

Forestry parks



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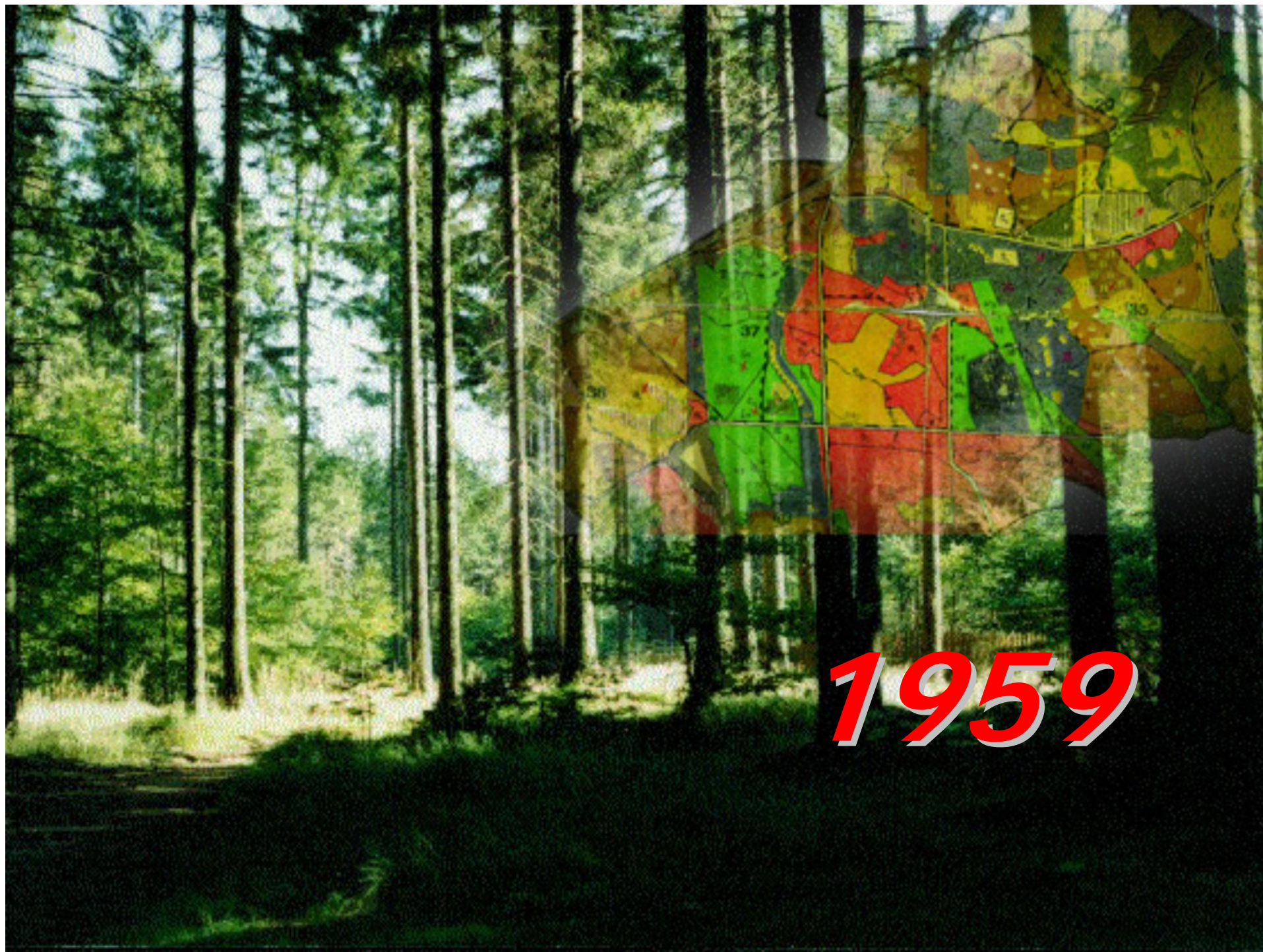


Long history of our forestry

































Relationship of society to forests

- ***Forests represent an indivisible part of our cultural landscape and their value is often underestimated.***
- ***Already the first foresters realised a need of forest protection and their environment and kept sustainable forest management.***
- ***In 1838 was established “Žofínský prales” (Sophia Virgin Forest).***
- ***„Forest Orders” of Empress Maria Theresa already in 1755.***
- ***The first Forest Management Plan from 1739 (Schwarzenberk – Chýnov at Tábor).***
- ***Sometimes the opinion is instilled to the public that foresters are on behind of everything bad what we can see in our forest stands in spite of the fact that it is mostly the inheritance „form ignorance”, frequently from the „socialistic megalomania” era.***



Forest use and exemplary forest management I

Since the appearance of settlements forests in the Czech Republic are a center of natural multilateral interests of different society parts.

- Important source of renewable raw material***
- Important part of environment***
- Forests are essential for biodiversity***
- Together with the surrounding landscape space for spending free time:***

- Forest products collection***
- Game management***
- Fishing***
- Tourism***
- Sport***



Forest use and exemplary forest management II

Within the Central Europe exemplary forest management is managed already for several hundred years by the effort for „sustainable forest management“ though it was not called like this in the past and it is not in conflict with common nature protection interests.

Good forest management enables access and thus enables forest use to the mentioned activities.

Special interests on forests are solved by the Act on Forests:

- Commercial forests***
- Protection forests***
- Special purpose forests***



Forest use and exemplary forest management III

- ***Good forest condition is a high society interest which overruns the frame of one resort or industrial sector.***
- ***Even now the impacts of climatic changes appear on the forest condition by the more frequent extrem phenomena and following calamities.***
- ***The mentioned risks will grow on with high probability***
- ***Therefore it is necessary to look for new accesses to sustainable forest management together with the new forms of society involvement.***

Forestry presentation in the society

- **Today „public“ comes mainly from towns and in contrast to the past it is not immediately dependent on rural environment.**
- **Nevertheless it decides to a great extent about the country fortune by means of elections or through public opinion together with „town“ administration.**
- **One of the means of presentation is the „forestry pedagogy“.**
- **Furthermore it is „demonstration objects“.**
- **Then „forestry parks“ on larger area, inspired by The International Model Forest Network – IMFN, offering an alternative to the traditional nature protection and so they can complete suitably the nature protection provided by state.**

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The idea is dependant on the enlightenment in shape of sustainable forest management presentation typical for the given area together with presentation of following technologies from the sphere of wood processing or energetics.

- The principle of willingness and building from below is respected.***
- The productive forest function on forestry parks is not denied, on the contrary it is equivalent to the non-wood-producing forest functions.***
- It enables the declaration under any kind of ownership or forest administration***
- It enables involvement and initiative of forest owners and entrepreneurs in the surroundings.***
- It represents a unique possibility of enlightenment in domain of landscape and forest management creation, both for passing visitors, managed education and forestry pedagogy.***



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Potential dangers

- ***This institute is not yet anchored in the legislative of the Czech Republic which of course does not mean that maintaining the principles or general conditions is not binding for contractors.***
- ***Other „new“ institute generates the coming problems with acceptation.***
- ***It diversifies and seemingly fragments the effort for sustainable forest management and landscape protection.***

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Forestry parks in the Czech Republic

- **Křivoklátsko (2010)**
- **Masarykův les Křtiny (April 2011)**
- **Bezděz (May 2011)**

- **In 2010 the Czech Forestry Society elaborated a study on suitable possibilities of forestry parks management for the Ministry of Agriculture.**
- **„Principles of state forest policy“ – implementation of forestry parks**
- **We believe in creation of voluntary partnership, an „association“ of forestry parks:**
 - **Positioning into international net of forestry parks**
 - **Joining in international projects supporting the colaboration in EU**

Thank you for your attention

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