

Survey on the Knowledge Transfer between the Biodiversity Exploratories & Forestry and Nature Conservation Practice



Please, return the questionnaire before
16th February 2018

Abbreviation **BE** = *Biodiversity Exploratories*

(A) Analysis of knowledge transfer between the BE and forestry and nature conservation practice

1. Did or do you investigate topics or questions that are relevant for forestry and nature conservation practice in your BE-research project?

- Yes, they are/were a component of my research project
- Yes, they are/were a central goal of my research project
- No, my scientific work can be characterized as basic research
- No answer

2. Have you ever been involved in activities to transfer scientific results from the BE to forestry or nature conservation practice? If yes, in which ones?

- No
- Yes, namely the following ones (*check any that apply*)
 - Lecture at an informative meeting organized by the local management teams
 - Lecture at a stakeholder meeting in the framework of the annual BE-assembly
 - Personal discussions with stakeholders from forestry or nature conservation
 - Publications in practice-orientated journals of forestry or nature conservation
 - Press releases (print media, radio, television)
 - Internet, social media
 - Others (*please, complete*):.....
- No answer

3. How would you judge the previous transfer of scientific results from the BE to forestry and nature conservation practice?

- Has not occurred, yet
- Deficient
- Sufficient
- Good
- Very good
- No answer

4. In your opinion, are there any circumstances that impede the transfer and/or the application of results from the BE in forestry or nature conservation practice? If yes, which ones?

- No
- Yes, namely the following ones (*check any that apply*)
 - Results are not sufficiently communicated
 - Results are not relevant for practical applications
 - Results are too general
 - Results are not convincing
 - Results refer too specifically to single species or species groups
 - Most results are published only in English
 - Results can not be extrapolated to operational units of forestry and nature conservation (e.g. forestry district, nature reserve)
 - Results do not reflect the long time-scales of forest and nature conservation planning and management
 - Results are inconsistent with previous knowlegde or new findings from other research projects
 - Results are not compatible with other management- or protection goals
 - Results are contrary to social movements
 - Scientists have low interest in the transfer of their results
 - Stakeholders have low interest in the results of the BE
 - Lack of communication between scientists and stakeholders
 - Transfer activities are made at the expense of the scientific carrier
 - Scientific framework conditions (e.g. temporary contracts, teaching loads) do not leave enough time for transfer activities
 - Work load of the stakeholders does not leave enough time for a realtime application of new results
 - Administrative or legal frameworks in forestry or nature conservation impede a realtime application
 - Others (*please, complete*):.....
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- No answer

5. Have you already integrated suggestions or open questions from regional stakeholders into your BE-project? If yes, which ones?

- No
- Yes, namely (*please, add*):

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- No answer

6. In your opinion, are there any circumstances that impede the integration and investigation of suggestions and questions from forestry or nature conservation practice in the BE? If yes, which ones?

- No
- Yes, namely the following ones (*check any that apply*)
 - Up to now suggestions or questions have not been communicated to the BE by regional stakeholders or practitioners in general
 - Research of the BE is rather basic than applied
 - Benefit for scientific work or career is too small
 - Low interest of scientists in practical questions
 - Lack of communication between scientists and stakeholders
 - Insufficient incentives to consider concerns of forestry and nature conservation practice in research projects
 - Others (*please, complete*):

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- No answer

(B) Improvement of the transfer and future research

7. Do you have concrete suggestions to improve the transfer of results from the BE to forestry and nature conservation practice? Please, note them briefly.

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8. Do you have concrete suggestions to improve the transfer of knowledge and open questions from forestry and nature conservation practice to the BE? Please, note them briefly.

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(C) Some personal information

10. To which field of research would you assign your BE-project (e.g. vegetation science, animal/plant ecology, soil science, remote sensing, genetics etc.)? (please, add)

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11. Have you ever been employed in the forestry or nature conservation sector (before or after your project in the BE)?

- Yes, in the nature conservation sector
- Yes, in the forestry sector
- Yes, in both sectors
- No, I haven't

12. Would you indicate your current or former position in the BE, please?

- Bachelor or Master student
- PhD student
- Postdoc
- Coordinator
- Local management team
- Project leader / PI
- Data management
- Others (please, complete):.....

13. Would you specify the year of your birth, please?

Year of birth

14. Would you be willing to answer and discuss further questions on the knowledge transfer between the BE and regional stakeholders in an interview?

- Yes
- No

If you are willing to participate in an interview, we would like to ask you to specify your name and telephone number or email address so that we can contact you. This information will be kept in strict confidence and will not influence the analysis of the questionnaire.

Surname, first name; telephone number or email address

Dear participant,
**with your response to this questionnaire you have greatly supported
the Biodiversity Exploratories and our subproject on knowledge
transfer.**

Thank you very much for that!



Further suggestions, questions and critical comments are highly welcome and can be added here: