

Finnish forest policy and sustainable forest management

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- Over 70 per cent of Finland's surface area is covered with forest
- 2.5 billion m³ of wood in Finnish forests
- Annual increment 107 million m³
- Growth exceeds the harvesting volumes
- Forests sequester 30–40 million tonnes of carbon dioxide annually
- Majority of Finland's forests are privately owned
 - Private individuals 60 %
 - Private companies 9 %
 - State 26 %
 - Others 5 %

Promoting and monitoring sustainable forest management



- Legislation, e.g. The Finnish Forest Act
- Financial incentives – Financing of sustainable forestry
 - Forest owners may receive financial support from the State for forest management, improvement work and for nature management
 - Objectives:
 - Increase the growth of forests
 - Maintain road networks for forestry purposes
 - Secure the biodiversity of forests
 - Promote the adaptation of forests to climate change
- Strategies and programmes
 - National Forest Strategy 2025
 - Bioeconomy Strategy
- Information and advice – open, state funded forest data
 - The National Forest Inventories (NFI)
 - E-services for forest owners (Metsään.fi)
 - Providing our 630 000 forest owners with knowledge and tools



National Forest Strategy 2025



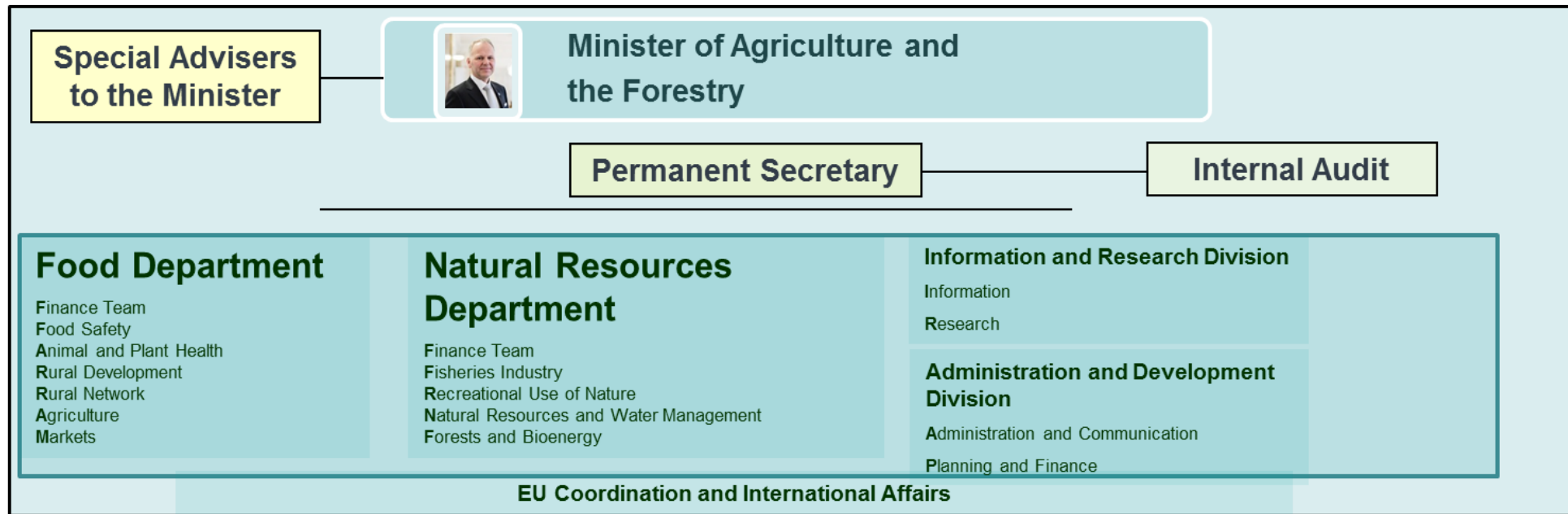
*"Sustainable forest management
is a source of growing welfare"*

- Describes priority objectives and detailed measures that will promote the achievement of the strategic objectives of the sustainable management of Finland's forests
- Ongoing updating process
 - More focus on climate-smart forestry and nature management in commercial forests, as well as on international forest policy and all dimensions of sustainability (economic, ecological, social and cultural)
 - Active inclusion of stakeholder groups and citizens

NFS 2025's relationship to other programmes and strategies



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