

Trinkwasserwald® (Forests for Water)

Location

Country: Germany

Scale: national

Region: Various projects across the country; here example “Bionade” (17 locations)

Compensated /improved ecosystem services

Groundwater production of existing forests is enhanced by converting conifer monocultures into mixed forests (on average 800.000 liters of water per year and hectare according to own statements).

Management

Trinkwasserwald® e.v., a private non-profit association, organises planting actions for forest conversion in existing conifer forests (owned by private or public bodies), and collects donations for financing these actions

Stakeholders

Sellers or service providers:

- Forest owners (private or public)

Buyers and beneficiaries of services:

- Individuals or enterprises as donors (corporate responsibility feature); “Bionade”-case: a private enterprise producing an organic soft drink

Knowledge providers:

- Local forest offices

Donors – funding agencies or sponsors:

(See “buyers”)

Intermediaries:

Trinkwasserwald® e.V., acts as an intermediary

Timeline

Establishment year: 1995

Time horizon: long term

Status of PES: active

Availability of economic data

According to own statements, Trinkwasserwald® e.v. and its members have hitherto converted ~2.300 ha of coniferous monocultures into „drinking water forests“, thus additionally producing about two billion liters of groundwater.

“Bionade-case”: Since 2008, 17 forests have been converted jointly by the Trinkwasserwald® association, forest workers, school classes, and Bionade employees and management members, planting about 250.000 deciduous trees at ~65 ha coniferous forests all over Germany.

Economic data not publicly available.

References / Source of information

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