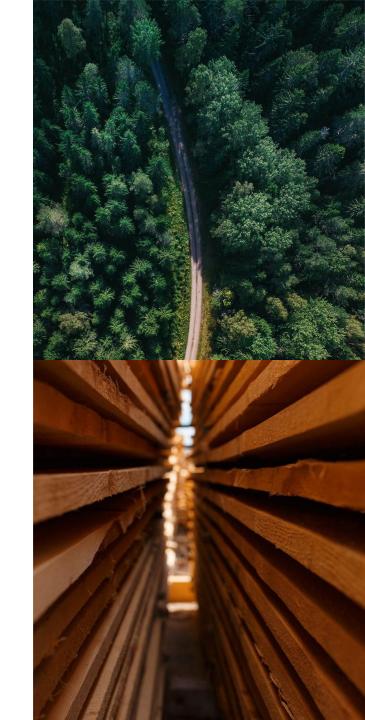


Forest-based policy pathways towards a climate-neutral society: Introducing the ForestPaths project

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Our approach



CHALLENGE

Meet climate targets and protect biodiversity



WHAT IS NEEDED?

Forest-based policy pathways for a climate-neutral and resilient society



OUR PROJECT

Co-designing, quantifying and evaluating forest-based policy pathways to optimise climate change mitigation, adapt forests to climate change, and conserve biodiversity and ecosystem services









Developing high-resolution monitoring methods of climate change related risks from forest disturbances (WPs 2 & 3)



RESULTS

- CBS forest management options
- Policy pathways
- Policy support platform CANOPY
- High-resolution maps
- Next generation simulation models
- Improved data, tools and methods



OUR APPROACH

Understanding the barriers and enablers to the uptake of climate and biodiversity-smart forest management (WPs 1 & 3)



Assembling a next generation integrated assessment framework (WPs 3-5)





Maximising ForestPaths' impacts through collaboration and knowledge exchange (WP 7)



Main results





Climate and
Biodiversity-Smart (CBS)
forest management options



Holistic forest-based policy pathways



Policy support platform CANOPY



Improved
data for understanding
changes in climate on forest
disturbances



Next generation forest ecosystem and management simulation models



Improved
data, tools and methods
for the European forestbased sector



Improved data for understanding changes in climate on forest disturbances

Maps and data are available to **LULUCF experts** under open access
and **training** and guidance is provided.

 Open access next generation pan-European forest maps for disturbance and forest composition and structure

 Guidance to the use of forest disturbance, composition, and structure maps

Next generation European forest disturbance maps

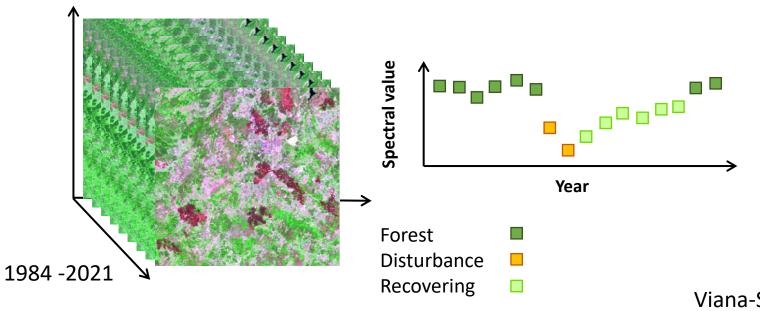


- Extending the time frame of existing pan-European forest disturbance assessments
- Allow for the detection of multiple disturbance events per time series
- Improve the causal agent attribution

Landsat data pre-processing

Annual classification

Disturbance agent attribution



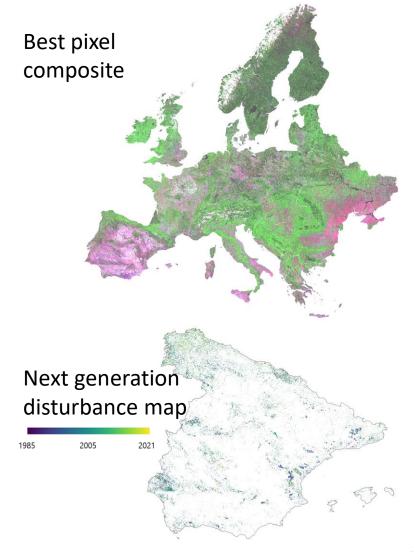
Work in progress

Viana-Soto and Senf, in prep

Next generation European forest disturbance maps



- Developed European Data Cube of Landsat data: annual seamless, gap free composites
- Implemented approach enabled to detect multiple disturbance events per time series
- Agent attribution results coming soon!

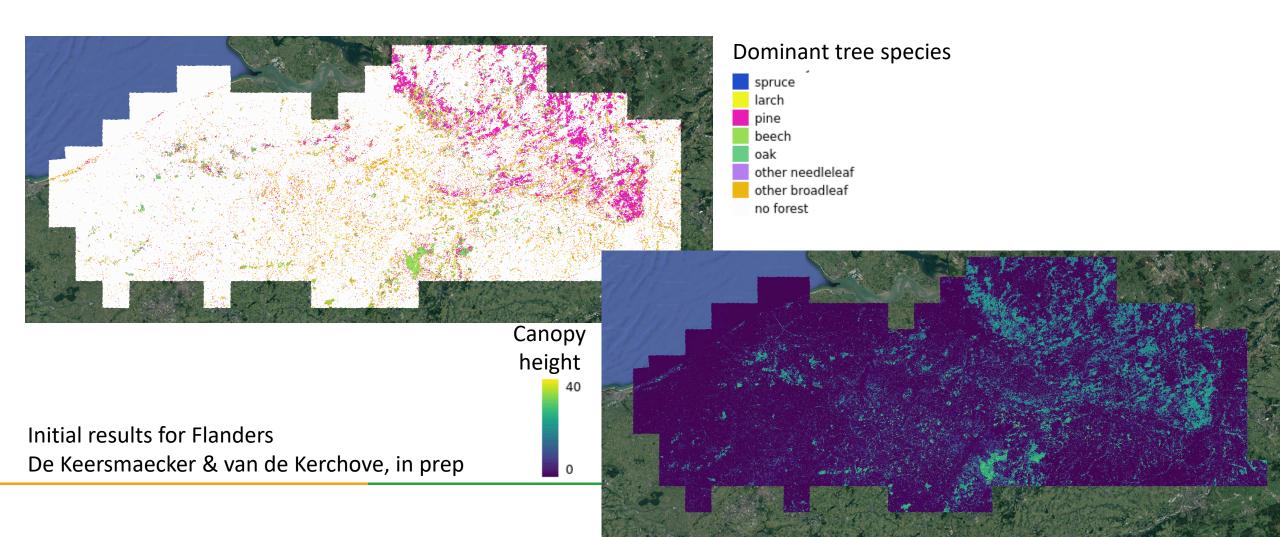


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Forest structure and composition mapping



Mapping forest structure and composition using GEDI and NFI data





Next generation forest ecosystem and management models

Forest management maps

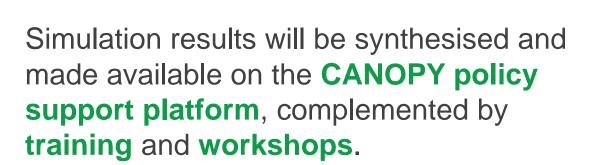
• Improved simulation models for:

 forest ecosystems and management: EFISCEN-space, LPJ-GUESS

owner behavior: CRAFTY

o earth systems: RCA-GUESS

integrated assessments:LandSyMM, IMAGE, EFI-GTM







Improved data, tools and methods for the European forest-based sector



 Database of substitution factors and impact factors

These are **freely available** and **training** is provided for them, along with other supporting materials such as **videos** and **podcast episodes**.

 Methodologies for upscaling substitution impacts

The ForestPaths consortium























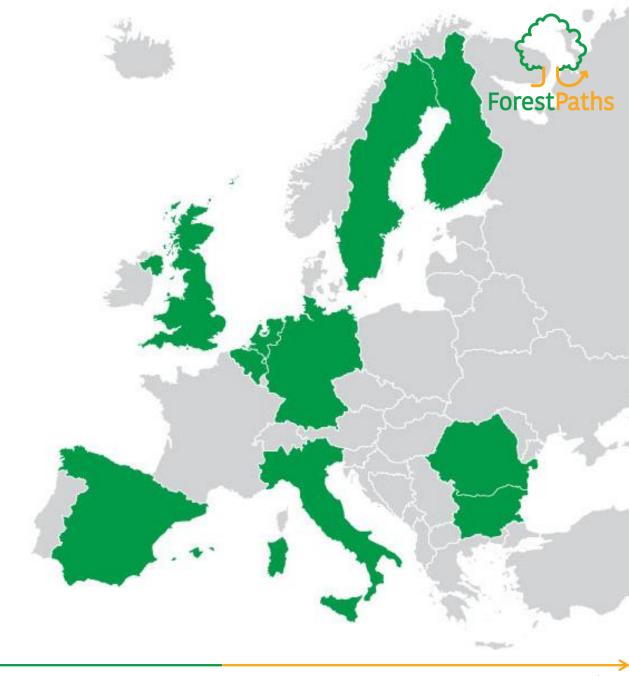


















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