

Compensations for forest conservation

Location

Country: Norway

Scale: National

Region:

Compensated /improved ecosystem services

- Forest conservation

Management

Forest owners are granted compensation to make their forests available as protected areas. Since 2005 designation of protected areas have been in voluntary form. Forest owners can submit for consideration the whole, or a part of their forest for conservation. A biological assessment is carried out and considered according to reserve requirements. Compensation is negotiated between forest owner and the county governor, based on calculation of the timber value, site quality, operating cost etc. The ownership of the reserve remains to forest owner, but the owner has to relinquish all rights to forestry activities in perpetuity.

Stakeholders

Sellers or service providers:

- Private or public forest owners

Buyers and beneficiaries of services:

- General public

Knowledge providers:

- Forest owners' federations
- Research institutions

Donors – funding agencies or sponsors:

- Government

Intermediaries:

- County governor

Timeline

Establishment year: Voluntary protection was implemented in 2005

Time horizon: Long term

Status of PES: Active scheme

Availability of economic data

The Norwegian Environmental Agency allocated compensations for voluntary protection in an amount of NOK 337 mio in 2018; NOK 315 in 2017; and NOK 298 mio in 2016

References / Source of information

The Norwegian Environment Agency: www.miljodirektoratet.no