



Zarządzanie lasami niepaństwowymi na Słowacji – rola i znaczenie zorganizowanych form gospodarowania

Management in non-state forests in Slovakia - the role
and importance of organized forms of management

Zorganizowane formy gospodarowania w lasach niepaństwowych
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Basic Fact on Forestry in Slovakia

Tree composition:

broadleaved species: 63.9 % (beech 34.6%, oak 10.4%)

conifer species: 36.1 % (spruce 22.1%)

Natural regeneration 39.8%

Introduced tree species: 2.9%

Coppiced forests (% of total area): 5.3%

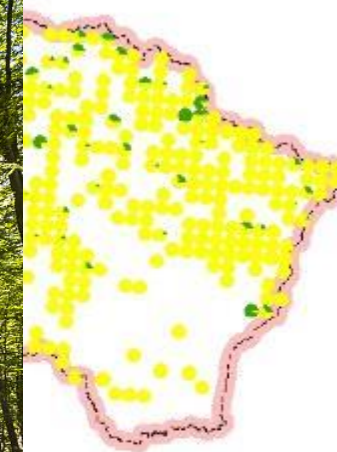
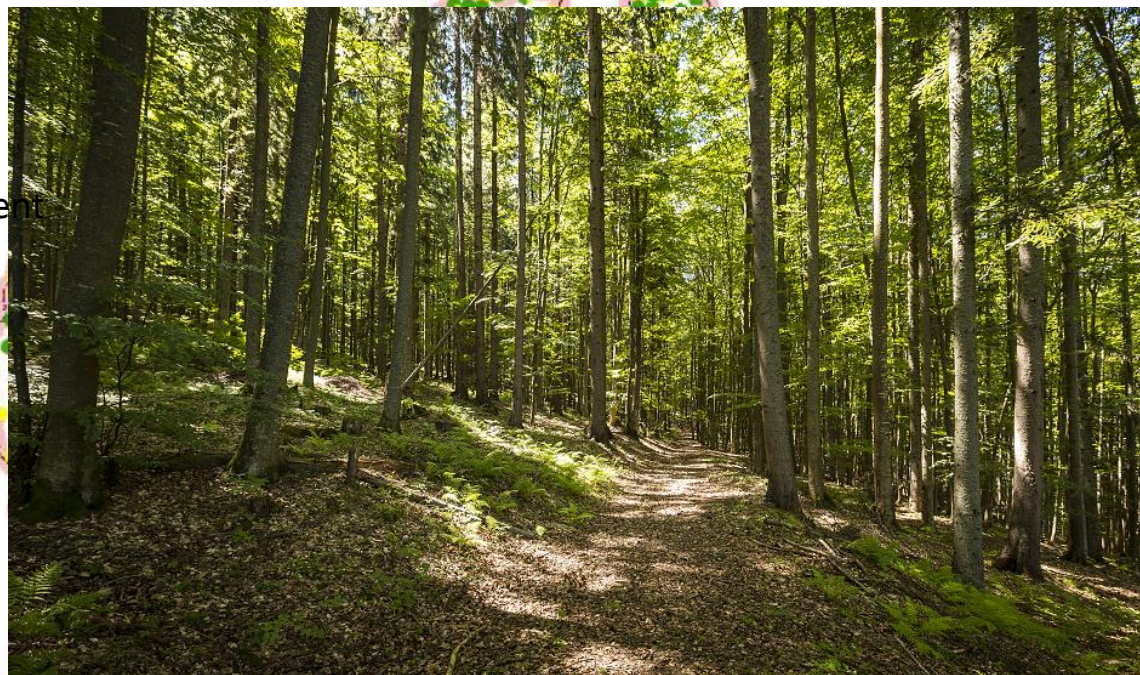
Average stock/ha 249 m³

Total increment: 6.22 m³/ha

Total volume of growing stock 484.5 million m³

Annual felling is below 80% of the net annual increment

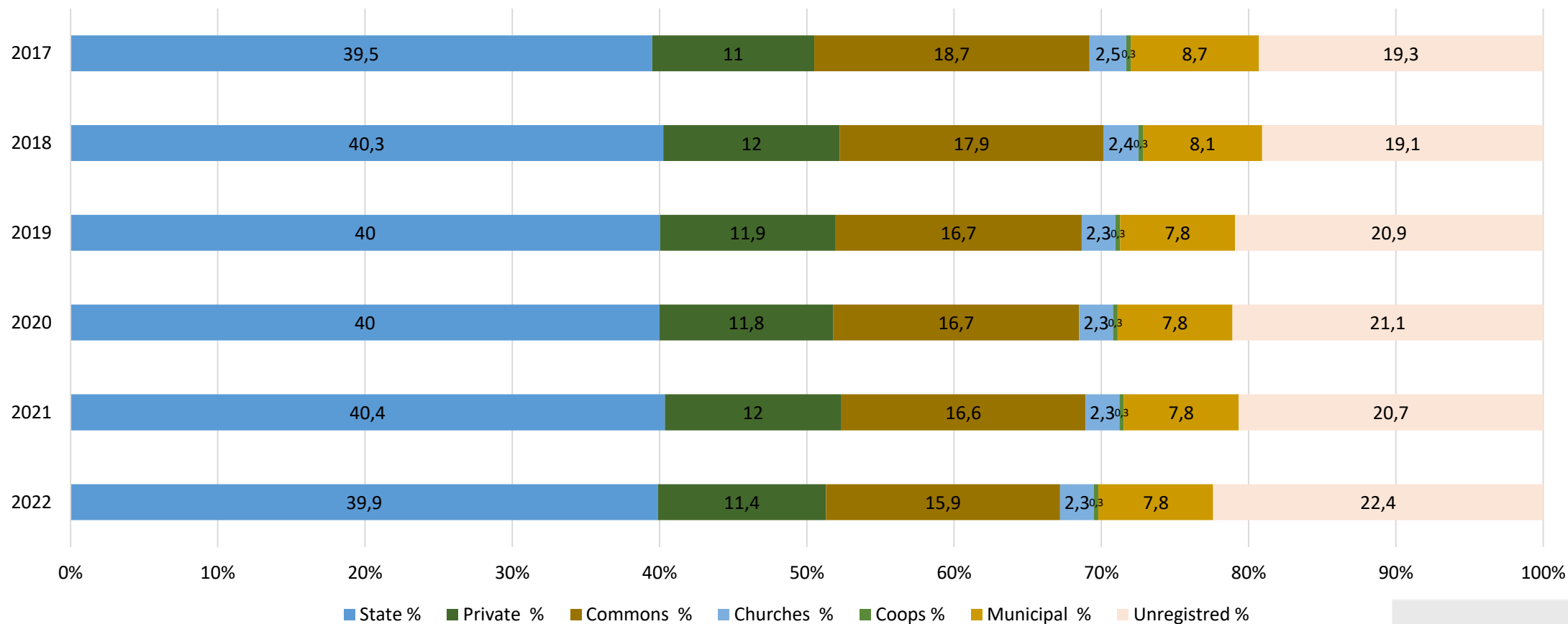
Forest area: 1.95 mil. ha



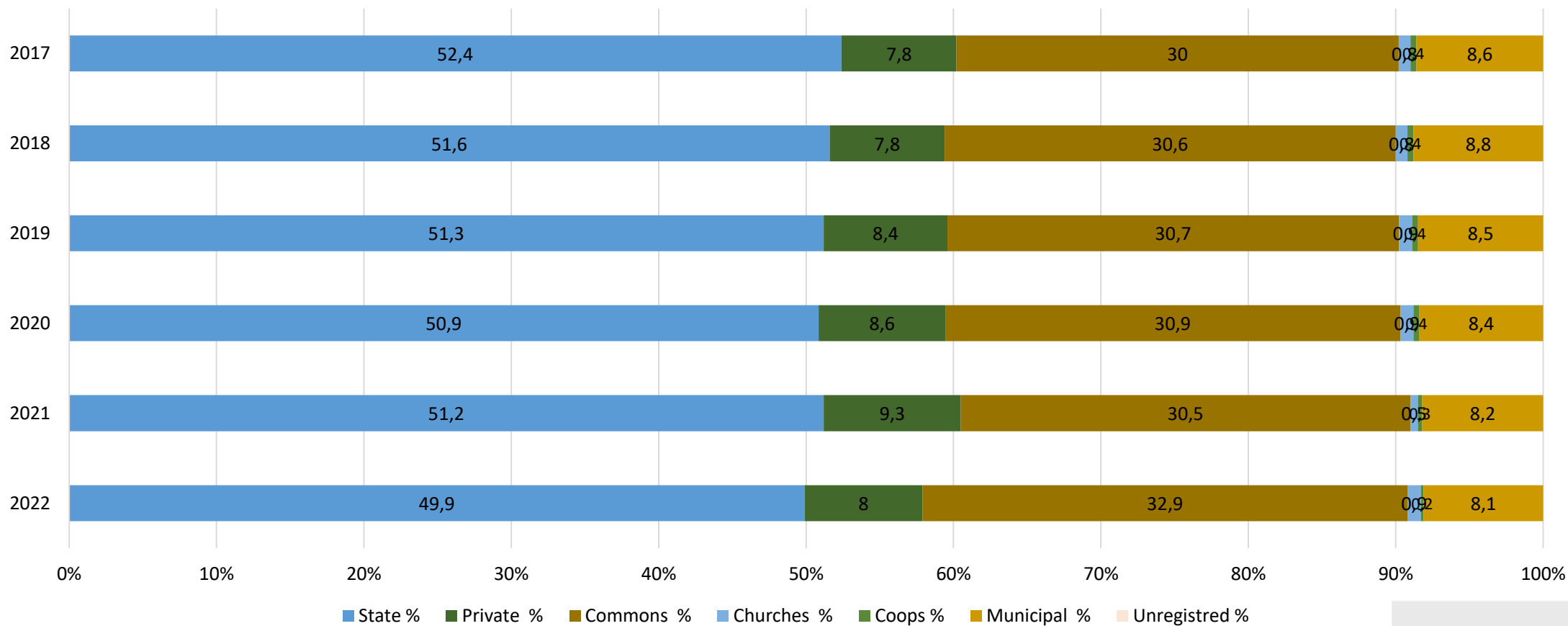
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Ownership structure



Management of Forests

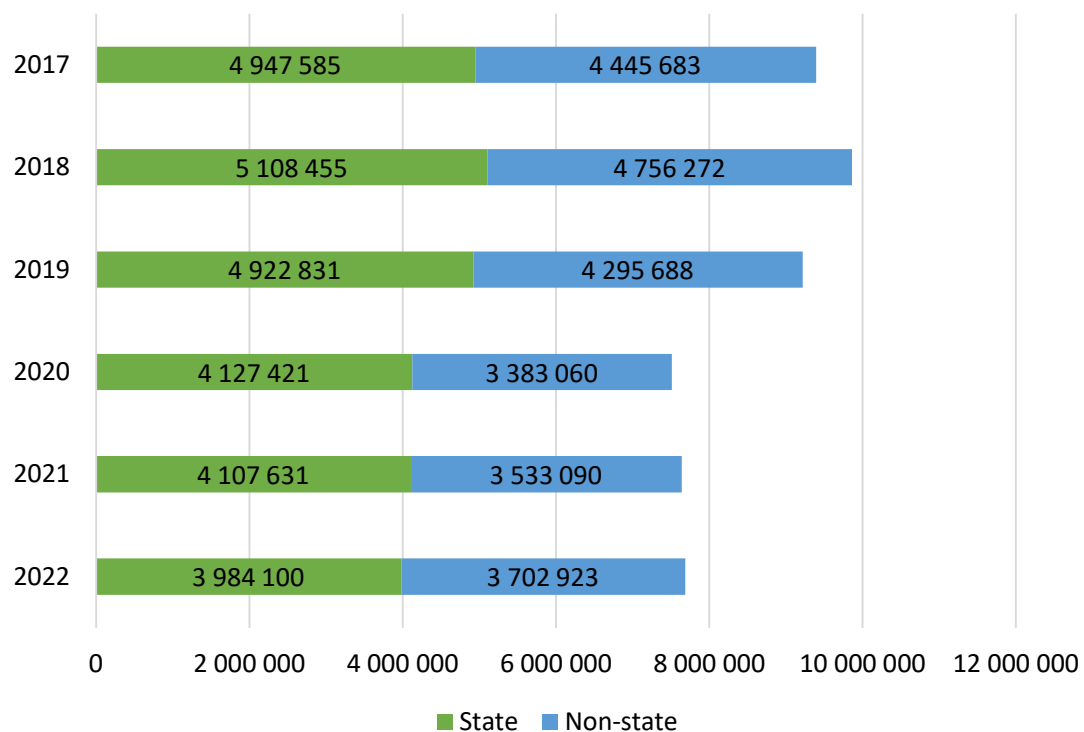


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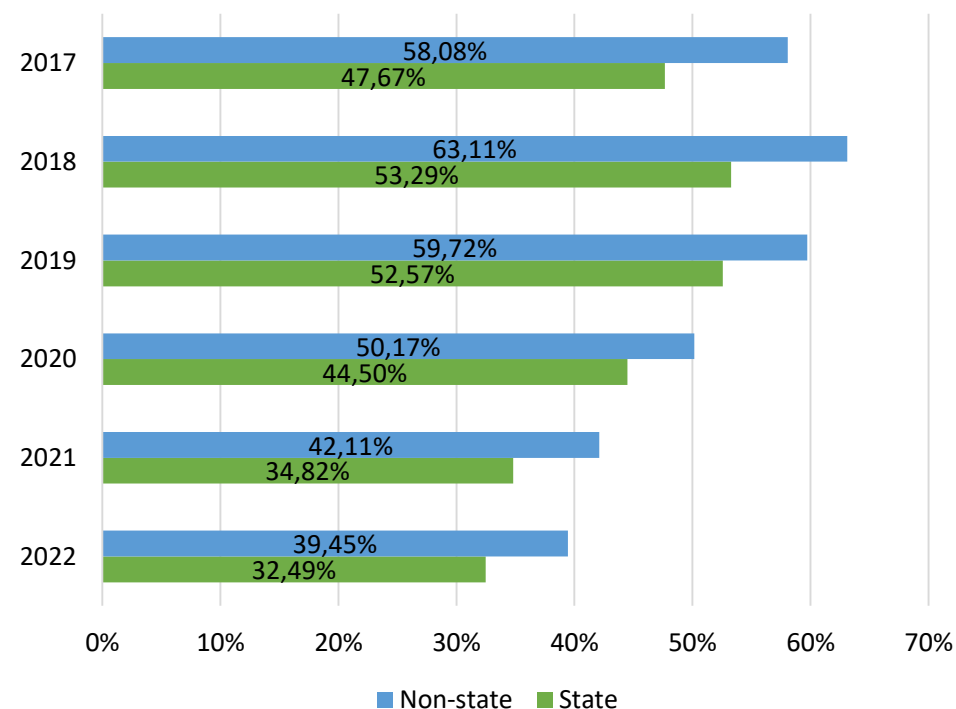
- Act no. 326/2005 of the Coll. on Forests and its implementing regulations
 - Professional and Sustainable Forest Management
- Forest Management Plans
 - obligatory for all ownership categories
- production forests - 72.7%
- protective forests (soil, water and infrastructure protection) - 17.4%
- special purpose forests, providing various social services - 9.9%

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Felling (m3)

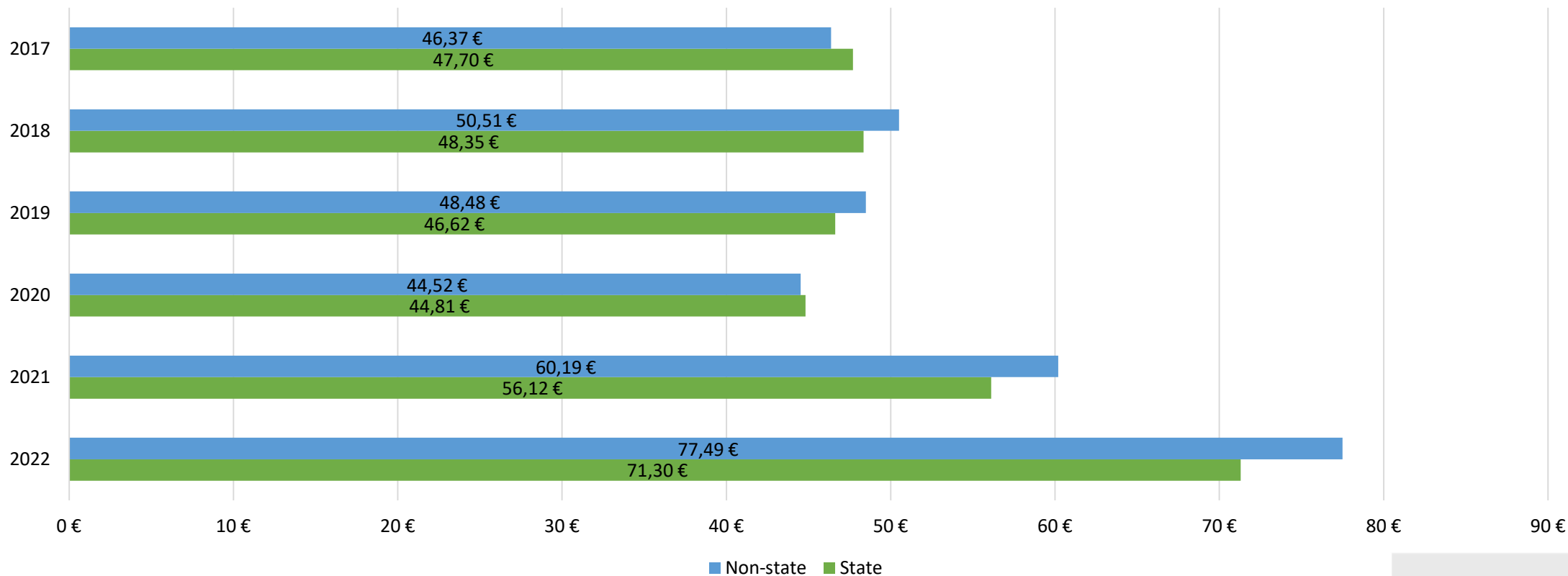


Incidental felling

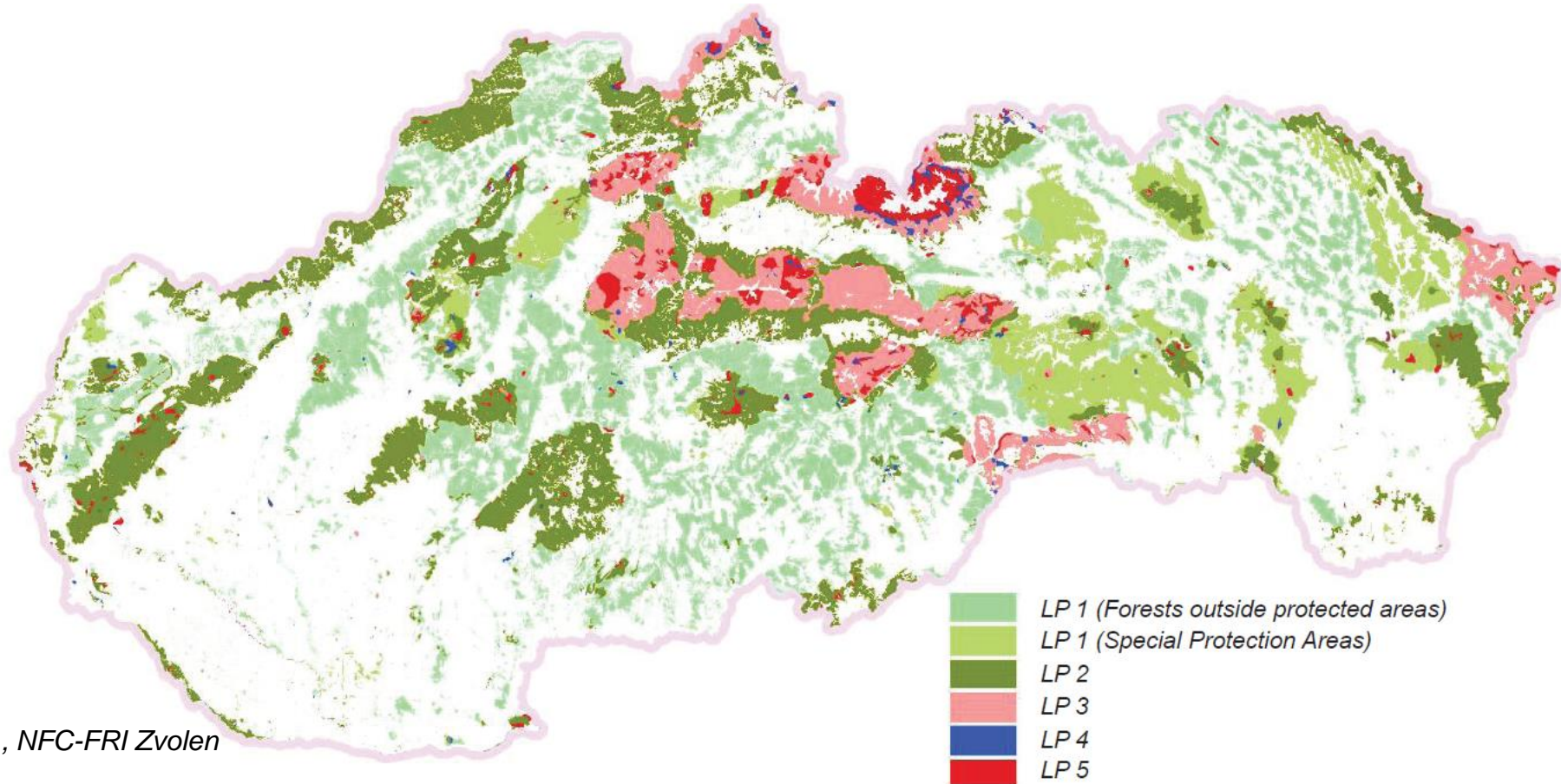


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Average earnings from timber €/m³



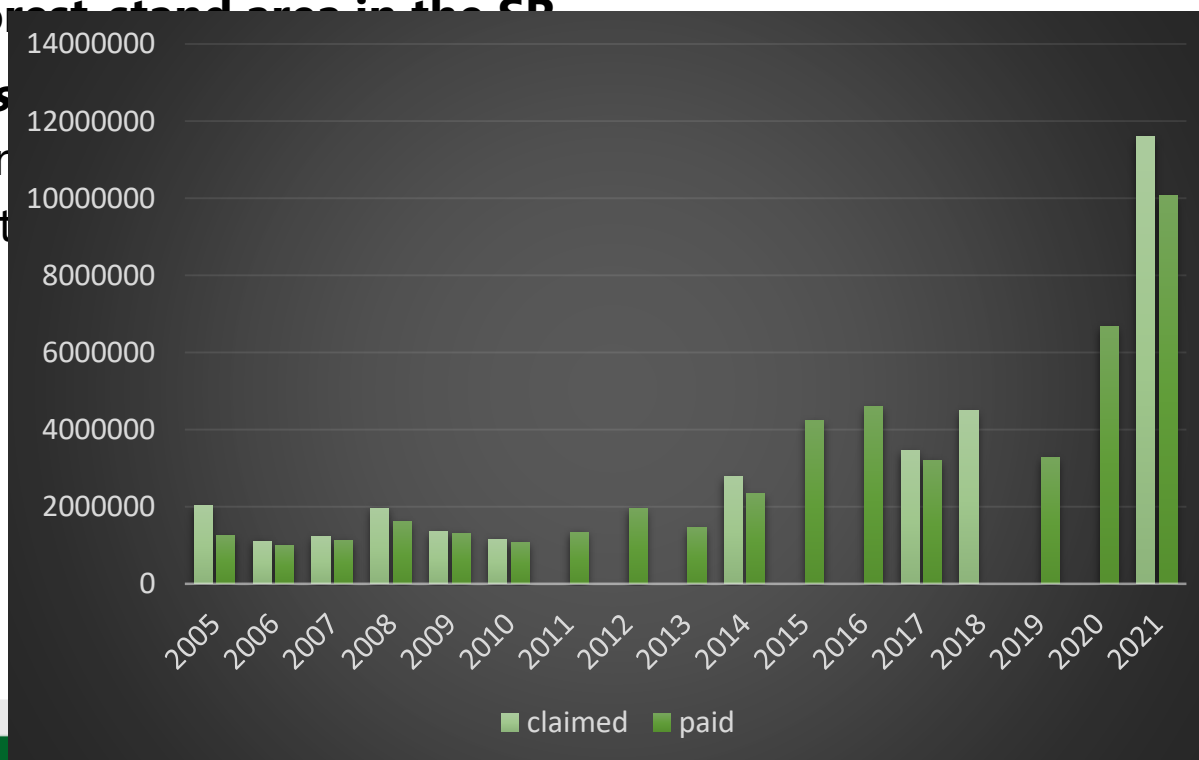
Forests by a level of protection



Source: ME SR, 2021, NFC-FRI Zvolen 2021.

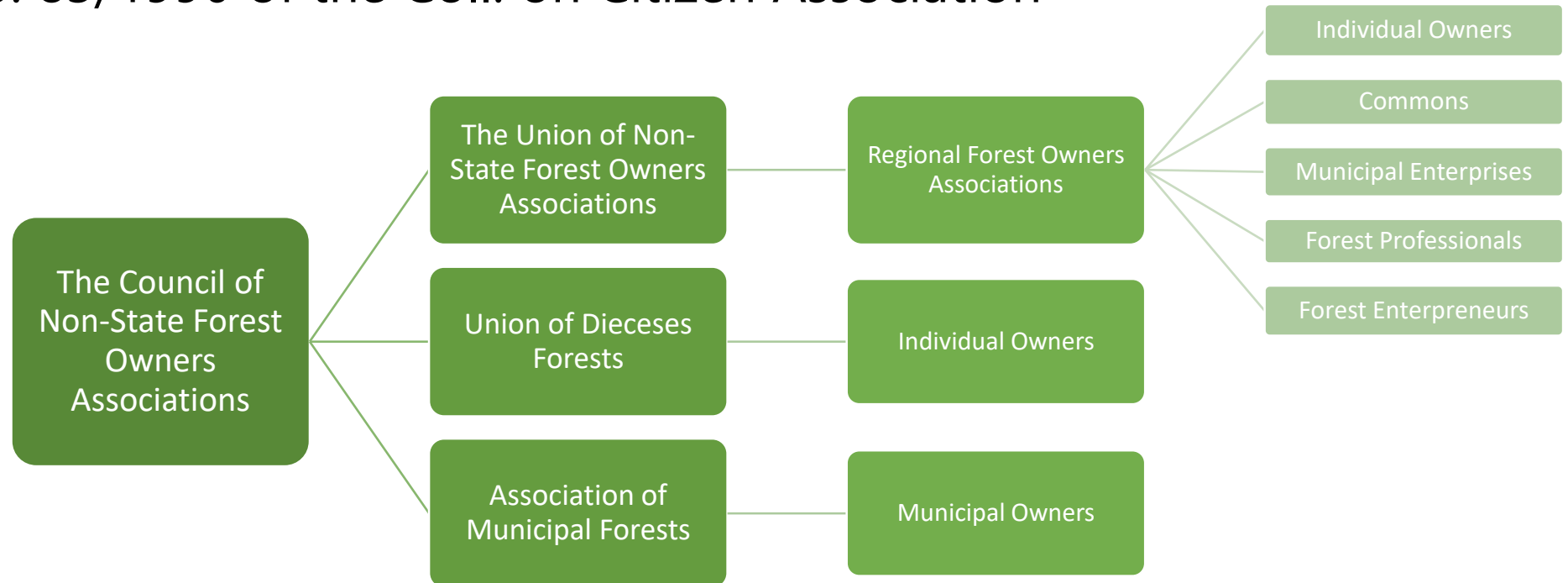
Management Restrictions

- Nature conservation – protected areas, NATURA 2000
- There is 1.24 million ha of forest stands in both national and European networks of protected areas, which represents 63.6 % of forest stand area in the SR
- **Compensations for management restrictions**
 - § 61 of Act no. 543/2002 Coll. on r
 - Regulation of the Government of t
 - The Act on Forests no. 355/2019



Organization of Forest Owners

- Interest representation
 - Act no. 83/1990 of the Coll. on Citizen Association



Forest Management Cooperation

- Act on Forests
 - Associations of forest property owners (§ 51)
 - to create conditions for rational and effective joint management of forests, the state supports the association of non-state FO, especially small-scale FO
- Act on Land Associations (no. 97/2013 of the Coll.)
 - A community founded by owners of jointly managed real estate - a forest plot, the owner of which, together with other owners of such plots, establishes a community with the aim of their joint management and use (§ 2 letter c))

Problems in the non-state forestry sector

Lack of
financial
resources

System of
ownership
and user rights

Ownership
rights
restrictions

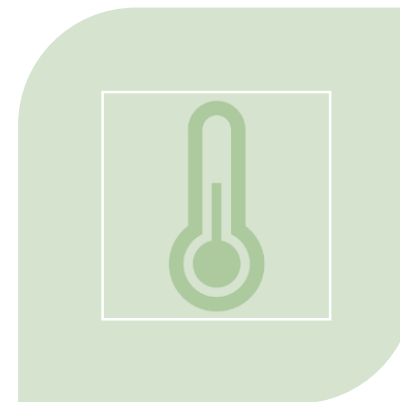
Challenges for the non-state forestry sector



SOCIETY DEMANDS ON
FORESTS



NATURE CONSERVATION



CLIMATE CHANGE

Conclusions and Outlook

• National Funding

- Support for non-productive forest functions (MARD)
- Support for biodiversity measures in forests (Natura 2000 – MEnv.)

• EU Funding

- CAP – planned measures for supporting small scale forest owners in Slovakia
 - integrated projects for close-to-nature forestry
 - Water retention projects
 - Improving forest health
 - NATURA, Environmental Payments
- Restoration Plan – no special financial support for forestry

Thank you for your attention! Questions?



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