Metsähallitus in Finland
- Managing state-owned natural resources

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Courtesy by Antti Otsamo / Metsähallitus Forestry Ltd.
Metsähallitus manages:

9 121 000 hectares of land.

3 417 000 hectares of waters.

12 538 000 hectares in total.

one third of Finland
Metsähallitus -
Variety of land use categories

- Forest land in managed forests, 3.6 million ha, (39 % of land area)
  - Poorly productive and non-productive land, 1.5 million ha
  - Excluded from forestry (16 %)
- Protected areas, wilderness reserves and other areas, 4.1 million ha (45 %)
- Water areas, 3.4 million ha
- Public water areas

In total 12.5 million ha
Protected areas at the core of the ecological network

- National parks, wilderness reserves and other protected areas, 4.1 million ha
  - 45% of state-owned land area

We are here!
Metsähallitus Group

**Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry**
Steers and supervises Metsähallitus with respect to business performance, service and other operational targets

**Ministry of the Environment**
Steers and supervises Metsähallitus with respect to public administration duties in its own sector

**Group units and service centre**

**Business units**

- **Metsähallitus Forestry Ltd**
  Management of state-owned multiple-use forests, sales and marketing of timber

- **Kiinteistökehitys**
  Estate agency operations relating to holiday properties and forest, and development of wind power business

- **Subsidiaries**
  - **Fin Forelia Ltd**
    Seedling production and sales
  - **Siemen Forelia Ltd**
    Seed production and sales
  - **MH-Kivi Ltd**
    Leasing of soil and rock extraction sites and sale of soil and rock resources

**Parks and Wildlife Finland**
Management of national parks and other nature conservation, wilderness and state-owned hiking areas; protection of species and habitats; provision of hiking, hunting and fishing services.
Metsähallitus Forestry Ltd

- Manages state-owned multiple-use forests and sells wood
- Fosters the biological and cultural diversity of multiple-use forests
- Creates conditions for recreational use and employment
- Generates most of Metsähallitus’ revenue
Metsähallitus Forestry Ltd: Timber harvested on 2% of the forest area annually

- We only use domestic tree species.
- Commercial forests certified under the PEFC-certification scheme.
- Forests are a carbon sink throughout their cycle.

- Growth 11 million m³/a
- Logging 6 million m³/a
- 10% of domestic wood supply
Metsähallitus Real Estate

- Develops state-owned land and waters in a customer-oriented manner to meet various needs

- Responsible for real estate activities related to holiday plots, forest properties and rock material on state-owned land

- Sells buildings owned by Metsähallitus and purchases forest properties for various government activities

- Develops the wind power business
Parks & Wildlife Finland is a Metsähallitus unit responsible for public administration duties and services.

Parks & Wildlife Finland:
- manages protected areas and nature conservation
- maintains outdoor recreation facilities for public
- guarantees sustainable hunting and fishing including permit sales
Nature conservation in 2015

- We restored 1,040 hectares of mires and forests.
- We managed over 4,000 hectares of cultural habitats. They are lands under traditional agricultural management, now rare habitats but rich in biodiversity.
- EU LIFE funding helped us to carry out the actions.
- Over 3,000 volunteers worked with us to realise nature conservation projects.
- We updated our Principles of Protected Area Management in Finland.
National parks are for everyone

- 40 National parks - No. 40 (Hossa) opened in June 2017
- Total area 9,892 km²
- Established for nature conservation and hiking
- Over 3.2 million visits to national parks in 2018

www.nationalparks.fi
Koli National park

- **Founded** in 1991; 3000 hectares
- **Objective**: to protect the Koli national landscape, wildlife, slash-and-burn tradition and the cultural milieu.
- **Highest point**: Ukko-Koli, 347 metres above sea level
- **Hiking routes**: about 80 kilometres, 4 nature trails
- over 191 000 visitors (year 2018), June and July being the busiest months
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