

PP1

Effect of electro-magnetic fields (EMF) on biology, ecology and wellbeing of organisms

PP2

Nutrient recycling in tropical forests: termite ecology

PP3

Study of insect and fungi dynamics and tree species interaction

PP4

Reconstructing global insect invasion dynamics

PP5

Acquisition of productive, ecological, environmental and sociological data in forest environment

PP6

Forest dynamics models and global change research

PP7

Effects of the disturbance regime on forest ecosystem function in the context of climate change

PP8

Models of decision support as a preparation to Global Change and Industry 4.0

PP9

Novel wood-based materials related to GC and Industry 4.0

PP10

Research of horizontally Controlled Process Model in Relation to GC and Industry 4.0

## Key outputs

PP1

We showed that magnetic fields can provide mammals with a directional cue to synchronize and maintain their direction of movement. Alignment with magnetic field lines makes a cognitive map easier to read.

PP2

We figured out the relationships between microbial communities and xylophagous termites, including their coevolution. We uncovered the molecular basis of termite's ecological success. We identified a royal pheromone in higher termites.

PP3

The application of hydrogel during planting reduces the mortality of seedlings; we also found a higher rate of photosynthesis in oak seedlings. When applying hydrogel during planting, a differentiated approach is needed. The defence method of waxing (application of ecological wax to seedling stems) will protect the treated seedlings from damage by the large pine weevil at medium population densities.

PP4

We found that historical plant invasions are the main driver of insect invasions worldwide. Certain groups of insects are historically more prone to invasion, which is related to both their accidental global transmission and the biological characteristics that favour their establishment.

PP5

We created a digital twin of a real forest stand in virtual reality based on Lidar scanning. It can be used in psychological treatment as a tool for relaxation and emotional release.

## Key outputs

PP6

We expanded knowledge on the impact of climate change on Central European managed forests, including a critical review of the management possibilities of disturbance affected by climate change.

PP7

We confirmed the essential role of natural disturbance in the dynamics of natural forests. Natural disturbance fundamentally affects the ecosystem functions of natural forests. With its positive impact on the heterogeneity of the vegetation structure in space and time, it creates habitats for a whole range of organisms.

PP8

By monitoring the number of visitors to forests, we contributed to the creation of better forest management measures. Our software tool working with real LHP data implements research results to support multi-criteria decision-making (not only) in forestry. We helped to define the concept of forest bioeconomy and selected activities within it, and compare the state of bioeconomy in the Czech Republic with selected countries.

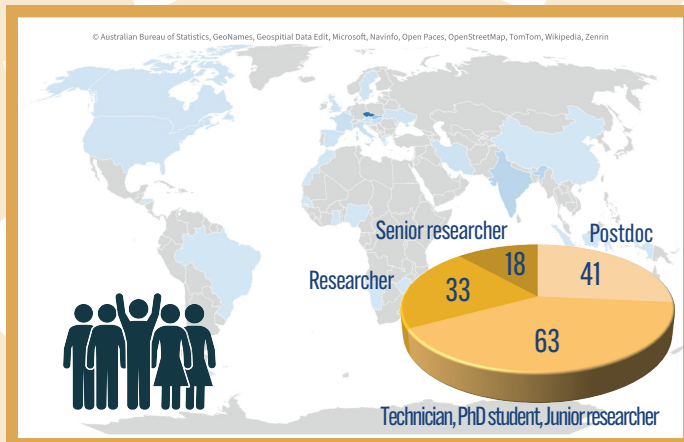
PP9

We developed an innovative paint system for the surface treatment of wood exterior, the development of which led to the filing of an international patent application.

PP10

We optimized laser cutting of wood and helped introduce laser technology into wood processing.

## The excellent team members



## Selected indicators

**Professional publications**  
created by supported entities

420+



**International patent application**

3



**Professional publications**  
with foreign co-authorship

300+



**Centre of Excellence**  
newly built

1



## Modern infrastructure

As part of building modern infrastructure, laboratories were renovated between 2017 and 2023 to a value of 28.7 million CZK and state-of-the-art equipment and machines were purchased to a value of 97 million CZK.

Among the most important equipment we can mention e.g. multispectral scanner with X-ray valued 20.2 million CZK.



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