



Outcome Theme 3: What are the criteria for old growth forest?

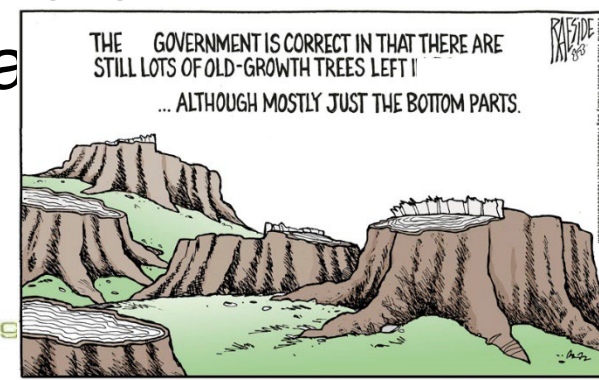
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- How can we best identify old growth forests for the target of 10% of strictly protected areas?
- Are the EU's indicators of old growth forests applicable across member states and across BG boundaries?
- Can we reach a common view and more harmonization of indicators or criteria





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- EU criteria OGF are general
- High diversity between boreal states in information available to assess old-growth & primary forest
- Need to be more specific for the national context and allow for national situations
- Finally it is a political decision, to decide on indicators (not so much scientific)
- No use in harmonization





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- Scientific process!
 - See it in relation to other regulations!
 - (non-deforestation, Renewable energies)
 - Timeline important, engage stakeholders in process
 - Actively man. Forest should not deter owners!
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- Discuss/harmonize
Habitat definitions Boreal R.
⇒ Who should take the lead
⇒ role for expert group?





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- Important that we are transparent of what we do : do we protect the best of the best, protect early phases for the future
- Precautionary approach? Maybe identify not only best of the best but batches – also as some criteria might not apply for forest with high (potentially) high values.

