Are you aware of the economic importance of forests?

Forests are an important source of income: Forestry activities, wood processing, and the pulp and paper industries contribute to a GDP of 0.8% (103 billion €) to the Gross Domestic Product of Europe as a whole.

Almost 3 million people in Europe earn their living from working in forestry and forest-based industries.

The total value of marketed roundwood reached 11,500 million € in 2010, when a total of 407 million m$^3$ of roundwood were produced in Europe.

Total value of marketed non-wood goods reached 2.3 billion € in Europe in 2010, of which:

- Total value of marketed services was about €723 million
- Biospheric services (e.g. carbon sequestration) 21.19%
- Forestry activities, wood processing, and the pulp and paper industries combined contribute 0.8% (103 billion €) to the GDP of Europe as a whole.
- And this amount does not include the forest sector's additional contribution through other economic activities, such as forest based tourism, wood energy, manufacturing of furniture, manufacturing of wood processing equipment and trade in forest products.

Even if data on marketed services are very limited, it is clear that they represent a non-negligible income for forest owners.