



The Forests Dialogue

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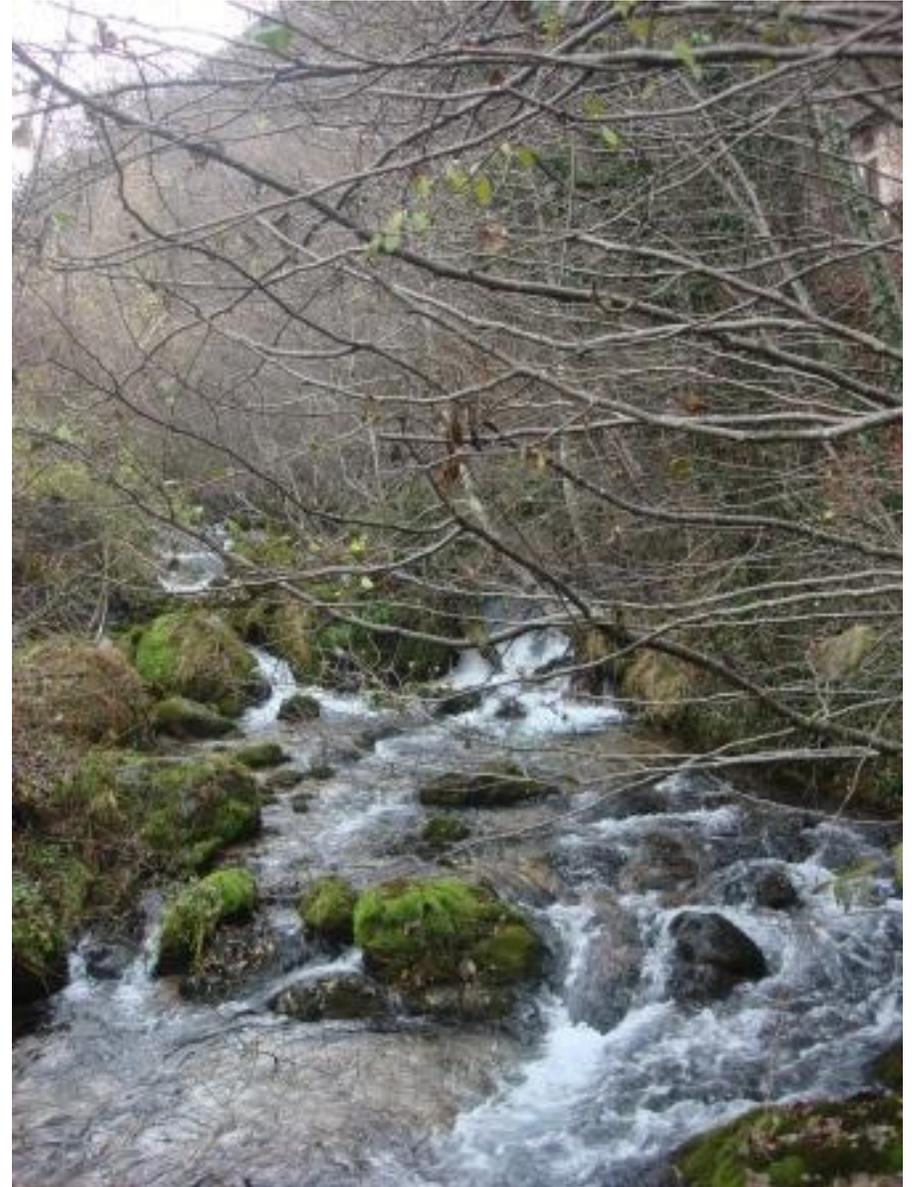
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Main topics from the field: state role

State's influence on the ground

- Disconnect between local peoples and government
- Government has different perspective on what happens and what should happen
- International policy effect
- Sectoral approach



Main topics from the field: associations and competitiveness

State influence through
frameworks

High cost of transaction in
terms of time and
restrictions for owners to
develop their operations

Importance of
associations: potential
contributions



- Difficult to develop industry because no steady wood supply
- Competitiveness based on timber price set by government
- Benefits of subsidies do not get to owners



Main topics from the field: land and management

- Rights in tenure and ownership
- Land fragmentation makes sustainable use difficult
- Micro-mosaic of private and public land makes management difficult for both state and private owners
- Role of forest enterprise: regulatory and producer
- Lifestyle impacting management (e.g. hunting)

