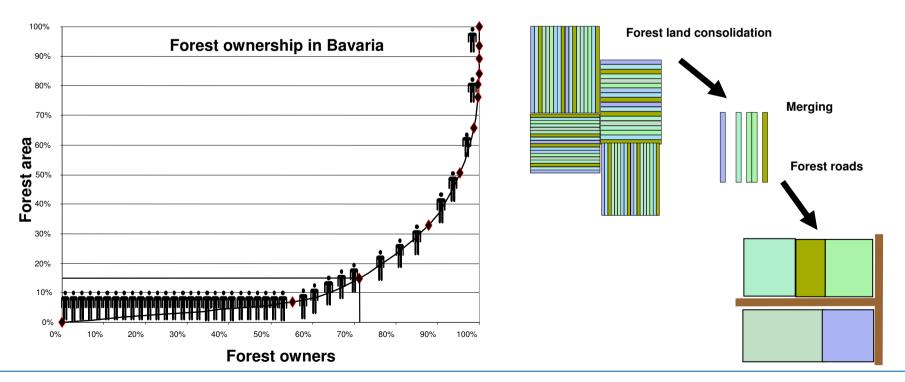




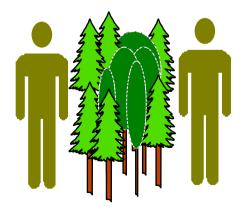
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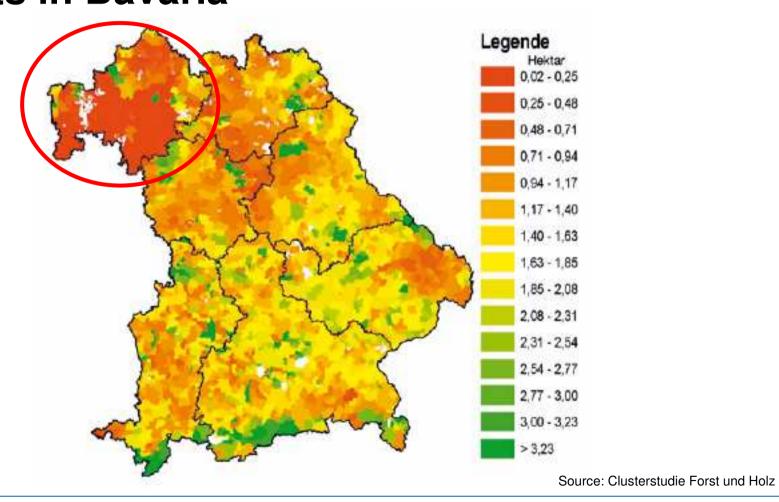
Presentation Outline

- Private forest ownership in Bavaria
- Trends in rural areas
- Legitimacy of land consolidation
- Types of land consolidation and examples
- Conclusion





Average size of parcels in private and town forests in Bavaria







Situation

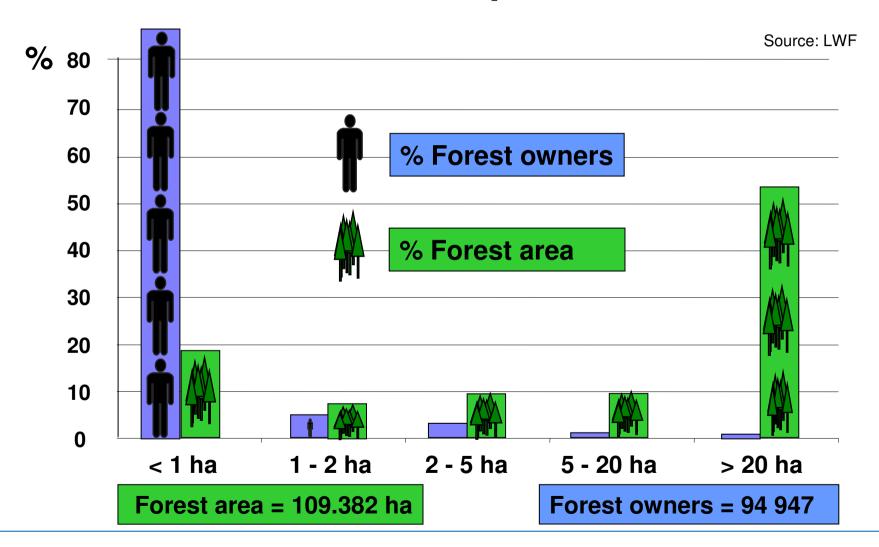








Private forest ownership in lower franconia



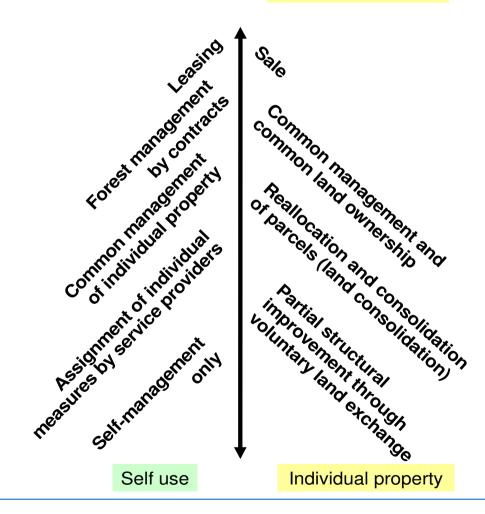


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The "tree of possibilities "

Foreign use

Abandonment of individual property



Trends in rural areas



- decreasing population especially the younger generations
- decreasing attractiveness, and lack of infrastructural development
- less active users in agricultural and forest sector
- increasing land speculations
- increasing use of renewable energies
- land use change / land use conflicts
- further land fragmentation caused by inheritance and sale



Legitimacy of land consolidation

- Other initiatives cannot overcome the ownership rights which are guaranteed by the basic law
- The Land Consolidation Act provides the legal framework and offers broad opportunities for participation
- The acceptance rate is positively influenced by high subsidies and a state administrative, people can rely on
- The changing demands of society were taken continuously by appropriate adjustments
- Improvement of regional economic opportunities
- Increasing of timber production within the meaning of the Forest Act



Land consolidation as an instrument and institution ...



- ... has a long tradition and wide acceptance
- ... is an offer to, and a demand of land owners and users
- ... is a very important policy tool (targeted subsidies for development)
- ... shifts from a classical instrument of agricultural policy, to structuring rural areas
- ... provides a platform for stakeholders







Types of proceedings of land consolidation

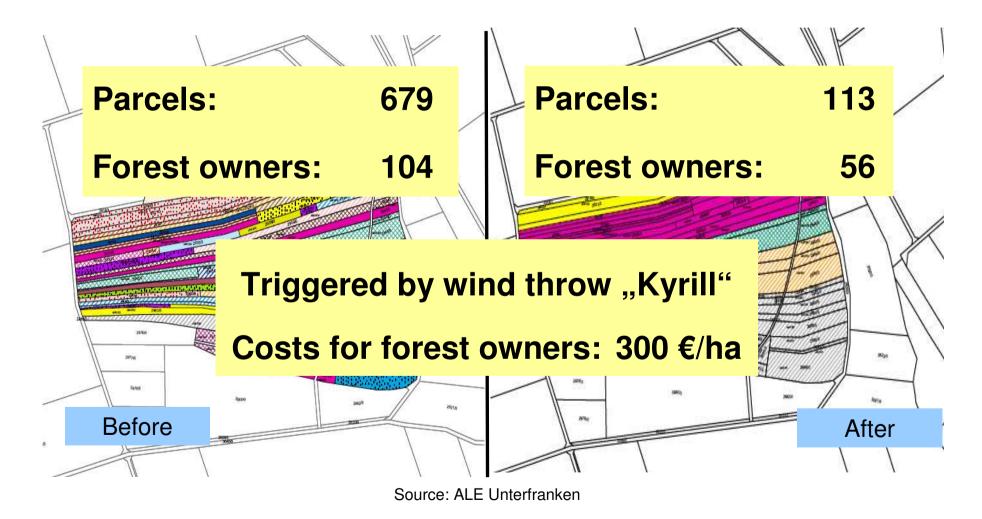
- Voluntary land exchange (§ 103a ff. FlurbG)
- Simple measures
 - accelerated consolidation (§ 91 FlurbG)
 - simplified procedure (§ 86 FlurbG)
- detailed procedure (§ 37 FlurbG)







Voluntary land exchange Richelbach (87 ha)



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Land consolidation Ziemetshausen (68 ha)



Quelle: ALE Schwaben





Land consolidation Ziemetshausen (68 ha)





Driven by bark beetle damage and disputes about boundaries

Costs for forest owners: 1350 €/ha (plus working hours)

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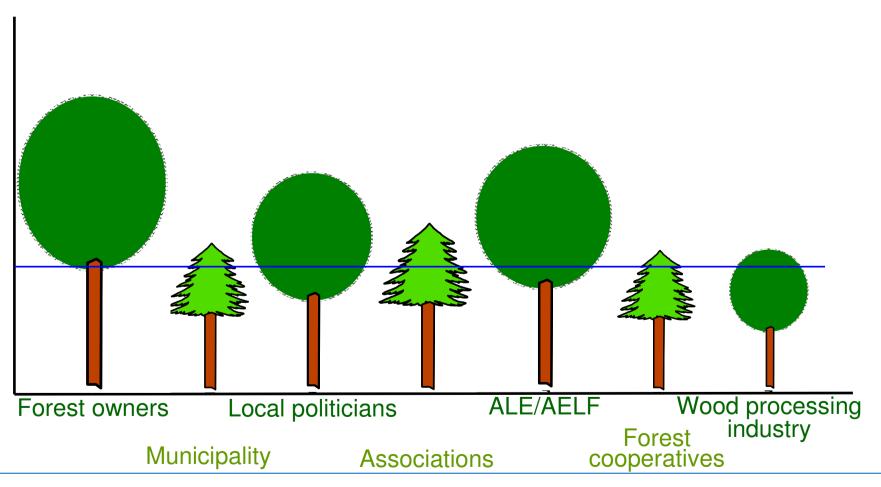


The forest land consolidation...

- ... is typically intrinsically motivated
- ... improves principally the opportunities for forest use through amalgamation and, if necessary, road construction
- ... is a protected system, that offers active forest owners as well as those who want to back out, the chance to realign
- ... causes little effects that lead to a broadening of the resource base
- ... is not the main task of the Department for Rural Development
- ... leaves behind satisfied participants
- ... is not able to conserve the situation for the future



Beneficiaries of forest land consolidation





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