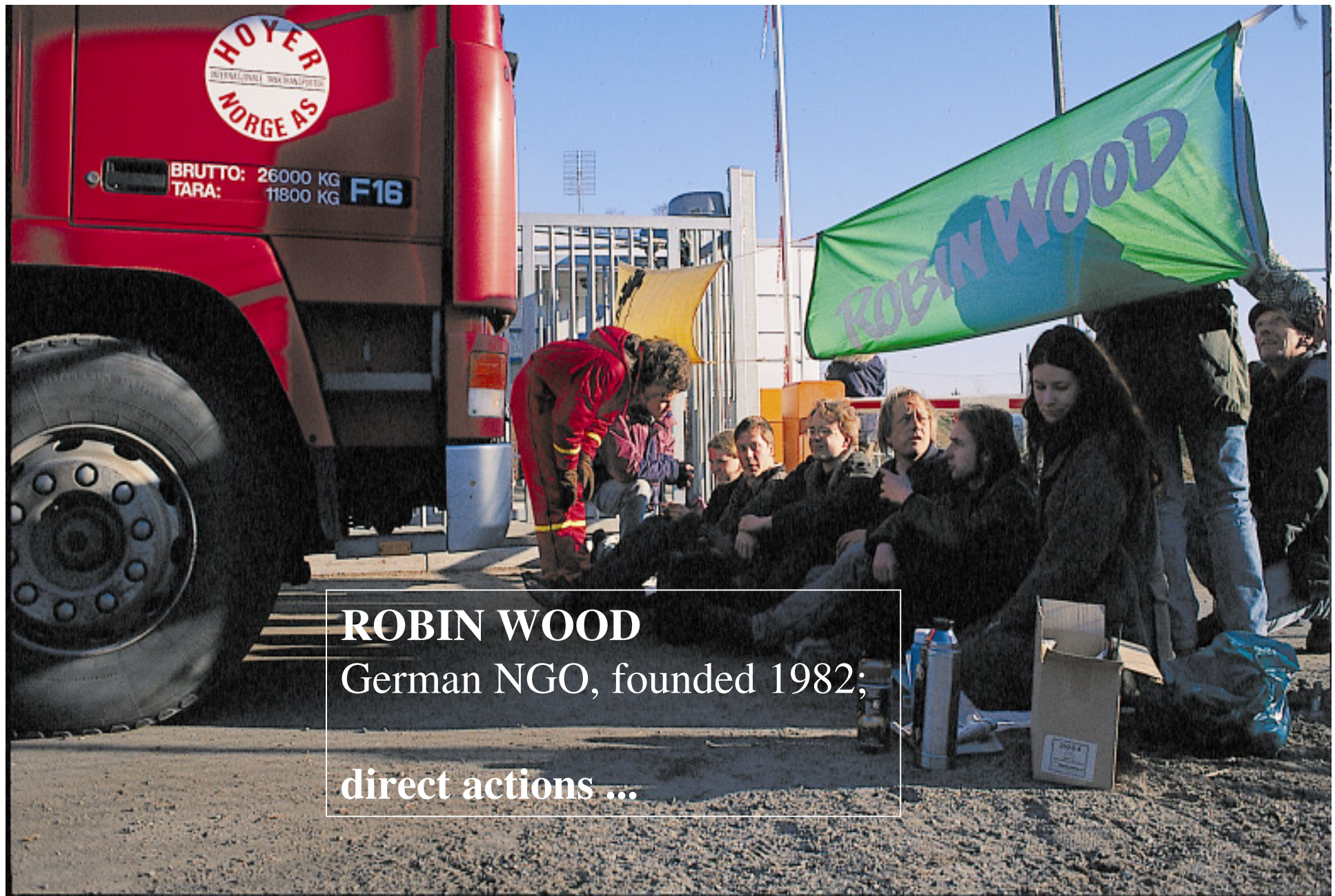




# A German view on Swedish Forestry

Rudolf Fenner, ROBIN WOOD, January 13, 2016



**ROBIN WOOD**  
German NGO, founded 1982;  
direct actions ...

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## **... and public informations**

The starting focus of Robin Wood:  
acid rain, forest die back, emissions out of the  
energy and traffic sector

Later: tropical (1987) and boreal (1990) forests  
FSC-certification (1996)

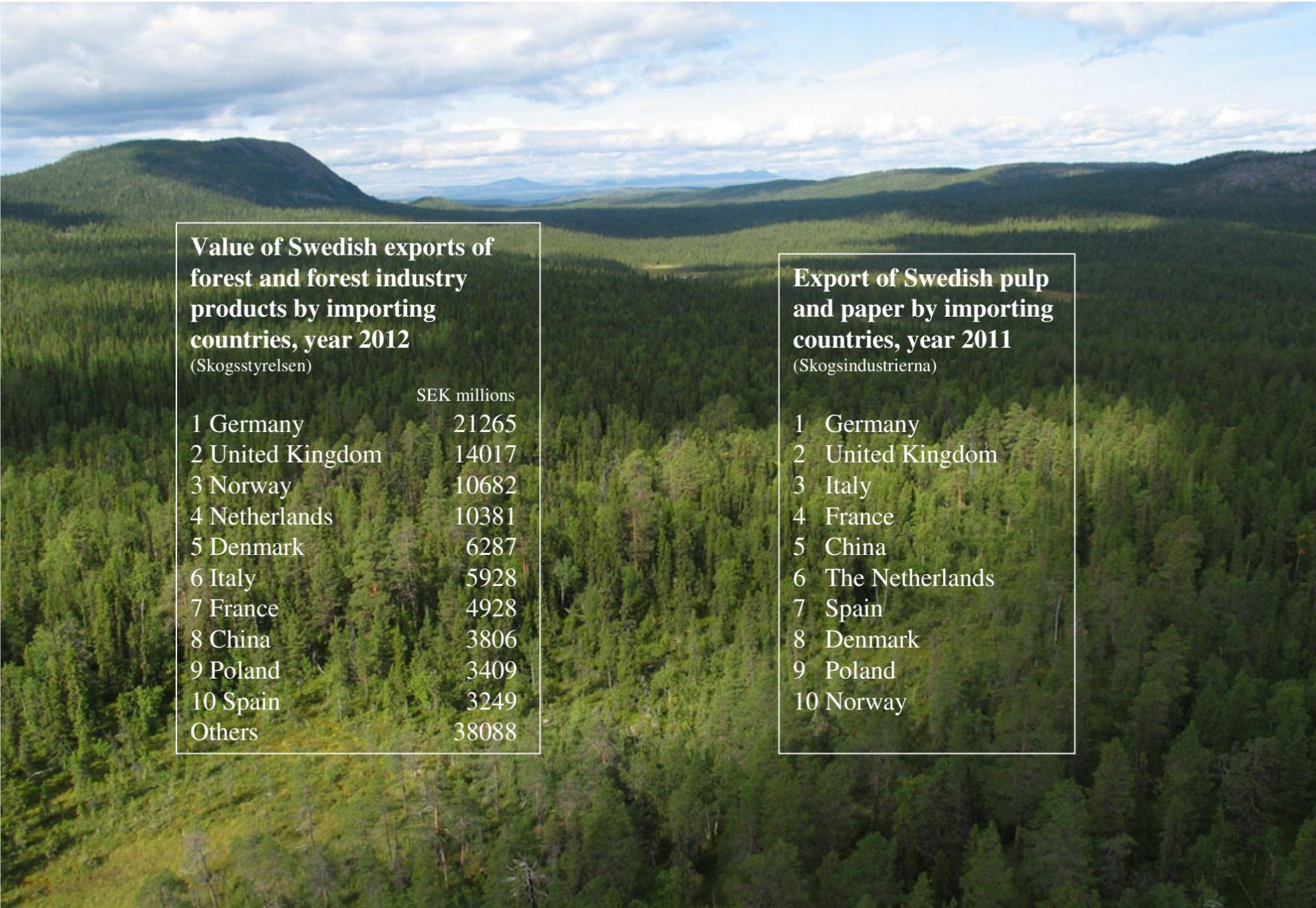
non-forest-focuses:  
Anti-nuclear-power, decarbonisation

# Why we have a focus on Swedish forestry

Wo unser Papier wächst		
Herkunftsland	Hauptprodukte	Anteil (%)
1 Schweden	Papier, Zellstoff	21,6
2 Deutschland	Papier, Zellstoff	17,8
3 Finnland	Papier, Zellstoff	16,4
4 Brasilien	Zellstoff	7,9
5 Österreich	Papier, Zellstoff	5,8
6 Portugal	Zellstoff	4,3
7 Frankreich	Papier, Zellstoff	3,8
8 Polen	Papier	2,5
9 Italien	Papier	2,3
10 Chile	Zellstoff	2,0
11 Spanien	Zellstoff	1,7
12 Uruguay	Zellstoff	1,6
13 Belg./Lux.	Papier	1,5
14 Niederlande	Papier	1,4
15 Russland	Papier	1,4
16 Sonstige	Papier, Zellstoff	8,0

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**Value of Swedish exports of  
forest and forest industry  
products by importing  
countries, year 2012**

(Skogsstyrelsen)

SEK millions

1 Germany	21265
2 United Kingdom	14017
3 Norway	10682
4 Netherlands	10381
5 Denmark	6287
6 Italy	5928
7 France	4928
8 China	3806
9 Poland	3409
10 Spain	3249
Others	38088

**Export of Swedish pulp  
and paper by importing  
countries, year 2011**

(Skogsindustrierna)

1 Germany
2 United Kingdom
3 Italy
4 France
5 China
6 The Netherlands
7 Spain
8 Denmark
9 Poland
10 Norway

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## In the late eighties, early nineties ...

- world market prizes for pulp went up
- Scandinavian forest industry started to open up mountain forests, tundra transition forests and other remnants of Old Growth Forests in Scandinavia for exploitation
- Scandinavian Forest-NGOs became alarmed and began to ask for international support
- **1992 Taiga Rescue Network was founded in Jokkmokk**  
(Karin Lindahl, Roger Olsson, ...)

# Taiga Terminator Campaign

(international coordinated by TRN)

Main goal: Stop the destruction of Old Growth Forests

Sweden:

the forest industry came under pressure  
by NGOs and publishing/printing houses by the demand to  
deliver old-growth-free paper.

1996 the FSC-negotiations started (eNGOs, forest  
industry, Sami, unions)



# 1998 Happiness ...

worldwide first national FSC-standard / 40 % of forests certified

The main NGO goals, the preservation of the last remnants of forests stands and trees with high biodiversity values, were included in that standard

Almost all Swedish NGOs with an forest focus were pleased.

(Greenpeace rejected the agreement because chemical use in tree nurseries was not banned)

**FSC seemed to be something that**

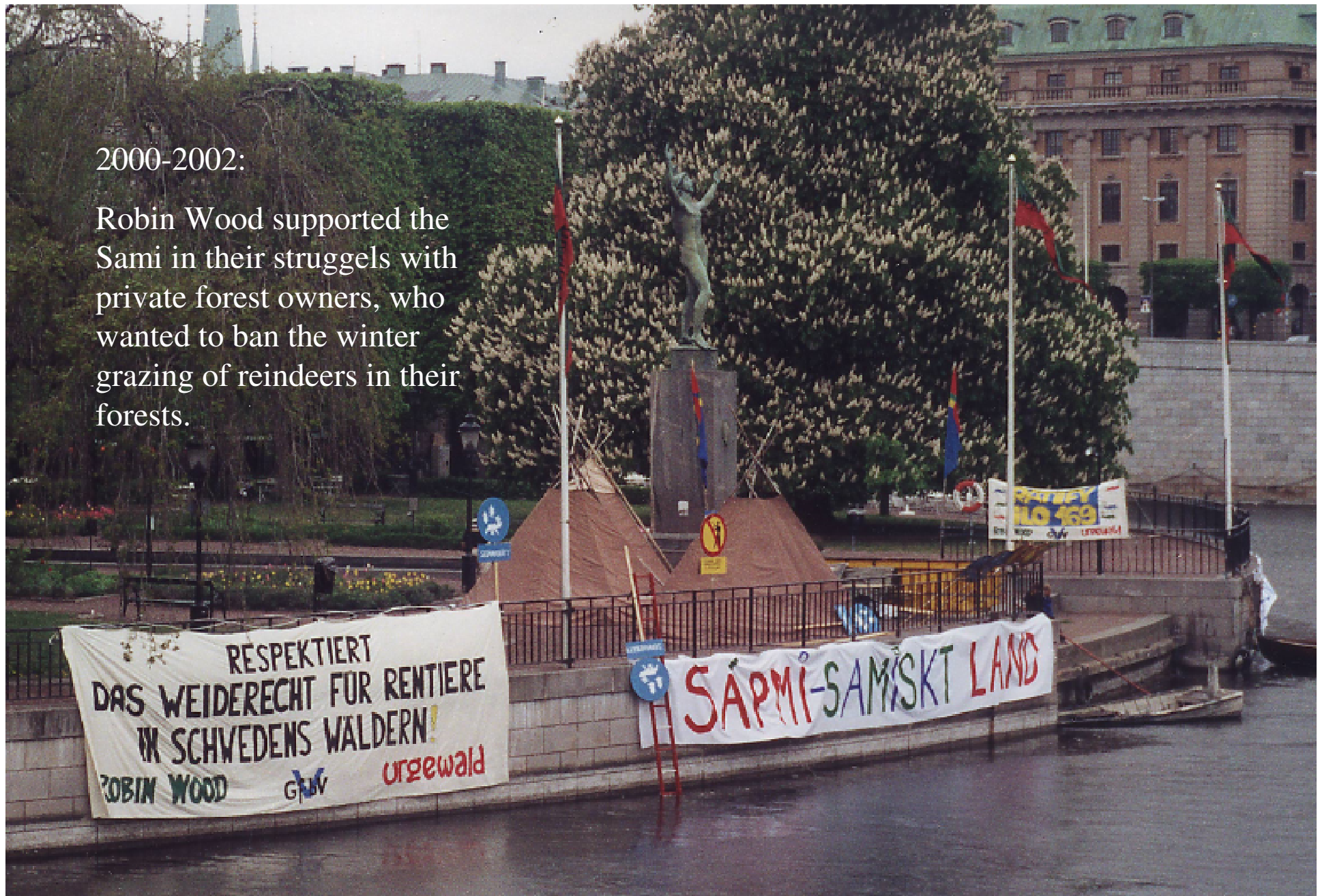
- could solve conflicts and
- helps to achieve ecological goals

**End of NGO Taiga Terminator Campaign in Sweden**

**...but Robin Wood remained skeptical**

2000-2002:

Robin Wood supported the Sami in their struggles with private forest owners, who wanted to ban the winter grazing of reindeers in their forests.



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# But

**since many years we see a growing frustration among the Swedish eNGOs with the FSC-performance**

**Obviously the preservation of the last remnants of forests stands with high nature values is not secured by FSC:**

- Lists of documented violations getting longer and longer since years ...  
**... but (almost) no forest owner has lost its certificate yet**
- FSC-Forest owners are selling forests, that should be set aside by biodiversity reasons, to non-FSC-certified owners ... **... and FSC could not stop it**
- Informal imbalance in the officially balanced FSC system caused by the fact, that the greatest part of certified forest are in the hand of 6 owners (> 1 million ha) ...  
**... and it seems that FSC-Sweden does not see its role in counter balancing**

A photograph of a person with blonde hair tied back, wearing a dark jacket, standing in a forest. They are looking at a tall, thin, vertical tree trunk that extends from the bottom to the top of the frame. The sky is overcast and grey. The ground is covered with low-lying vegetation and some fallen branches.

### Swedish FSC-Forests > 1.000.000 ha

Sveaskog	3.300.000 ha	State corporation
SCA Skog AB	2.600.000 ha	
Bergvik Skog	2.300.000 ha	StoraEnso and Korsnäs
Södra	1.200.000 ha	17.000 certified forest owners
Holmen Skog AB	1.000.000 ha	
Statens Fastighetsv.	<1.000.000 ha	State forest
Sum	11.400.000 ha	

# Loss of confidence in FSC

## NGOs inside FSC-Sweden:

- Entomologists
- Birdlife-Sweden
- WWF-Sweden

## NGOs outside FSC-Sweden:

- Naturskyddsföreningen (SSNC)
- Fältbiologerna
- Friends of the Earth-Sweden
- Greenpeace Nordic  
(but all are still members of FSC International)
- Skydda Skogen (founded as reaction to the loss of confidence in FSC)

**Today: FSC in Sweden seems to be something that**

- can not solve conflicts and
- does not help much to achieve ecological goals



September 2010: a German-Swedish excursion through northern Swedish forests

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An  
ROBIN WOOD e.V.  
Dr. Rudolf Fennar

zur Weiterleitung an die  
geschäftsführenden Vorstände von  
SCA: Jan Johansson  
und SCA Skog: Mats Sandgren

Sehr geehrter Herr Johansson, sehr geehrter Herr Sandgren,

die wenigen in Schweden noch vorhandenen ursprünglichen Waldgebiete und Waldstandorte mit hoher Bedeutung für den Erhalt der Biodiversität sind nicht ausreichend geschützt. Jahr für Jahr fallen solche Gebiete der Forstindustrie zum Opfer und sind für immer verloren.

Es ist empörend, dass auch Ihr Unternehmen an dieser Zerstörung beteiligt ist!

Die Rote Liste der bedrohten Pflanzen und Tiere, die in diesen Wäldern ihren Lebensraum haben, ist erschreckend lang. Um all diesen Tieren und Pflanzen das Überleben zu sichern, schützen schwedische WissenschaftlerInnen, dass bis zu 16 Prozent der Waldfläche unter Schutz gestellt werden müssen.

Der schwedische Standard der Zertifizierungsorganisation Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) enthält eindeutige Mindestanforderungen: Nutzungsverzicht auf mindestens fünf Prozent der Fläche, Schutz aller urwaldähnlichen Bestände und sogenannter „woodland key habitats“.

Ihre Wälder in Schweden und viele Ihrer Produkte tragen das Zertifikat dieses FSC. Es ist skandalös, dass Ihr Unternehmen seit Jahren trotzdem immer wieder gegen dessen Anforderungen verstoßen hat.

Tempo, Zewa oder Tena sind sehr bekannte Markenprodukte Ihres Unternehmens. Bitte stellen Sie sicher, dass für SCA-Produkte keine schützenswerten Wälder zerstört werden!

Bitte benachrichtigen Sie mich über Ihre Entscheidung.

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Anne Niska marknadsför Timrå:

*"Det här är en fantastisk region att bo i, det är nära till allt".*



...ny stundar  
strider i Lögö  
sidan 36

Tips: 060-197764, tips@st.nu eller 070-72060

Torsdag 19 maj 2011



Med svenska tyska konstnärer i ryggen hoppas den tyska miljögruppen att den svenska skogsindustrin byttar och avstår från att avverka gammelskogen i Kvitesele nära Vilsjö. Vid gårdagens protestaktion visade Malin Sjölin på Naturstyrelsens kartor runt i det skyddsklassade området.

## Pressen ökar på SCA

- Tyska miljöorganisationen Robin Wood vill stoppa avverkningsplaner i svenska skogar
- Biolog i protestaktionen: "Det finns väldigt få naturliga skogar kvar i Europa".

30 Ordet fritt: "Ledningen på globaliserat baserat fria sköter"

62 Tv-tips: Hawaii five - 0 är tillbaka



Succen är tillbaka!  
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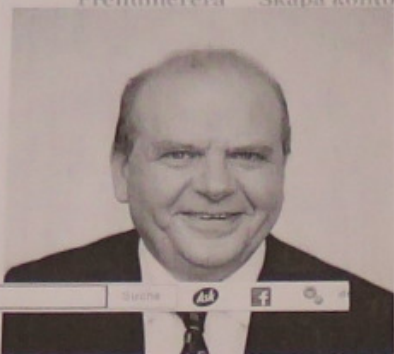
**Open letter  
to  
Eskil Erlandsson  
Minister for Rural Affairs**

## German environmental NGOs demand a change in Swedish forestry

Dear Mr. Erlandsson,

we the signed representatives of German environmental and nature conservation organizations want to express our deep concern about the fact that the Swedish government allows a forestry

**Concerns about the ongoing loss of pristine and near natural forest areas (also under FSC-certification); need of more effective regulations**



servdelar

11 tyska miljöorganisationer vädjar i ett öppet brev till landsbygdsminister Eskil Erlandsson (C) att de orörda svenska skogarna ska räddas. Foto: Regeringen

## Tysk vädjan till Erlandsson om skogen

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**Rädda de sista orörda skogarna i Sverige! Det vädjar 11 tyska miljöorganisationer i ett öppet brev till landsbygdsminister Erlandsson.**

Annons

Erlandsson irrar i skogen | Tommy Hammarström | Expressen

En utskrift från Expressens nätupplaga - Expressen.se

7.7.2014

**EXPRESSEN.SE**

## Erlandsson irrar i skogen

Det kom ett öppet brev till landsbygdsminister Eskil Erlandsson från Robin Wood och tio andra tyska miljöorganisationer; det kom för fjorton dagar sedan.

Ministern har ännu inte svarat, kanske har han inte ens hunnit läsa det. Brevet handlar om att rädda de sista orörda skogarna i Sverige. Det är ett brev från tyska miljö- och naturvårdsorganisationer till den svenska regeringen.

2014-06-18 15:34

## Tyska miljöorganisationer vill rädda svensk gammelskog

Av Miljöaktuellt, redaktionen

Komm  
Skriv  
Tipsa

Elva  
den

**Holz-Zentralblatt**

Unabhängiges Organ  
für die Forst- und Holzwirtschaft

26.06.2014

## Deutsche Naturschützer fordern Änderungen in schwedischem Forstgesetz

FSC-Zertifikat wird als nicht ausreichend eingestuft

Elf Umwelt- und Naturschutzverbände aus Deutschland, darunter Robin Wood, BUND, Greenpeace und Nabu, veröffentlichen in einem offenen Brief an den schwedischen Forstminister Erlandsson, für

Biodiversität nicht gewährleistet. Selbst das FSC-Zertifizierungssystem, auf dem die meisten schwedischen Forstbetriebe basieren, wird als nicht ausreichend eingestuft.

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22 April 2015

Ms. Åsa Romson  
Minister for Climate and the Environment  
Government of Sweden  
Miljö- och energidepartementet  
103 33 Stockholm  
Sweden

Dear Ms. Romson,

We, the representatives of organizations which are mostly members of the Environmental Paper Network (EPN), want to express our deep concern regarding Swedish forestry practice. Sweden is one of Europe's largest producers of pulp and paper, and the Swedish forest industry is an important provider of paper, paper board and sawn and planed products for many countries. However, we have learned that the current Swedish forest policy and legislation

**45 international NGOs out of different environmental paper networks:  
Immediately protection of all WKH and OGF; strengthening of forest legislation**

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# Moratorium!

Foto: © Frédéric Forsmark

Deutschland im Frühjahr 2015

An: Sven-Erik Bucht  
Minister for Rural Affairs in Schweden

Sehr geehrter Herr Bucht,  
viele Holz- und Papierprodukte in deutschen Haushalten stammen aus schwedischen Wäldern.  
Zu meinem Entsetzen ist es den schwedischen Waldbesitzern noch immer erlaubt, sogar jene selten gewordenen Wälder kahl zu schlagen, die noch eine hohe natürliche Artenvielfalt haben.  
Bitte stoppen Sie diesen unwiederbringlichen Verlust!

Nach Angaben der staatlichen Umweltschutzbehörde EPA sind 880.000 ha an produktiven, höchst schutzwürdigen Waldgebieten noch ohne Schutz. Ihnen droht der Kahlschlag!

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# Different views how to protect forest nature

## Nordic countries

Some (near) natural forests still exist

Main focus:

Protection of the last remnants of natural forests and forests with conservation values  
(The questioning of clear-cutting as a default forestry method has just started)

Clear Cut size today (Sweden):  
No restriction below the mountain forest (incl. FSC)

## Germany

No natural forests exist anymore

Main focus:

Integration of nature conservation objectives into overall forestry practices for approaching towards site specific and original forest structures

Clear cut size today:

FSC: max 0,3 ha

Non FSC: max 1 or 2 ha


main german criticism on the Swedish forestry practice :

**The clear-cutting**

A landscape photograph showing a vast, green forested hillside under a clear blue sky. In the distance, a small lake is visible between the hills. The foreground is filled with dense, young evergreen trees.

After 6 decades of clear cutting resulting in too little spaces left for protecting forest biodiversity ...  
...it's high time:

- **to stop clear cutting as the default method of harvesting** and change to a variety of forestry methods that are adapted to the structures and successions of all different natural forest ecosystems.

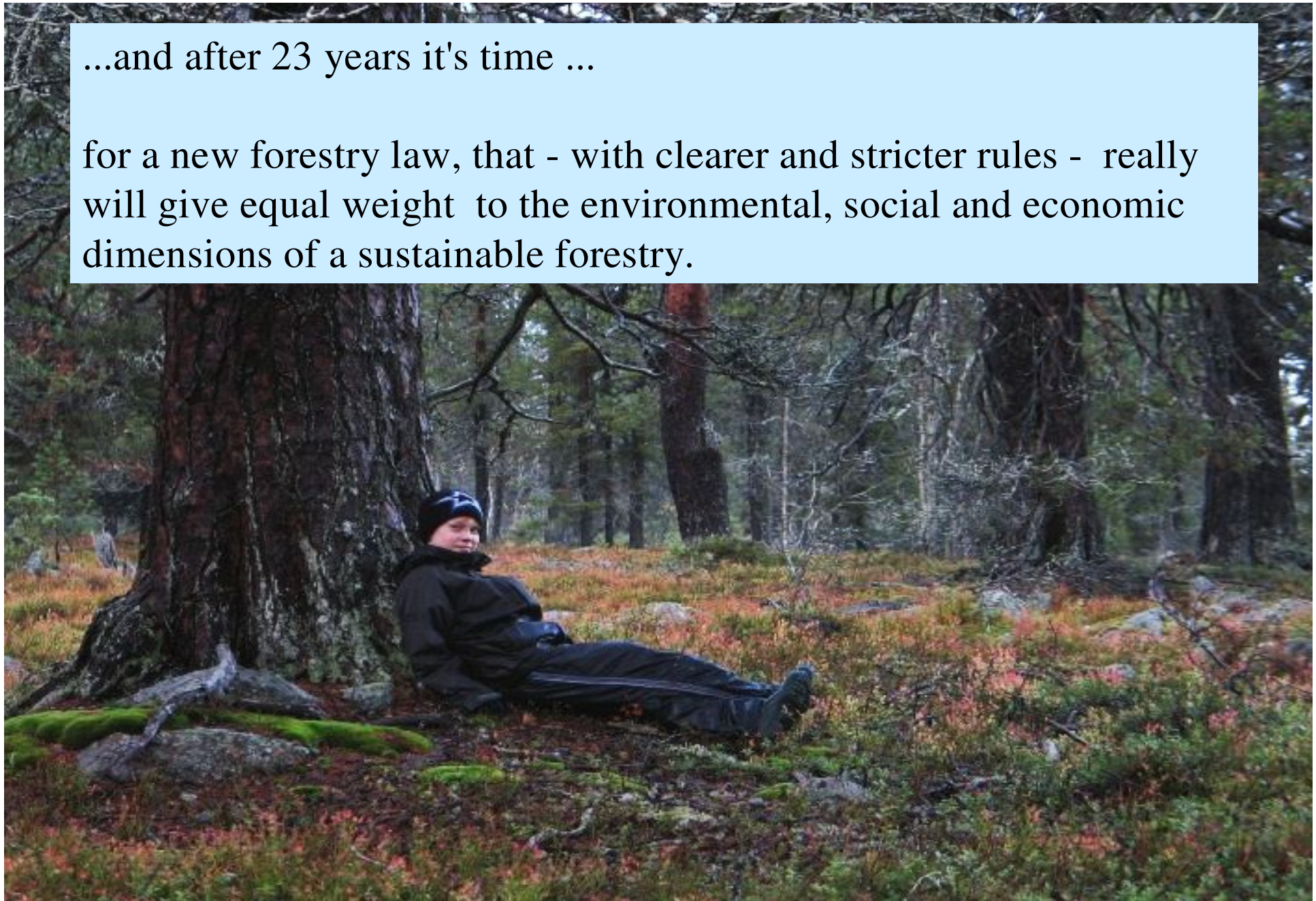


After 25 years of national and international NGO-struggling for the protection of all forest stands with high nature values, but still logging them ...  
...it's high time:

- for an **immediate protection** or at least a **cutting moratorium** for all these valuable forest stands.
- to complete the **identification of woodland key habitats** and other forest areas with high biodiversity values

...and after 23 years it's time ...

for a new forestry law, that - with clearer and stricter rules - really will give equal weight to the environmental, social and economic dimensions of a sustainable forestry.



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