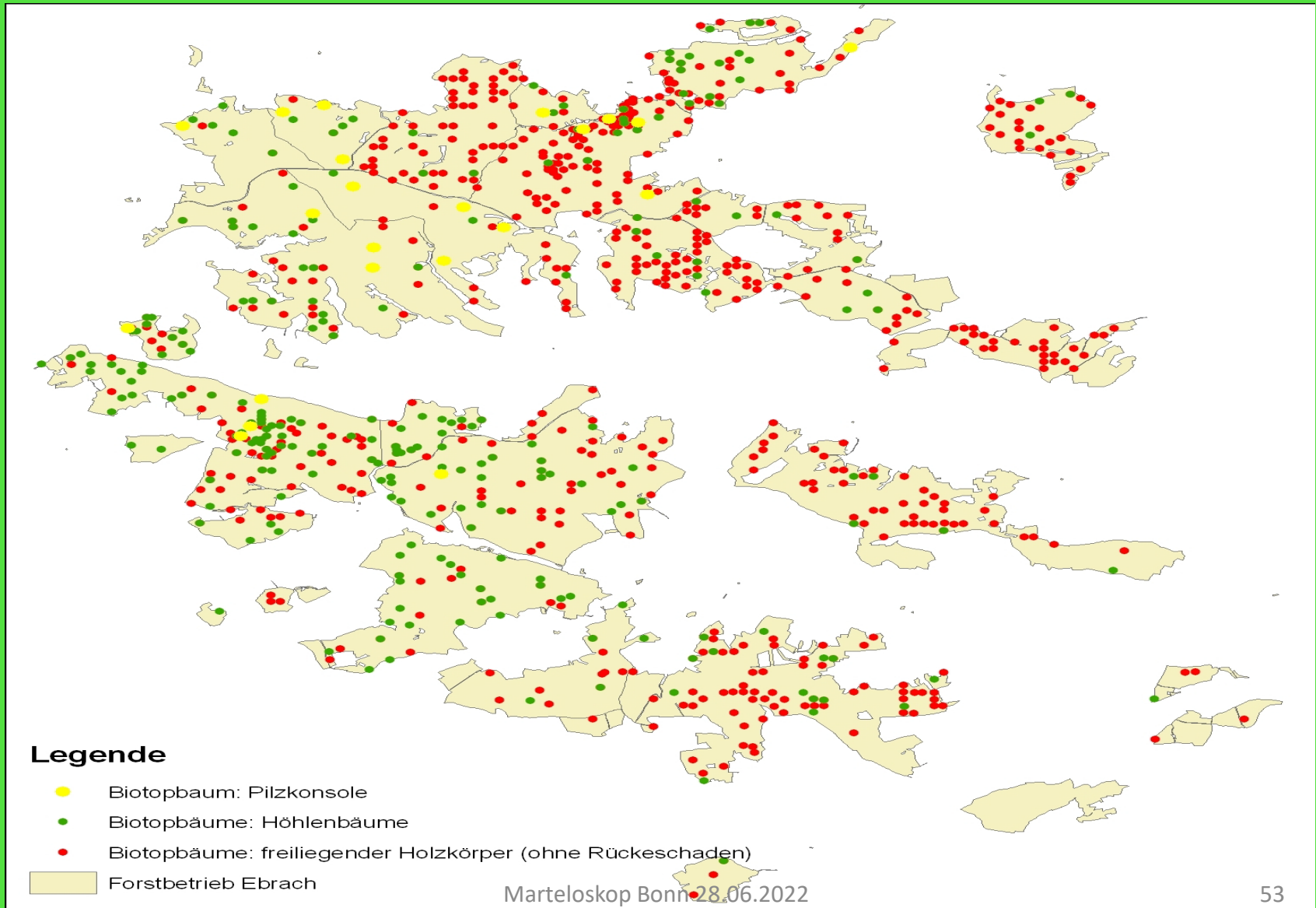
- **Separation of the harvested trunk from the crown at first strong branch**
- **Limiting of the fuel-timber-using in this phase**

Rules for Protection despite Use

General rules

- No timber harvest during the period of breeding and rearing
- Early termination of harvesting in mature and old stands
- Permanent marking of habitat trees with „wave line“
- No felling of habitat trees accidentally marked for harvesting
- Trunk sections with cavities are left in the stand when a habitat tree was felled accidentally

Inventory including habitat trees



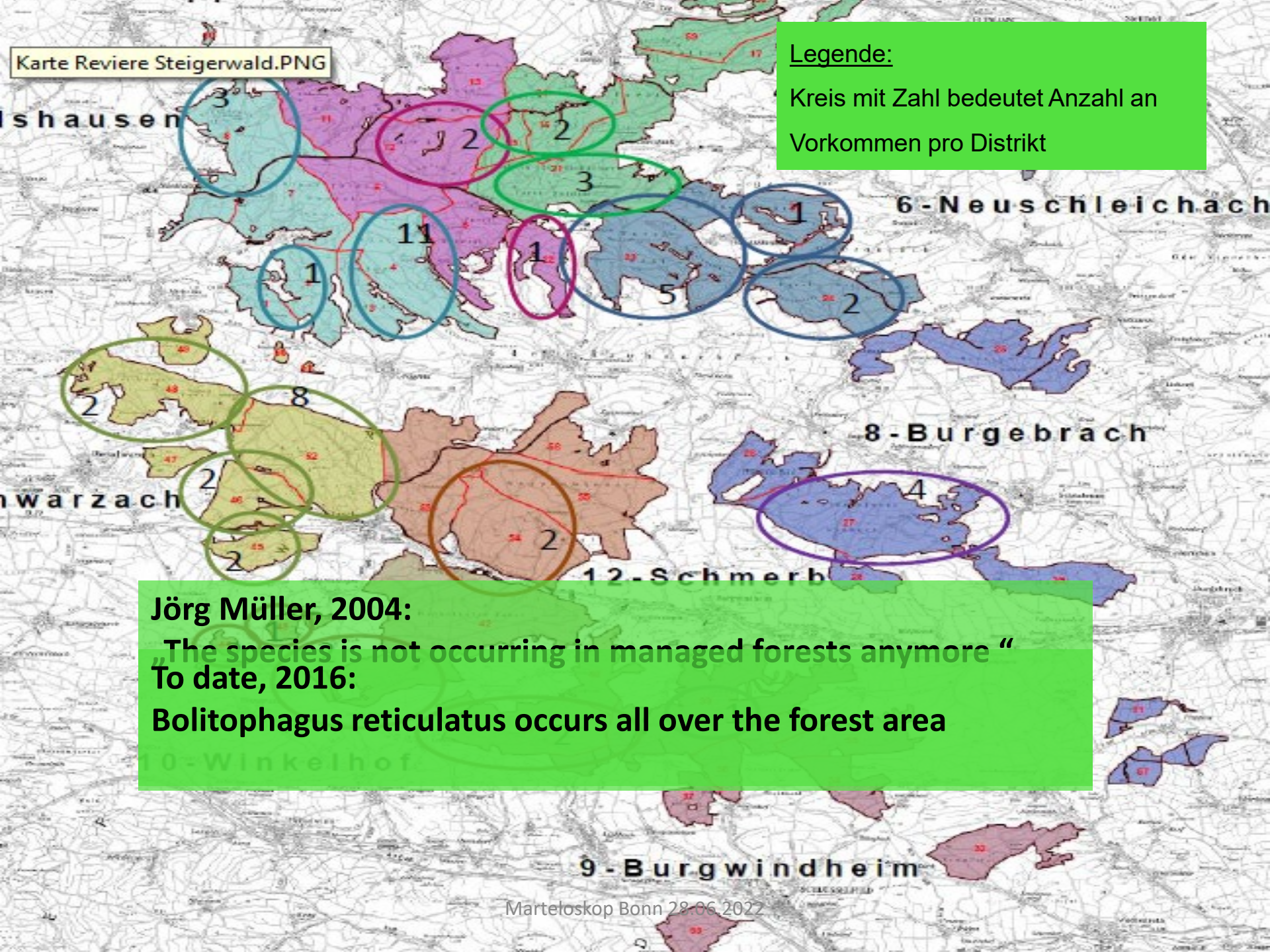
The rules work



Example: Black beetle (*Bolitophagus reticulatus*)



Legende:
Kreis mit Zahl bedeutet Anzahl an Vorkommen pro Distrikt



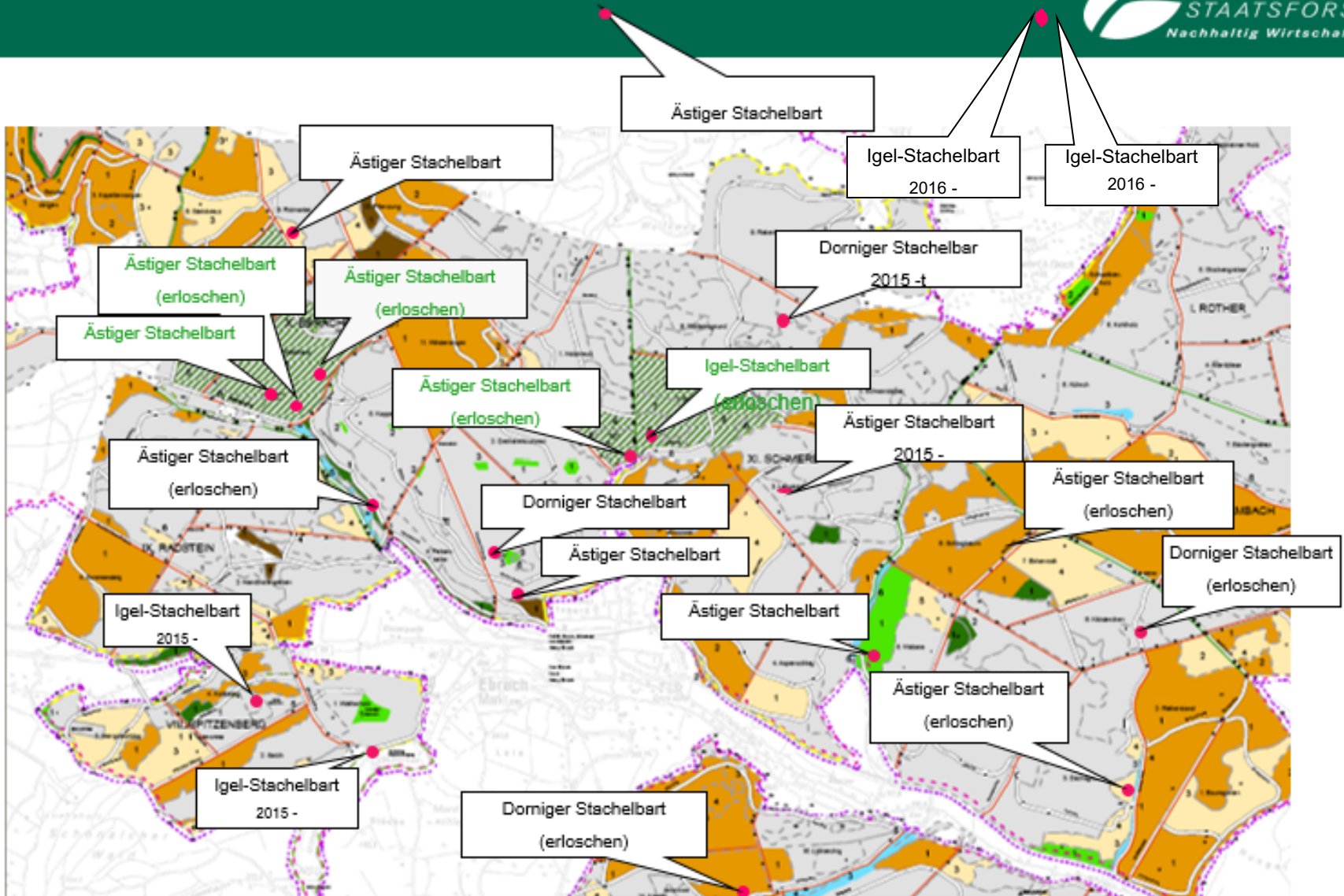
Jörg Müller, 2004:
"The species is not occurring in managed forests anymore"
To date, 2016:
Bolitophagus reticulatus occurs all over the forest area

The rules work



**Example: Hericium spec. (*H. Coralloides*,
H. erinaceus, *H. cirrhatum*)**

**Not a rarity anymore, also in
the managed forest**



The rules work



*Example: Collared flycatcher (*Ficedula albicollis*)*

**Occurs due to abundant small cavities all over
the managed forest**

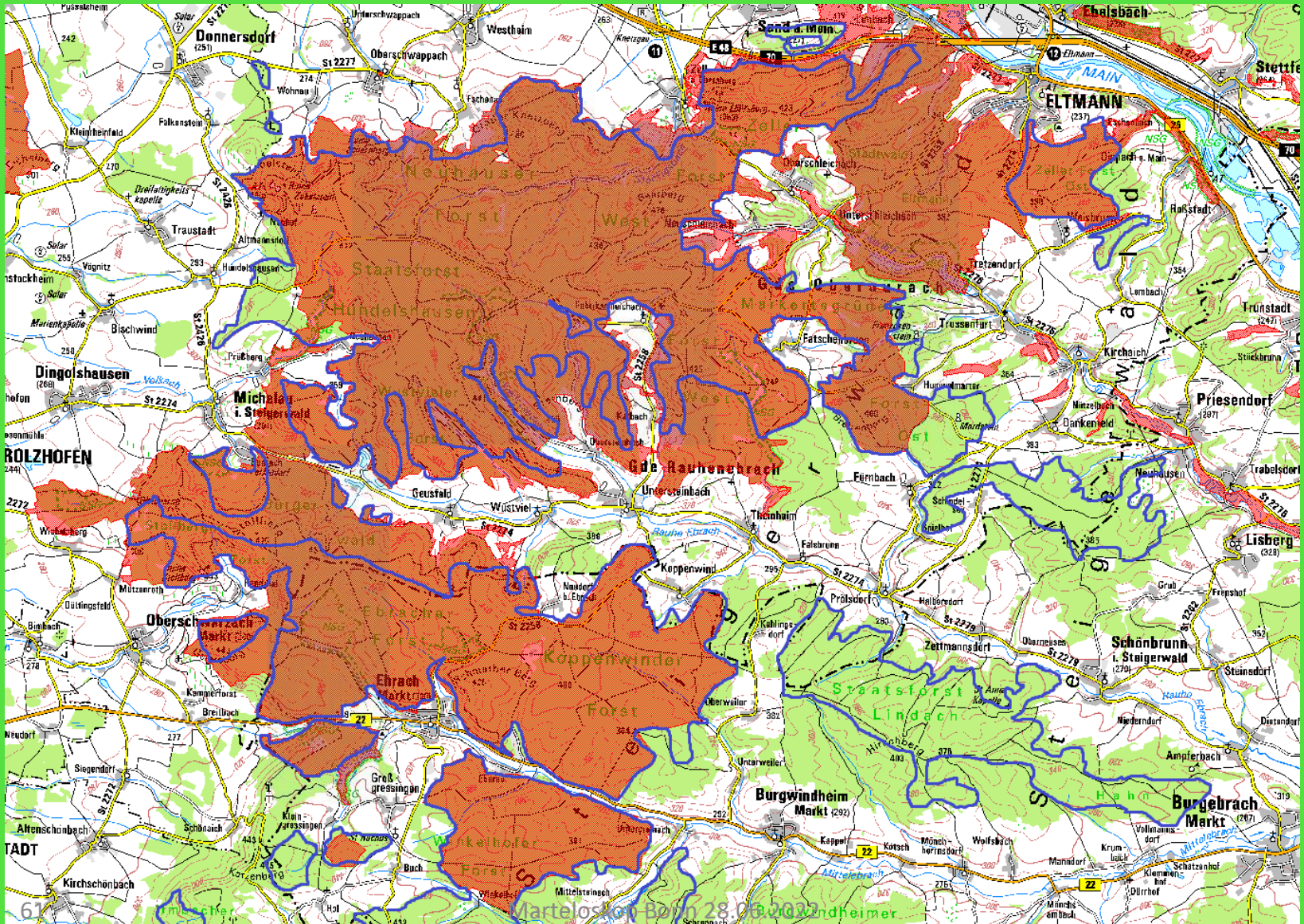


The rules work

*Example: Bone beetle (*Trox perrisii*)*

**2010 re-discovered in the
managed forest**

FFH and SPA – Area of the Forest Enterprise Ebrach



Seven FFH – umbrella – species

in Steigerwald



Lucanus cervus



Triturus cristatus



Bombina variegata



Dicranum viride



Myotis myotis



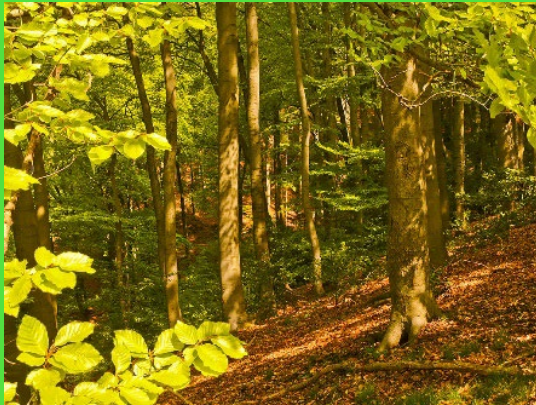
Myotis bechsteinii



**Barbastella
barbastellus**

Seven FFH – umbrella - species in Steigerwald

| | Evaluation | | | Conservation status |
|-------------------------|------------|-----------------|-------------|---------------------|
| | Population | Habitat-Quality | Disturbance | |
| Lucanus cervus | C | C | B | C |
| Triturus cristatus | B | B | A | B |
| Bombina variegata | C | B | B | B |
| Babastella barbastellus | A | A | A | A |
| Myotis bechsteinii | B | B | B | B |
| Myotis myotis | B | B | A | B |
| Dicranum viride | B | B | B | B |



LRT 9110 Luzulo-Fagetum

**Five
Natura2000
-
Habitats
in Steigerwald**



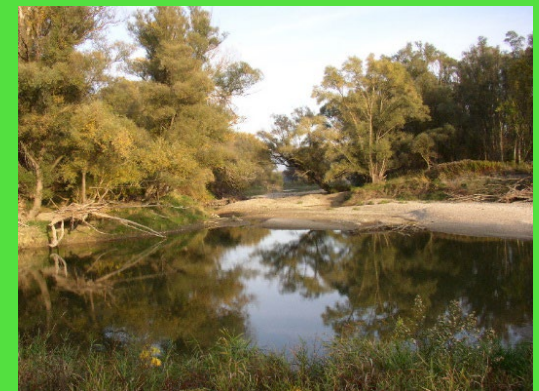
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**LRT 9170 Galio-
Carpinetum**



LRT 9180 Tilio-Acerion



LRT 91E0 Alno-Padion

Five Natura2000 - Habitats

| | Luzulo Fagetum 9110 | Asperulo Fagetum 9130 | Tilio Acerion 9180 | Alno- Padion 91E0 | Galio- Carpinion 9170 |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Microhabitats | A- | A- | A- | A- | B+ |
| Typical Species | A | A | A- | B+ | B |
| Disturbances | A- | A- | A- | A- | B |
| Evaluation in total | A- | A- | A- | A- | B |

The Ebrach concept shows:

**There is no problem to combine
Natura2000 (Biodiversity
conservation) with timber
harvesting
(Timber demand)**

Benefits of the Integrate-concept:

- 1. Compatibility of ecology and economy in the same forest**
- 2. Short distance timber sales**
- 3. Short distance wilderness experience**
- 4. Distribution of (also rare) species over total forest area**
- 5. Applicable in nearly all forest enterprises**

Preconditions:

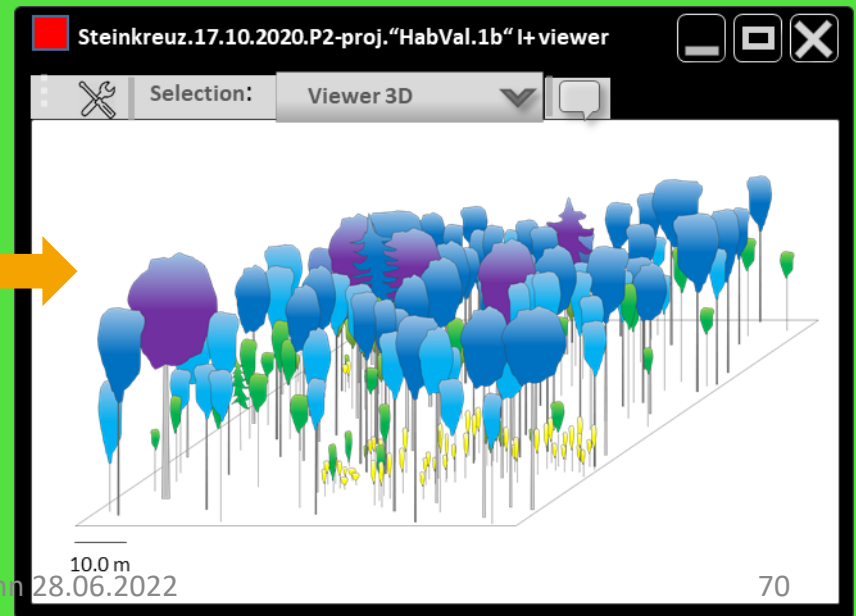
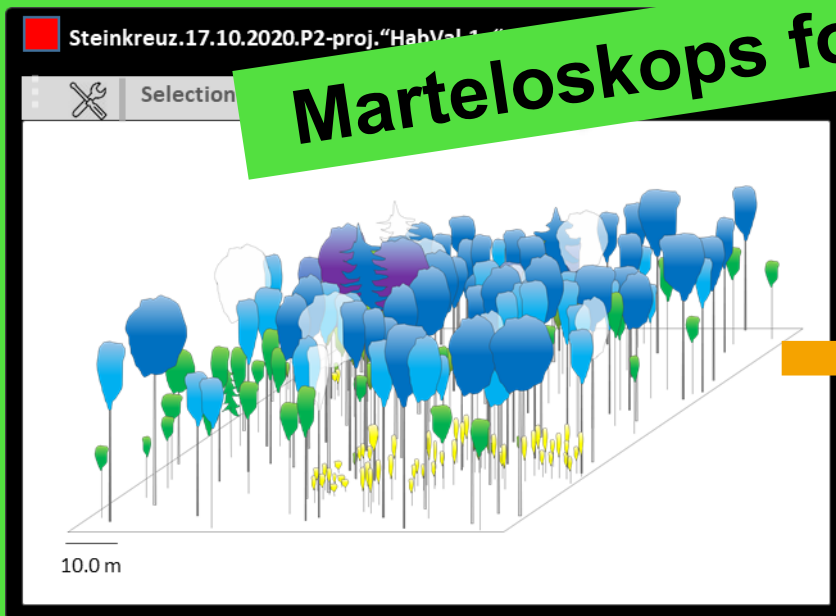
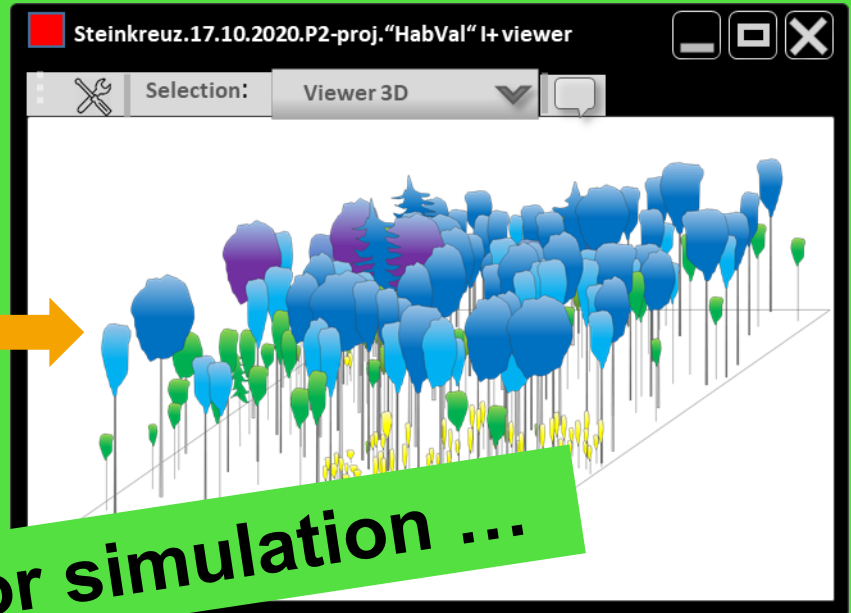
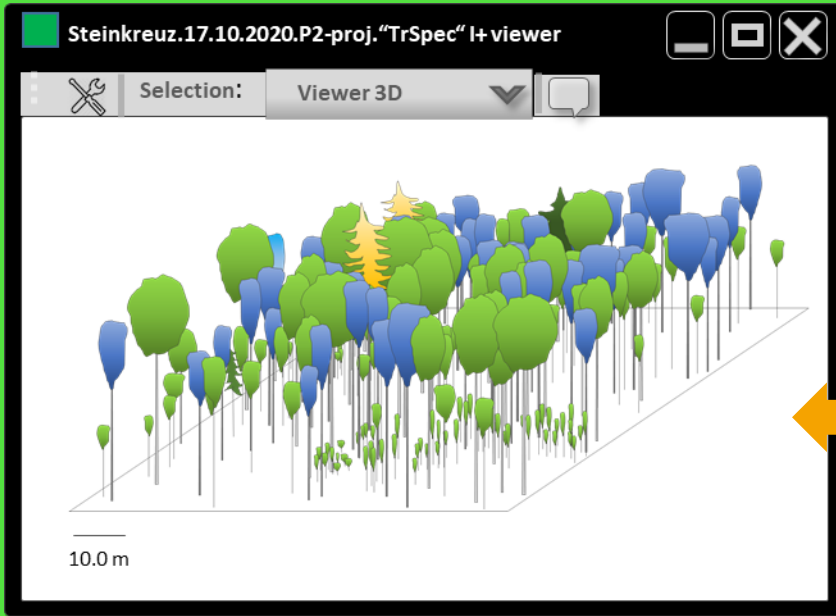
- 1. Remnants of natural forest vegetation**
- 2. Waiving of maximal income from timber sales**
- 3. Acceptance of local people**



Timber for people



Habitat-trees and deadwood for biodiversity



Marteloscops for simulation ...

... and for the international communication



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