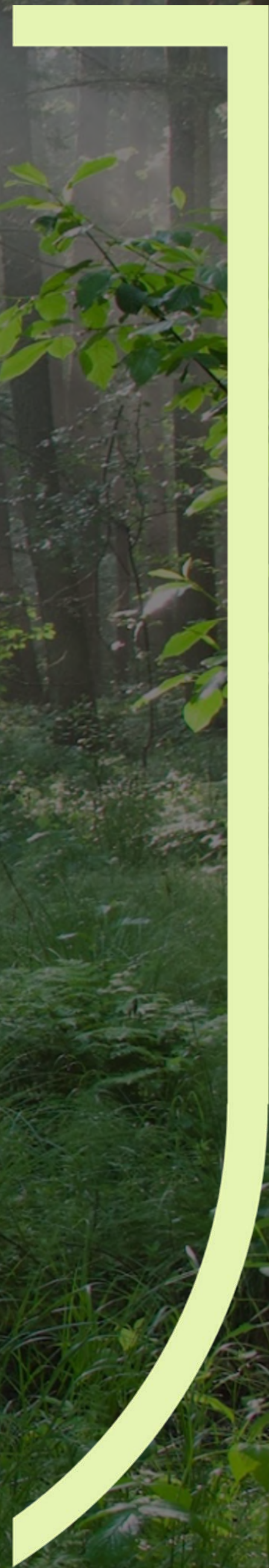




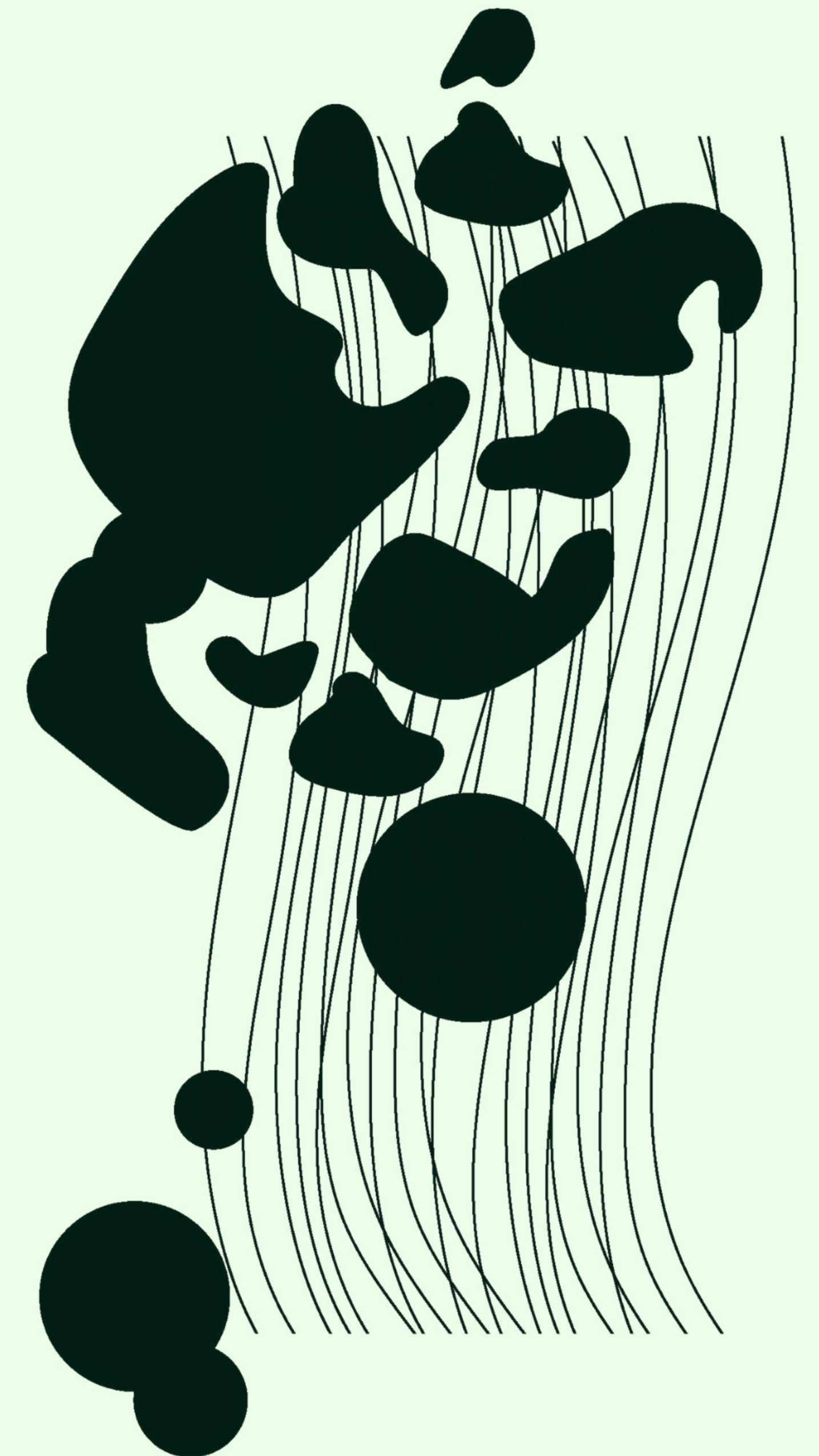
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The Ancient Woods Foundation Annual Report 2023



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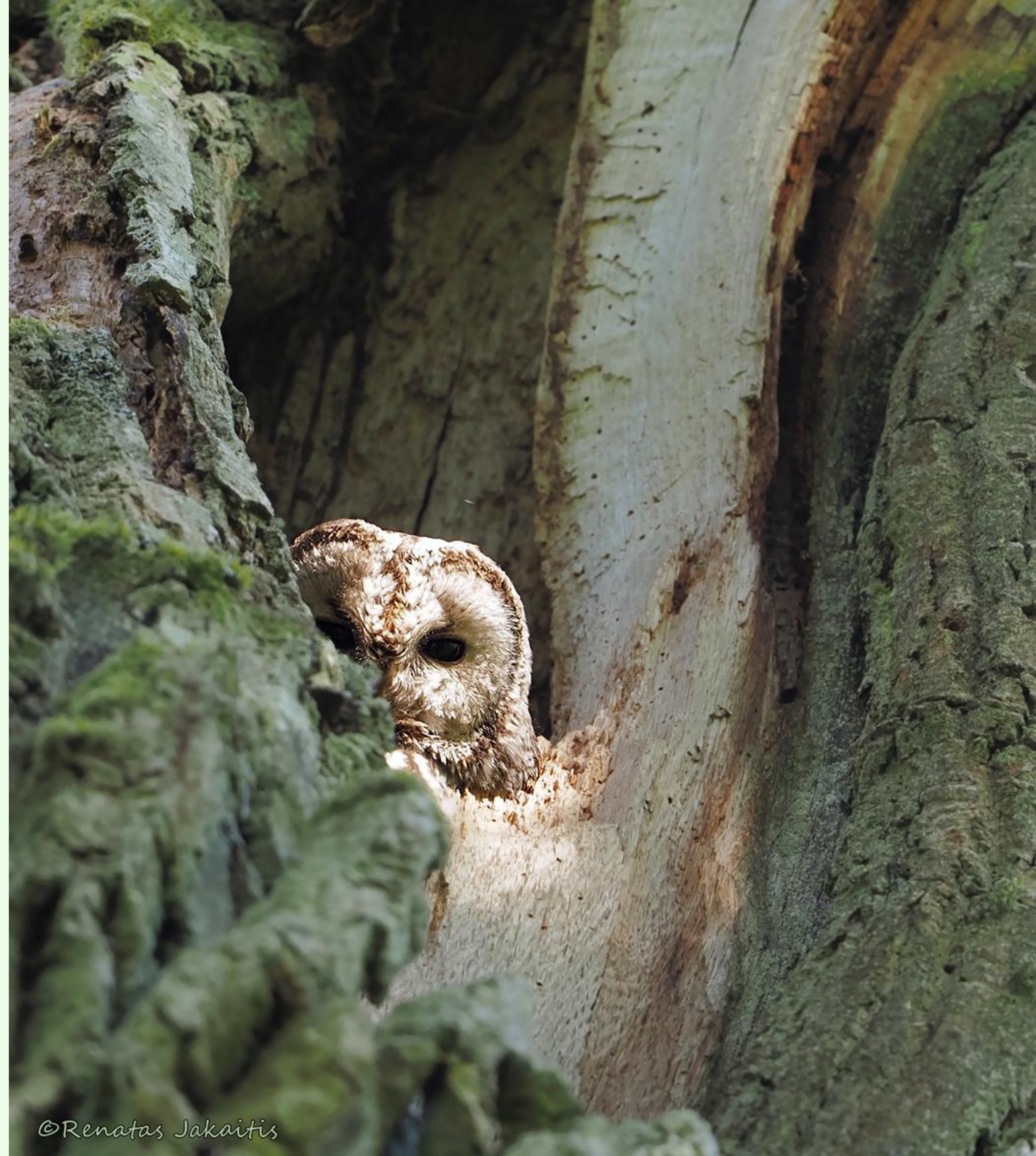
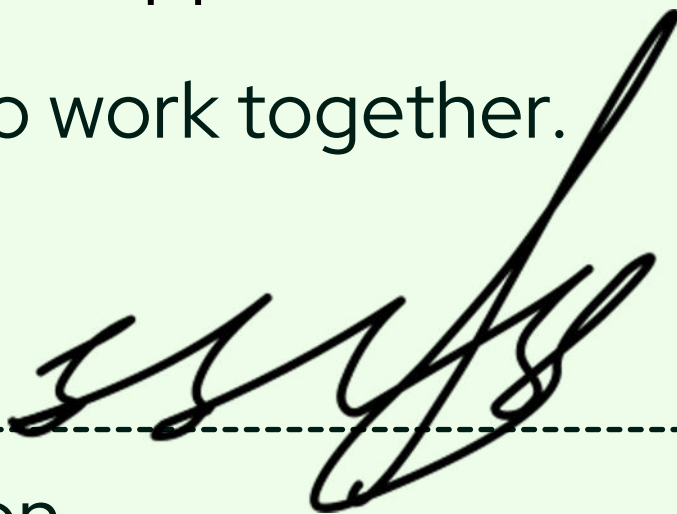
Thank you for 2023!

This was the 4th year for The Ancient Woods Foundation, proving that an idea can become an active community with a tangible result; proving that it is possible to grow strong complying with values, and that each of us can contribute to the future of the ancient woods.

Special thanks goes to the team, financial donors, partners, ambassadors who spread the message, the community, and everyone who helped with the forest search, inspection, stewardship, education, and their own ideas and initiatives – from students to start-ups, from contributing through donations at the reverse vending machines to research in the forests, educational, artistic and support initiatives.

Thank you for the inspiration to work together.

On behalf of the team,
Mindaugas Survila
Sengirės fondas
The Ancient Woods Foundation



Key aspects of the 2023 Report

1. Public Institution „Sengirės Fondas“ is registered as a non-profit organisation of 24th of January, 2020. Registration address - A. Mickevičiaus g. 31, Juodšiliai, Vilnius district. Identification code – 305433631.
2. The main activity of institution is the restoration and conservation of old-growth forests (primary forests) in Lithuania, i.e. a continuously growing, maturing and naturally regenerating, diverse forests with all its biodiversity, in an open-ended manner, naturally, without any human economic activity or other interference.
3. Shareholders of the institution: Mindaugas Survila, Simonas Bastys, Mindaugas Lapelė, Ainis Pivoras, Vilius Striužas. Each shareholder contributes EUR 10 each, for a total of EUR 50.
4. The funds received by institution in 2023, tangible and intangible assets acquired, operating expenses and other related information are detailed in the "Financial report" section of this report (p. 56).
5. Number of employees in 2023: 2 employees at the beginning of the fiscal year, and 2 employees at the end.
6. The number of volunteers contributing to the Foundation's activities in 2023 is over 78, with over 6200 hours of time spent. More details in the "Community" section of this report (p. 42).

The main objectives for 2023 were:

- To select and purchase another 40-50 hectares (99-123 acres) of the most valuable old-growth forests;
- To strengthen the monitoring of forests already under protection and initiate biological research in 5 – 6 of these areas;
- To continue public education;
- To continue cooperation with business and environmental organisations to maximise the impact of activities;
- To grow our team.

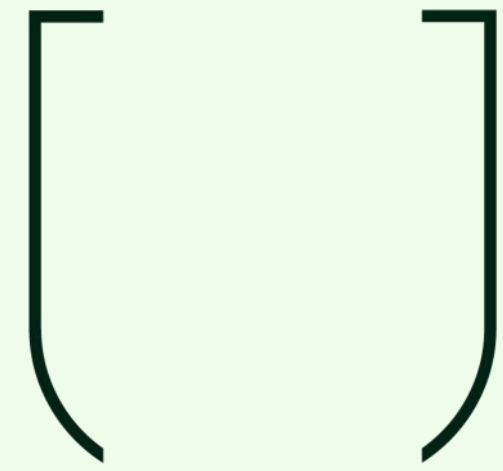
The work carried out is detailed in the following sections of this report.

The main objectives of 2024 are:

- To protect more than 170 hectares (420 acres) of future old-growth forests by the end of the year;
- To extend existing forest massifs;
- To continue public education about the importance of preserving old-growth forests and biodiversity;
- To strengthen the monitoring and inventorisation of forests already under our protection.

VšĮ „Sengirės fondas“

Manager Rimantė Paulauskaitė-Digaitienė



**Sengirės
fondas**

Our mission: to preserve the most valuable old-growth forests and protect their biodiversity, to establish public forests in Lithuania, create long-lasting examples of sustainable nature that are essential for preserving biodiversity and mitigating the effects of climate change - old-growth forests that are open to the public.

Our vision: Lithuania - where nature belongs to itself, and is allowed to develop without any human influence, where all organisms are equal, and no one is thought of as harmful.

Key activities:

Forests:
preservation
with all the life in
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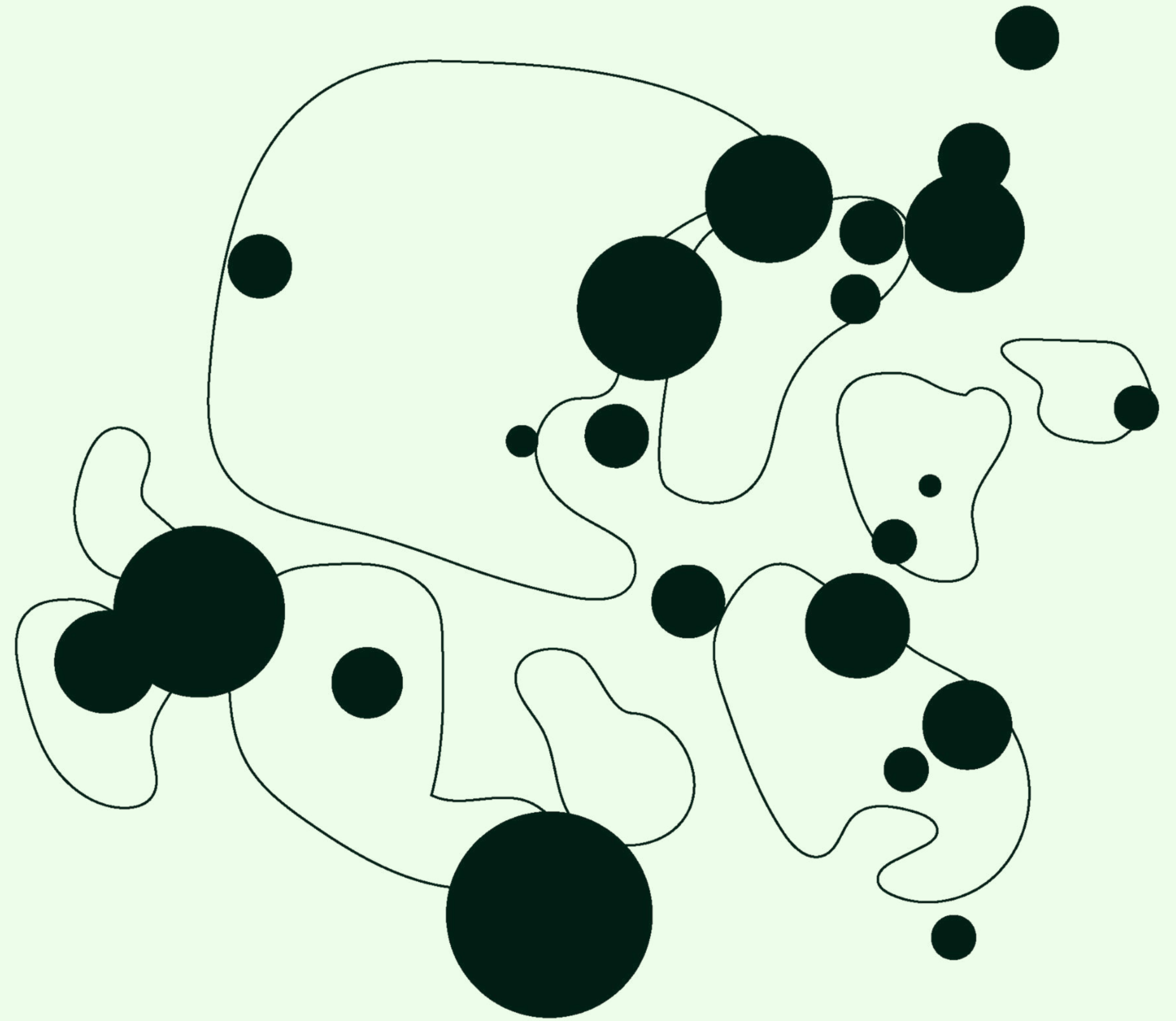
**Education
and science**

Impact
through
partnerships

Forests:

Preservation with all life in them

Where nature belongs to nature
and allowed to take form
without human influence.



Search and selection of the forests

More than 400 plots:

In 2023, in search for the future old-growth forests, we worked with a database of 434 forest plots to find future old-growth forests. Negotiations are ongoing with 69 plot owners.

Public engagement:

Thank you to everyone who offered valuable plots of land, as well as to those who helped us visit potential forests promptly. People's active engagement in forest preservation is particularly important – thanks to a local forester, a forest plot has been bought in Užupiai, Alytus district.

Search methods:

Main sources – the Foundation has compiled a list of the most valuable massifs in Lithuania, as well as suggestions from the public. In 2023, we have expanded the search with e-advertising, auctions and forest sale platforms. Šilininkai forest in Šilutė district – first forest bought at auction.

Share information

If you know that an old, biologically valuable forest is for sale – be sure to share the information with us there:

www.sengiresfondas.lt/misko-anketa

We are constantly looking for effective methods to find and acquire plots – so the public's help is very welcome.

How future old-growth forests are selected?

To preserve the most valuable fragments of old-growth forests that still remain, we use 40+ scientific criteria to select plots having the greatest potential to develop into forests full of life and diversity.

Structural criteria:

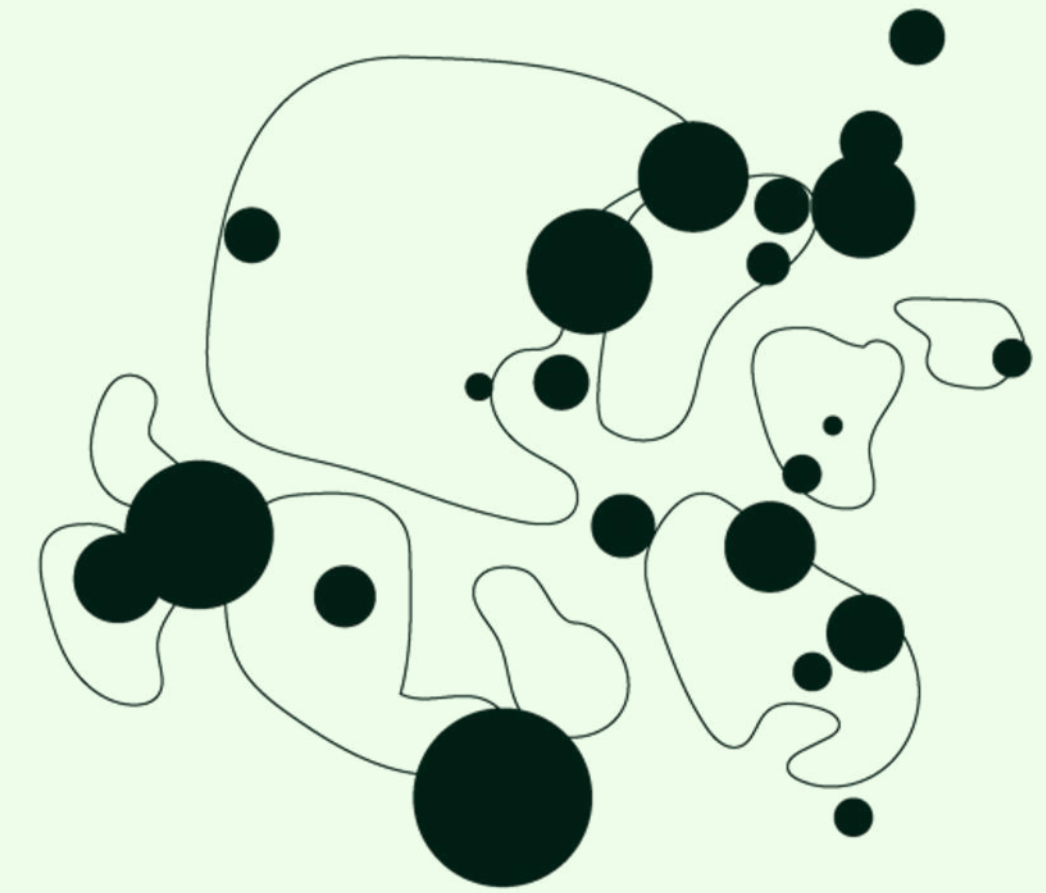
- Diversity in age;
- Mosaicism;
- Recovery potential, craze, undergrowth;
- Diversity of micro-habitats;
- Relief;
- Soil;
- Hydrological regime;
- Dead wood;
- Ancient trees;
- Forest sites;
- Climaxicity.

Biodiversity criteria:

- Species composition of trees;
- Number and abundance of old-growth forest species;
- Species included in the list of protected animals, plants and fungi of the Republic of Lithuania;
- Species and habitats protected under the EU Birds and Habitats Directives;
- Indicative species of key woodland habitats & habitats of EU importance;
- Animal habitats (nests, roosts, caves, bathing sites, beaver habitats).

Territorial, legal criteria:

- Affiliation to a protected area;
- Buffer zone;
- National location;
- Anthropogenic criteria;
- Forest management projects;
- Historical development;
- Price.



We are looking for private, biologically valuable self-sustaining forests that already contain old-growth forest elements. These are mixed, multi-stemmed, mosaic-structured stand. They are usually full of dead wood or old, slowly dying trees, with a new generation of trees or a rich understorey of shrubs sprouting up all by themselves.

The biodiversity of a site is greatly enhanced by the variety of topography and hydrological regimes, so an intervening wetland, coastline, slope, promontory, hill or ravine adds further value.

Forests preserved by the Foundation

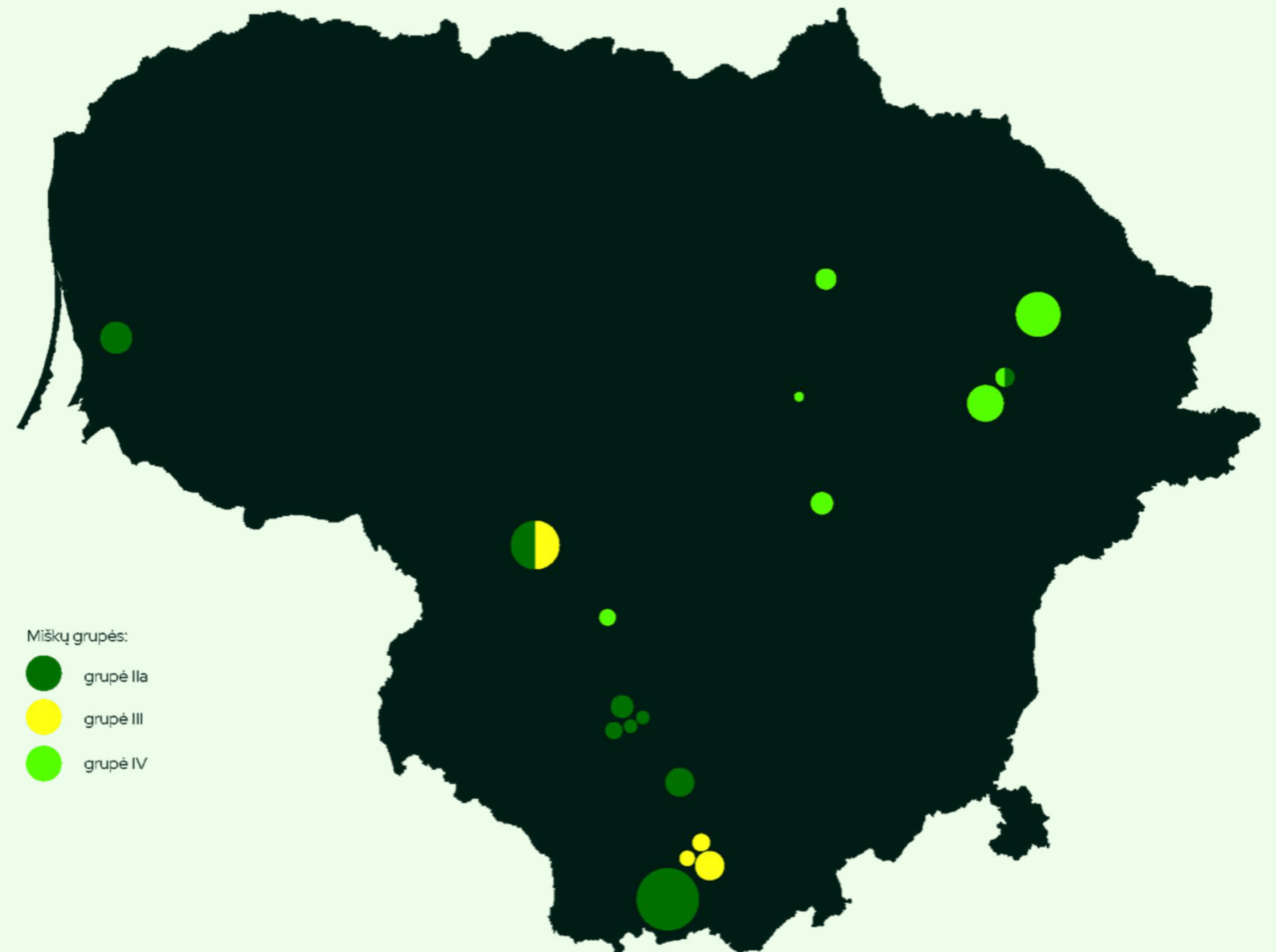
By the year 2023, we have expanded the area of protected forests to 118.87 hectares / 294 acres, or 18 forest plots.

5 forest plots have been purchased - 61,79 ha / 152,7 ac:

- 27,5 ha / 68 ac plot in Raigardas alley, Druskininkai district.
- 4,92 ha / 12 ac plot in Užupiai, Alytus district.
- 6,08 ha / 15 ac plot in Šilininkai, Šilutė district.
- 1,9 ha / 4.7 ac plot in Žiogeliai, Druskininkai district.
- 21,39 ha / 53 ac plot in Rūstekoniai, Jurbarkas district.

Each forest plot has been selected on the basis of 40+ biological, structural, territorial and legal criteria and has been visited live prior to purchase.

All the forests bought last year are bordering rivers, and as many as 4 out of 5 are near the Nemunas. Old-growth forests on the slopes of the foothills are likely to have survived due to the difficult terrain, which is unfavourable for farming.



Raigardas Valley forest

(The largest continuous forest parcel)



Location Druskininkai district, Švendubrė forest massif

Size 27,5 hectares

History It is the largest single plot of land preserved to date in a culturally and naturally important place - the Raigardas Landscape Reserve.

The legendary Raigardas valley is surrounded on all sides by pine forests, in the centre of the valley lies a birch forest, and the Nemunas valley is full of old riverbeds and streams. Ornithologist Marius Karlonas has recorded about 120 species of breeding birds in the valley alone, and over 160 different winged birds in total.

The Foundation's community has contributed to its preservation: those who supported the Foundation in 2022 by contributing their share of their GPM, regular donors, businesses, and those who actively responded to the call to contribute. In total, more than 1,230 people and over 30 business organisations.

Forest There are biologically particularly valuable stands of 161-year spruce and 150-year pine trees, and the stream running through the middle of the site is bordered by mature alder trees. Allowing the forest to continue to develop naturally will only increase the number of fungi, lichens and invertebrate species associated with living wood. The site has been designated as Habitat H1 - Underground caves, waters and sinkholes, Habitat of European Community importance 9010 - Western taiga. As it is a large contiguous parcel, such a forest will better support the stability of ecological conditions important for the survival of species.

Užupiai forest



Location Alytus district, Užupiai village, Sudvajai forest massif

Size 4,92 hectares

History The site has come under the care of the Foundation thanks to an active local community. The proposal came from a local ranger, was evaluated and selected by the Foundation's researchers as a potential old-growth forest, and was acquired by the Green Forest 2023 grant initiative.

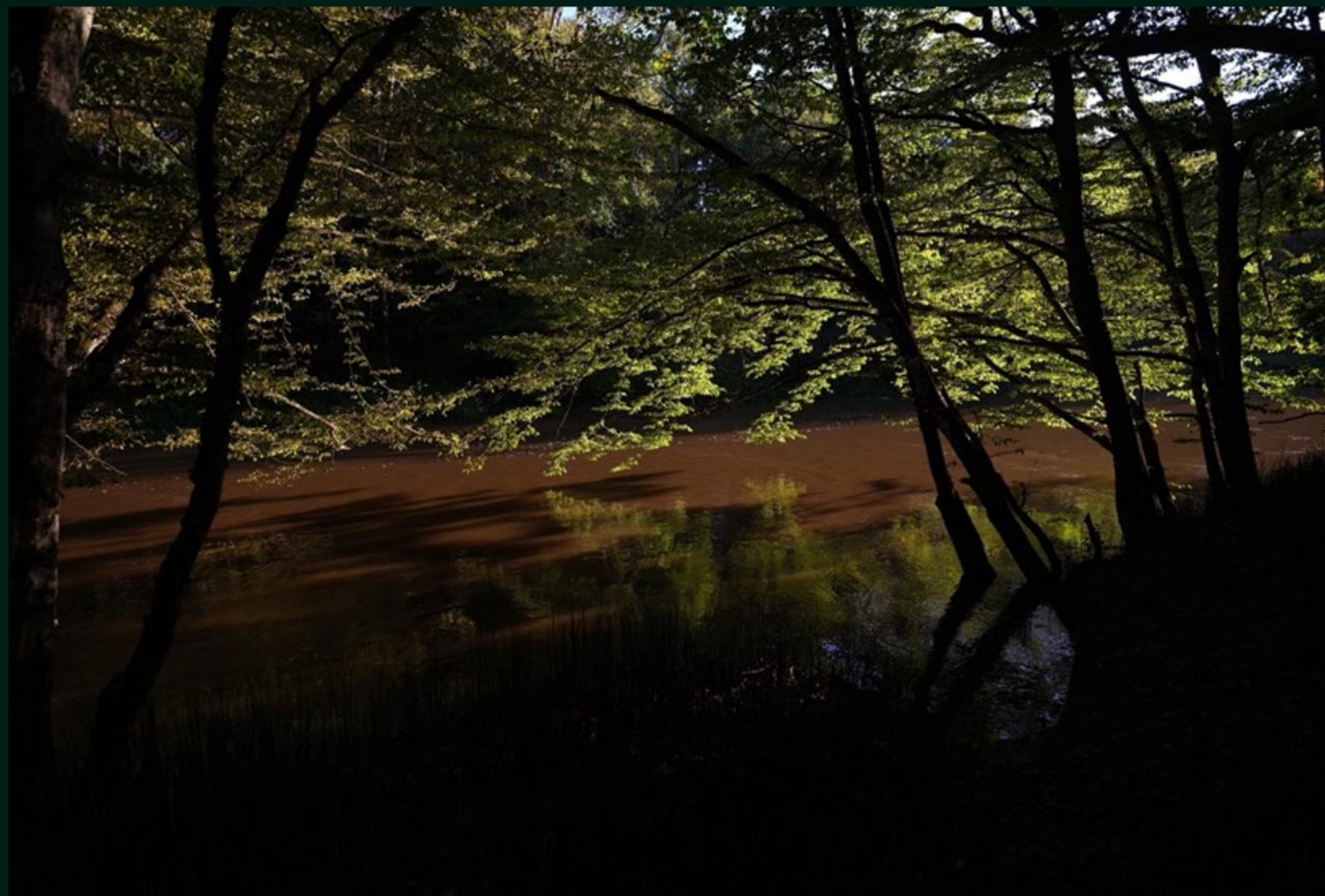
Forest Užupiai Forest is situated on the slopes of the Tolupė and Alovė rivers, where there are many springs and streams. Nearby, on the other side of the stream, is a unique natural object - the Alovė outcrop, where a moraine fracture is clearly visible. The forest is spectacular, although difficult for man to pass because of the forks, slopes, springs, bends in the river, smaller outcrops, old valleys, and elk with their calves travel through these valleys.

The forest is dominated by pine, spruce, alder, and birch trees 90-100 years old. Maples, oaks and hornbeams appear on the slopes. Live wood is abundant. A slightly more open section of small, open, wet meadow can be found on part of the site too.

The forest contains designated habitats: European Community importance 9050 - Herbaceous spruce forests, core forest habitat C1 - wet alder forests.



Šilininkai forest



Location Šilutė district, Pangiriai, Šilininkai village,

Size 6,08 hectares

History **This is the first forest plot acquired by the Foundation in Western Lithuania. The forest is located by the Veiviržis river, near the villages of Pangiriai and Šilininkai in the Šilutė district. The old Evangelical Lutheran cemetery of the village of Šilininkai is a nearby cultural asset. This future old-growth forest was acquired thanks to the support of Mano Bankas in 2023.**

Forest It is a forest group IIA parcel with the distinctive feature of the 800 m long bank of the Veiviržis stream, with its rich and varied deciduous forests on the slopes. There are already some elements of old-growth forest, such as snags, coarse woody debris, oaks celebrating their centenary, mature aspen, linden, birch, and white alder trees. The forest adjacent to water bodies are characterised by a particularly high abundance of distinctive micro-habitats and biodiversity. The large dead (living) wood along the coast receives relatively more moisture and sunlight, which provides favourable conditions for the establishment of more selective species of insects, lichens and fungi.

Not only the woodland, but also the entire streamside will be left to develop on its own, thus making the coarse woody debris and the roots of the trees an excellent shelter and spawning ground for the protected species of fish and otters of the Veiviržis Hydrological Reserve. Beavers will be able to burrow in the forest slopes in peace. The site is also distinguished by the regionally scarce evergreen thickets of the rough horsetail (*Equisetum hyemale*). The forest falls within the territory of the valleys of the Veiviržo and Šalpė rivers and belongs to the Veiviržo Ichthyological Reserve (zoological-ichthyological; habitat protection).

Žiogeliai forest #3



Location Druskininkai district, Žiogeliai and Randamonys villages

Size 1,9 hectares

History This is the third parcel, forming a 7.74 hectares solid massif in the Dainava Forest of Dzūkija, next to the Nemunas River, near the ethnographic village of Žiogeliai, one of the most valuable massifs. The preservation of these forests ensures the protection of not only the biodiversity of the mature forests and slopes on the banks of the Nemunas, but also the protection of the local aquatic inhabitants, such as otters, beavers, and sea eagles nesting on the other side.

It's a spectacular place - and although the terrain makes it a challenge to walk there, that's what makes it so beautiful and biodiverse. The northern part of the site slopes down to the Nemunas, the terrain rises and falls, a ravine meanders through the site, and springs abound.

The preservation of parcel #3 of this forest was made possible by the generous support of long-time philanthropist Mykolas Dumčius.

Forest The forests belong to the Dzūkija National Park, Important bird areas, Natura 2000, designated Key Forest Habitats - alkaline wetlands, dry heaths, habitats of European Community importance - herbaceous spruce forests and alluvial forests, a priority habitat of importance for Lithuania. Some of the pine forest is 130-140 years old, the spruce forest is about 120 years old. The mature stand and its vigorous timber will enrich the abundance and diversity of woodpeckers in the area.

The forest has a rich flora of spore-forming vascular plants, with six species of ferns recorded during the initial survey: *Athyrium filix-femina*, *Dryopteris filix-mas*, *Dryopteris carthusiana*, *Phegopteris connectilis*, *Gymnocarpium dryopteris* and *Polypodium vulgare*. Gametophytes of ferns have also been observed in the grove.



Rūstekoniai Bajorkalnis forest



Location Jurbarkas district, Rūstekoniai village

Size 21,39 hectares

History **It's one of the largest protected forest plots - mixed area with slopes has been preserved thanks to private regular donors and corporate donor Žalia Giria (Gelsva).**

According to the Foundation's ambassador, historian Vykintas Vaitkevičius, this forest is also significant historically as it covers the entire highland known as Bajorkalnis which was used as a hillfort, and according to today's assessment, during the battles against the Teutonic Order, it was used as a lookout hill. In the 16th-18th centuries, the local nobility apparently gathered here for meetings. Various legends have been written about Bajorkalnis, and half a century ago local dance parties were still held on the hill itself, and today the pilgrimage route of Camino Lituano / St. James' Way is crossing the site.

Forest The forest in central Lithuania (Jurbarkas district) is part of the Panemunių Regional Park and has yet to become a deep old-growth forest, but the mixed forest with its many slopes already stands out for its topography and biodiversity.

A large part of the parcel belongs to the Armena Geomorphological Reserve, with the Armena River flowing in the western part of the parcel and the Armena outcrops on the other side. Some tracks of weasels, foxes, roe deer, deer and wild boar have been identified. The forest is already home to semi-mature and mature grey alders, birches, maples, lindens, oaks and pines. In the south-western part of the forest plot lies a European Community importance habitat - european hornbeam woodland - very unique to Lithuania.

In Balbieriškis forests with Dr. Biruté Galdikas, the Patron of the Foundation



"Some of these beautiful forests should remain completely untouched. But it is also important that people should be able to see this beauty" – dr. Biruté Mary Galdikas, who has been working in nature conservation for more than fifty years, spoke with great care and love while looking around in the oak woods.



Forest protection

What happens to the forests under the Fund's care? Nothing. They are allowed to develop and mature naturally without any human influence.

The only activities that take place in these forests are guarding, education and research: monitoring, identification of habitats, rare and protected species, other scientific research, educational trips, photography or filming all this is done in an environmentally friendly way and in respect of biological sensitivity of the forest.

To ensure that there are no harmful human impacts on nature, continuous monitoring is carried out by periodic visits to each of the plots by the designated responsible persons – rangers, who while visiting the forest, assess its condition, take photos and record the data in a common system.

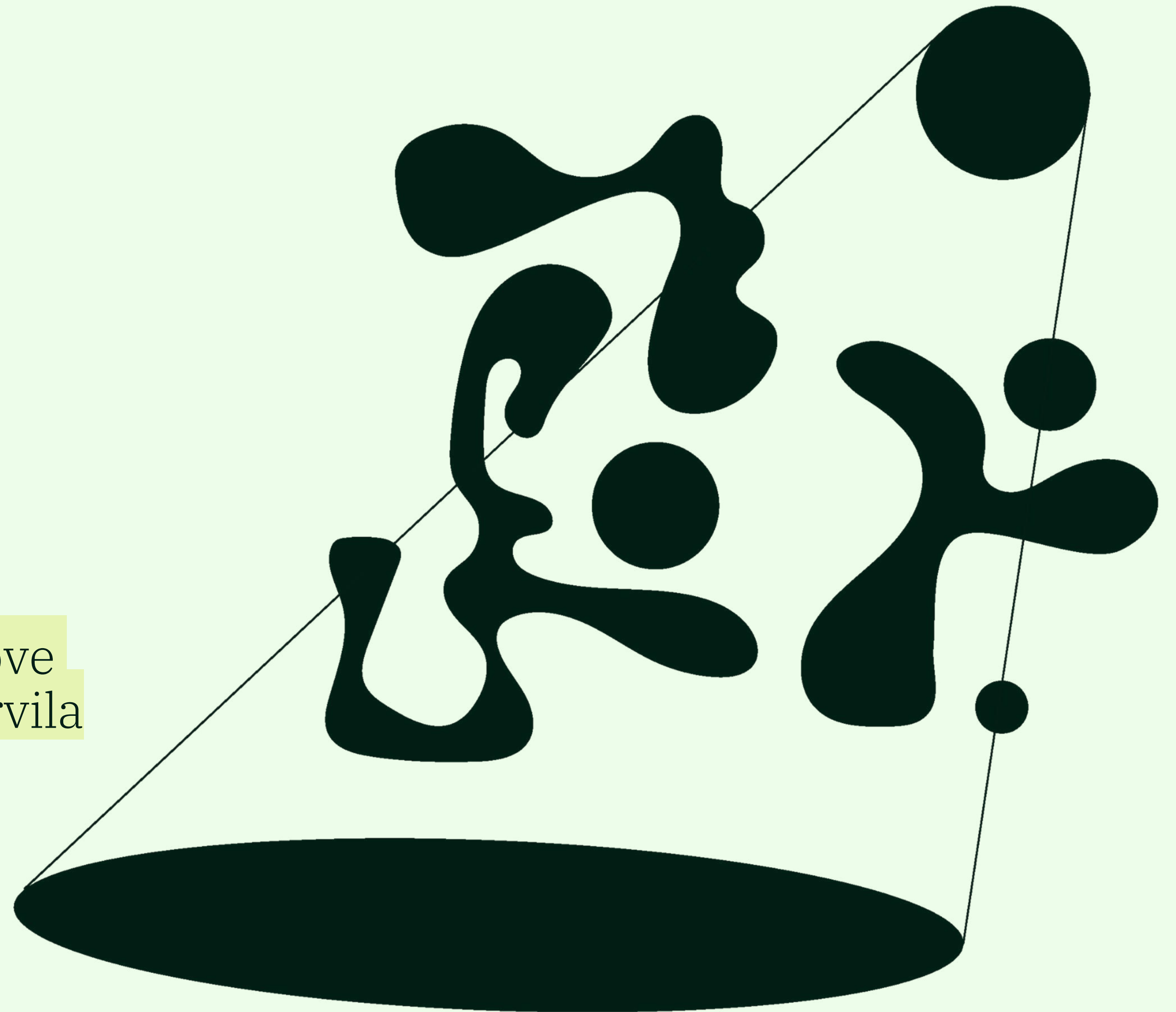
A few more activities in the Foundation's forests in 2023:

- forests has been monitored by 16 rangers;
- the process of banning hunting was initiated;
- name-labelling of forests conserved thanks to philanthropists was also launched.



Education and science

„You protect when you love, and love when you know.” – Mindaugas Survila



Education and science activities in 2023

26 educational lectures, presentations, film screenings for business, the public, children, foreign organisations and the community.

15 educational trips to old-growth forests with scientists for the Foundation's community and donors.

50+ educational articles, social media posts, project material.

Moniškis forest - extensive research has been carried out here, including soil excavation and species identification.

Education for children - a remote educational programme for schoolchildren was launched.



Soil profile study in Moniškis forest



In the summer of 2023, scientists Dr Ričardas Skorupskas and Dr Jonas Volungevičius carried out a soil profile study. The research showed the uniqueness of this location - **this forest and its soil have never been touched by human activity. It is a preserved natural example of a very healthy, fertile soil and a protected natural information fund.**

The study confirms why this untouched natural ecosystem of soil and old-growth forest is so rich in biodiversity - in the last couple of years, scientific expeditions have recorded a number of rare, protected species, including Dr. Reda Iršėnaitė's unique find of the summer of 2022 - a globally rare and rapidly declining mushroom species Lavender Baespora (*Baespora myriadophylla*).

In total, over **120 species** of fungi, lichens, plants and animals have been recorded there.



Educational content - key projects (I)



Bark beetle *Typographus* – a keystone species of forest ecosystems:

insights into this beetle and its important role in forests have been disseminated in various media, thanks to the entomologist Dr. Eduardas Budrys and the botanist Dr. Ainis Pivoras.

The life cycle of a pine tree

– An illustrated educational series on the importance of pine trees to ecosystems at different stages of their life, from a young pine tree to a 400-year-old trunk. Illustrated by Eglė Plytnikaitė, content by Mindaugas Lapelė, Mindaugas Survila.

Educational lecture "How are our forests changing?"

– a lecture by phytoecologist Vytautas Uselis to the community on the evolution of forests – how they have evolved so far, what determines the direction of the old growth forest, what are the trends in the development of Lithuanian forests, what will the future of the forests of the Foundation look like.

Educational content - key projects (II)

Material for the Children's Forest Pavilion at the Venice Architecture Biennale – thanks to the

curators of the project, the Foundation was able to contribute content on old-growth forests and the situation in Lithuania. More about the project "Neringa Forest Architecture" [on the website](#).

"Forests and Scents - a conversation about scents, the importance and benefits of old-growth

forests" by Mila Monk, a forest bathing guide, Ina, a perfumer at the "Kvapų namai", Dr. Radvilė Rimgailė-Voicik, a botanist, and Rimantė Paulauskaitė-Digaitienė, a member of the Foundation's board.

Educational programme for children – a remote

educational programme for schoolchildren "Ancient woods as a fairy tale" has been initiated.

WHAT IS AN OLD-GROWTH FOREST?

While there is no formally adopted definition of what constitutes an old-growth forest in the EU, it is generally considered to be a forest that has reached natural maturity and has some of the characteristics intrinsic to primary forests:

- many large, old trees;
- abundant life-supporting dead wood at various stages of decay;
- mixed-age stand composition;
- plentiful disturbance-sensitive plant, animal and fungal species.

It is a naturally-regenerating forest providing food and habitats to thousands of species of plants, animals, fungi, microorganisms and bacteria, growing over hundreds of years with minimal (if any) human intervention.

In Lithuania, forests are generally considered old-growth when they are approximately 200+ years old. Scientists use bio-indicators, such as the presence of certain species of fungi, invertebrates, lichen or plants, and other factors, to determine the maturity of a forest.

However, old-growth forests are not the same as primary forests, which refer to naturally-regenerated forests consisting of native tree species that have remained undisturbed by anthropogenic activities. Such forests are critically scarce in Europe.

IT IS A NATURALLY REGENERATING FOREST, COMPOSED OF DIVERSE SPECIES AND TREES OF DIFFERENT AGES AND STAGES OF LIFE AND DEATH. IT IS WHERE AT LEAST TWO SUCCESSIVE GENERATIONS OF TREES HAVE GROWN OVER SEVERAL HUNDREDS OF YEARS WITHOUT DIRECT HUMAN INTERVENTION (APPROXIMATELY 200 YEARS IN LITHUANIA).

Some small fragments of naturally-regenerating uncultivated forests remain in Lithuania. The Ancient Woods Foundation works to protect these invaluable ecosystems for future generations.

TO DATE, THE ANCIENT WOODS FOUNDATION HAS PROTECTED 84.5 HECTARES* (14 FORESTS / 29 FOREST HABITATS).

*Nearly 40 ha of those are group IV forests designated for commercial forestry.

WHERE CAN YOU SEE AN OLD-GROWTH FOREST? (LIVING) DEAD WOOD

The old-growth forests that do survive in Europe are also exceptionally rare, small and fragmented. These forests represent below 3% of the total forest territory of the EU. Despite the small extent, primary and old-growth forests are of crucial importance to biodiversity and the Earth's climate.** In many cases, these forests are highly fragmented and not protected for conservation, and are thus at high risk of logging and deforestation.

Approximately 33.5% of Lithuania's territory is covered by forest and the average age of trees is 53 years.*** Strict nature reserves are the only areas in Lithuania in which felling is strictly forbidden and where forests have the potential to turn into old-growth forests.

Currently, such reserves make up just 1.2% of Lithuania's forest territory (0.4% of the country's territory), with the average age of their stands being just 68.5 years.****

SMALL FRAGMENTS OF FOREST CAN STILL BE FOUND IN WHICH THE AVERAGE AGE OF TREES MAY REACH UP TO 200 YEARS OLD,* BUT THESE MAKE UP ONLY A FRACTION OF ONE PERCENT OR 0.0099% OF LITHUANIA'S TERRITORY, YET OLD-GROWTH FOREST ECOSYSTEMS SUPPORT OVER 15,000 DIFFERENT SPECIES.

Most species of invertebrates, fungi and lichen that are protected in Lithuania are found exclusively in forest habitats.

(LIVING) DEAD WOOD IS A DYNAMIC SYSTEM WITH CONTINUOUSLY CHANGING CHARACTERISTICS, PROVIDING NUMEROUS ECOLOGICAL FUNCTIONS, NICHES AND MICROHABITATS.

One of the main reasons for their decline is the lack of old trees of various species and at different life stages, as well as a significant lack of dead wood.

THE ANCIENT WOODS FOUNDATION HAS PROPOSED A NEW TERM FOR DEAD WOOD: GYVASTINGA MEDIENA (LITHUANIAN) (LIVING) DEAD WOOD

The absolute majority of forests in Lithuania (and Europe) are grown and managed for timber production.

Managing forests as monocultural plantations cannot provide the necessary conditions required to establish a fully-fledged, biodiverse forest ecosystem.

LIVING TREES, SNAGS, STUMPS AND DEAD WOOD – ALL TREES GO THROUGH THESE STAGES, AND EACH STATE IS CRUCIAL FOR DIFFERENT SUCCESSIVE INHABITANTS OF THE FOREST.

Rare, protected species require stable, yet slowly-changing conditions – characteristics unique to old-growth forests. As a result of mass felling many species are in rapid decline and face extinction. Due to the lack of (living) dead wood alone, around 80% of insect species and many species of fungi are in danger of extinction. These endangered species are essential components in the web of life within the forest, providing food and habitat to a whole community of plants, animals and microbes.

Evenly aged, single-species trees that dominate commercial forests provide a quick turnaround of timber, but not without a cost to biodiversity.

Factors such as the species of tree, spatial organisation and implied lifespan, are usually pre-determined and adapted to fit the machinery used to harvest the timber, turning the forest into a factory for wood. The prevailing use of clear-cutting to harvest timber causes the soil to be depleted. Furthermore, without the support of older trees and their companion species, trees are prone to disease, so fungicides and insecticides are required to sustain yields. The proliferation of monoculture tree plantations alongside the use of intensive management methods poses a global threat to biological and chemical diversity.

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ANCIENT WOODS FOUNDATION

The Ancient Woods Foundation is a non-profit organisation that aims to preserve the most ecologically valuable old-growth forests and the life forms they contain in their entirety, and to establish enduring public forests in Lithuania as examples of thriving ecosystems. Its vision for Lithuania is a place where nature belongs to itself (it cannot be bought or sold) and where non-intervention becomes an act of care.

The Ancient Woods Foundation consists of a large community of environmental scientists, thinkers and professionals, including biologists, botanists, cultural practitioners, lawyers, artists and others, united by the common goal of restoring Lithuania's old-growth forests and the belief that true change can be achieved only by working together, across disciplines.

The idea of establishing a foundation to preserve old-growth forests in Lithuania arose following a surge in public interest in the documentary feature film *Sengirė* (The Ancient Woods), released in 2018. The documentary was created in response to rapid changes in forestry practices across Lithuania. Its director, Mindaugas Survilas, and founder of the Ancient Woods Foundation, set aside half of the revenue earned from the film (€60,000) towards purchasing the Foundation's first forest plots. These plots were carefully selected to become the first Lithuanian ancient forests accessible to the public.

FUTURE-PROOFING THE ORGANISATION

The Foundation is funded solely through individual and business donations. The funds are allocated for environmental protection and advocacy, public engagement, education and other public interest activities. The underpinning aims of the Foundation are the restoration and protection of old-growth forests (primaeval forests) in Lithuania, educating the public about the biological, ecological and social value of forests, as well as preserving naturally regenerating forests in the interests of society now and in the future.

The Ancient Woods Foundation is redefining the notion of a public interest institution, with the rights of nature and future generations as its underpinning principles. The goal is to ensure that the forests protected by the Foundation are returned to public care and ownership forever. A legal framework is in place to protect the organisation (and the forests) from future organisational changes and shifts in power for generations to come.

FUTURE-PROOFING FORESTS

MORE THAN 50 SCIENTIFIC CRITERIA HAVE BEEN SET BY A CONSORTIUM OF BIOLOGISTS AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTISTS

These criteria are used by the Ancient Woods Foundation to search for, evaluate and acquire the most biologically valuable forests, which are then protected from human disturbance and allowed to develop naturally. The criteria cover the forest's structure, biodiversity and habitats, as well as territorial and legal aspects, to make the assessment as multifaceted and far-reaching as possible.

MANY GENERATIONS OF TREES LIVE HERE – FROM A SEEDLING TO A 300-YEAR-OLD. THE DIVERSITY AND COMPLEXITY OF THE FOREST COMPOSITION INCREASES OVER TIME, MAKING OLD-GROWTH FORESTS MUCH MORE RESISTANT TO STORMS AND OTHER CLIMATIC EVENTS, THAN INTENSIVELY MANAGED FORESTS.

FOREST STRUCTURE

- Ecological niches and assemblages: dynamic mosaic of ages, species composition and disturbance
- The potential to self-regenerate (presence of undergrowth, seedlings)
- Diversity of micro-habitats determined by the presence of living (organic) and non-living factors, such as:
 - Varied terrain (slopes, cliffs, humbills, hills, micro-terrain)
 - Diverse soil composition
 - Diverse hydrology and its capacity to regenerate
- Canopy architecture of different dominant tree species
- Edges (open areas within forest)
- Significant volume of exceptionally old and large trees
- Presence of large volume of (living) dead wood in different forms and stages of decay
- Presence of historical old-growth forest masses
- Evidence of successive habitat stages (as close as possible to the peak culmination/diversity of the species composition, i.e. few pioneer species)

BIODIVERSITY

- Diverse composition of tree species
- Presence of exceptionally rare old-growth forest non-tree species, including their breeding and feeding places (nests, burrows, caves, bathing spots, etc.)
- Presence of protected old-growth forest species, their numbers and levels of abundance, including:

- Species listed in 'List of extinct and endangered species of Lithuania'
- Species and habitats protected under the European Union's Birds and Habitats Directives**
- Indicative species of key forest habitats, listed under the European Union's Forest Habitats umbrella.
- Biotic (impacting living organisms: insects, fungi, bacteria, etc.) and abiotic (chemical factors and atmospheric and weather phenomena: precipitation, wind, frost, etc.) effects and other potential factors that may impact the forest

TERRITORIAL & LEGAL

- Protected area status: types of forests that fall under the category of state-protected forests, or are otherwise inventoried as valuable forest territories by the EU and other international bodies
- The status of surrounding sites, and the potential to create buffer zones, depending on the type and use group of the forest, the owners, etc.
- Site location in relation to the overall network of Lithuanian forests and protected areas. Potential for establishment of migration corridors

OLD-GROWTH FORESTS ARE NOT ONLY OASES OF LIFE PROVIDING REFUGE TO THOUSANDS OF DIFFERENT SPECIES, BUT ALSO CRUCIAL ECOSYSTEMS REGULATING THE CLIMATE AND INFLUENCING THE QUALITY OF THE AIR WE BREATHE AND THE WATER WE DRINK, BINDING US TOGETHER IN A WEB OF LIFE.

POSSIBLE NEGATIVE ANTHROPOGENIC FACTORS, I.E. THE EFFECTS OF NEARBY ECONOMIC, INDUSTRIAL AND AGRICULTURAL ACTIVITIES

- Forest management projects and plans that determine land use
- Land taxes and price
- Other legal documents stipulating possibilities for the future protection of the site's biodiversity

Table with number of saproxytic species dependent on old-growth ecosystems (Dead-wood)

Data relates to invertebrates, and not enumerations from the database. The actual number of species is thought to be higher. Table adapted from research published in the Nordic Saproxytic Database (2008) by J. Ståhl and E. Mejer

Map on the right shows stands where the dominant tree age is 100 years or higher

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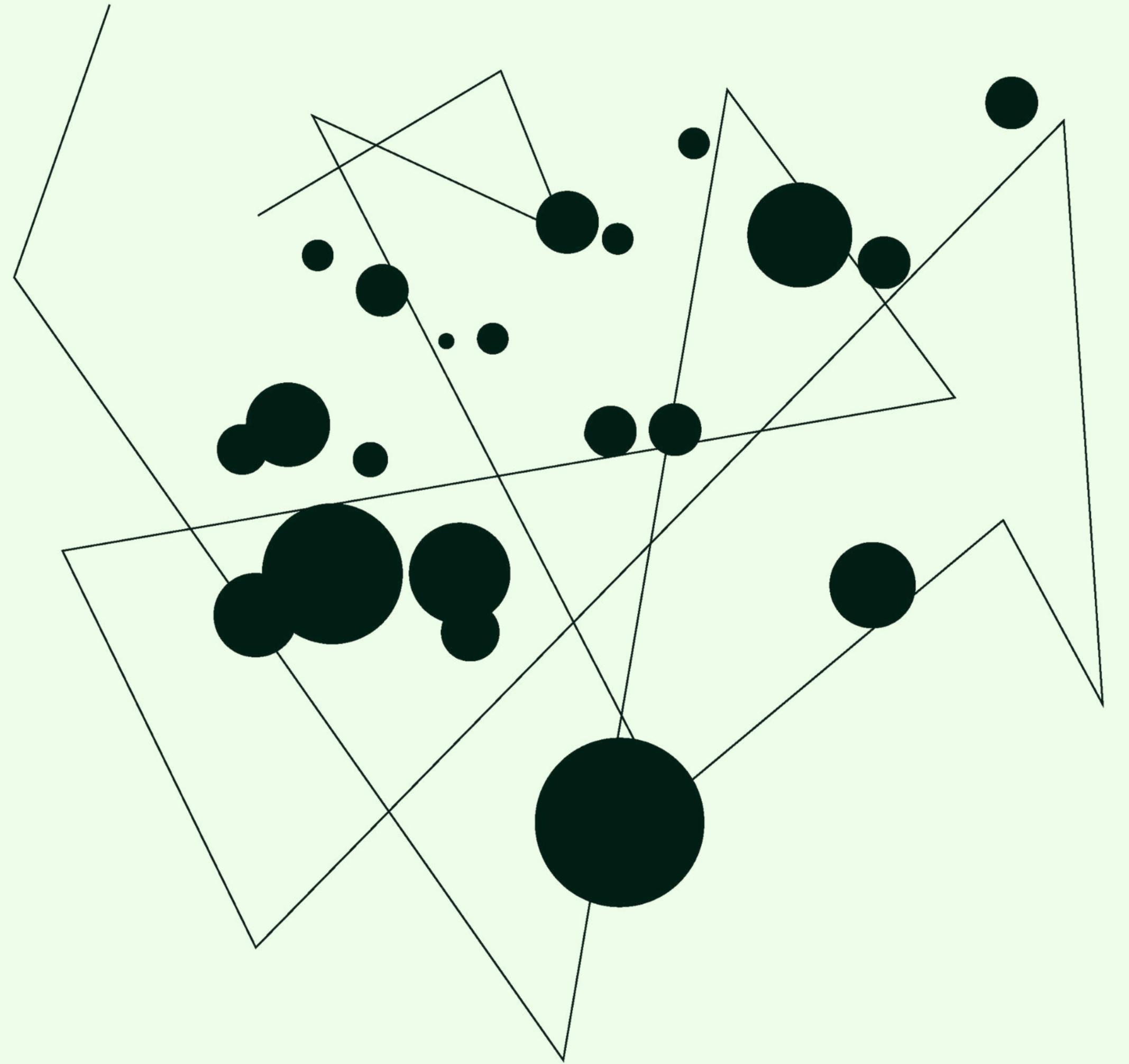
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Biodiversity comparison diagrams showing changes in biodiversity in plantation/old-growth forest over time

Adapted from M. Baker's illustration in *Biology, A and G* (1987)

The Author(s) of a Tree: Wacziarg, W.F.F. Pilsud

Our impact and
public interest
advocacy



Ecological impact on biodiversity

118,87 ha / 294 aC of old-growth forests
under protection from negative human activity.

34 habitats under protection (ECI or Key Forest
Habitats).

The age of protected forest stands ranges from 60 to 160
years.

These forests are home to rare, protected species of
animals, plants, lichens, fungi and lichens listed in the Red
Book, as well as an abundance of natural dead (living)
timber, which is essential for sustaining life, which is home,
fertiliser and food for thousands of different organisms.



Ecological impact on climate

~1367 t CO₂ - the amount of CO₂ absorbed by 118.87 ha of old-growth forests since the acquisition.

~47500 t C - the amount of carbon that 118.87 ha of old-growth forests lock up in their vegetation and especially in their soils.

A third of mitigation targets can be achieved by halting deforestation, conserving, restoring and reforesting forests.

Forests are one of the main greenhouse gases sinks. In our region, 1 hectares of old-growth forests absorbs around 6.25 tonnes CO₂e per year*.

Old-growth forests are also one of the most important sources of locked carbon (C), with more than 400 tonnes of carbon locked up in their vegetation, and especially in their soils, per hectare**.

* Harris, N.L., Gibbs, D.A., Baccini, A. et al. Global maps of twenty-first century forest carbon fluxes. *Nat. Clim. Chang.* 11, 234–240 (2021). <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41558-020-00976-6>

** IPCC, NASA data.



Social impact - education

>288 people had a profound educational experience on field trips with scientists.

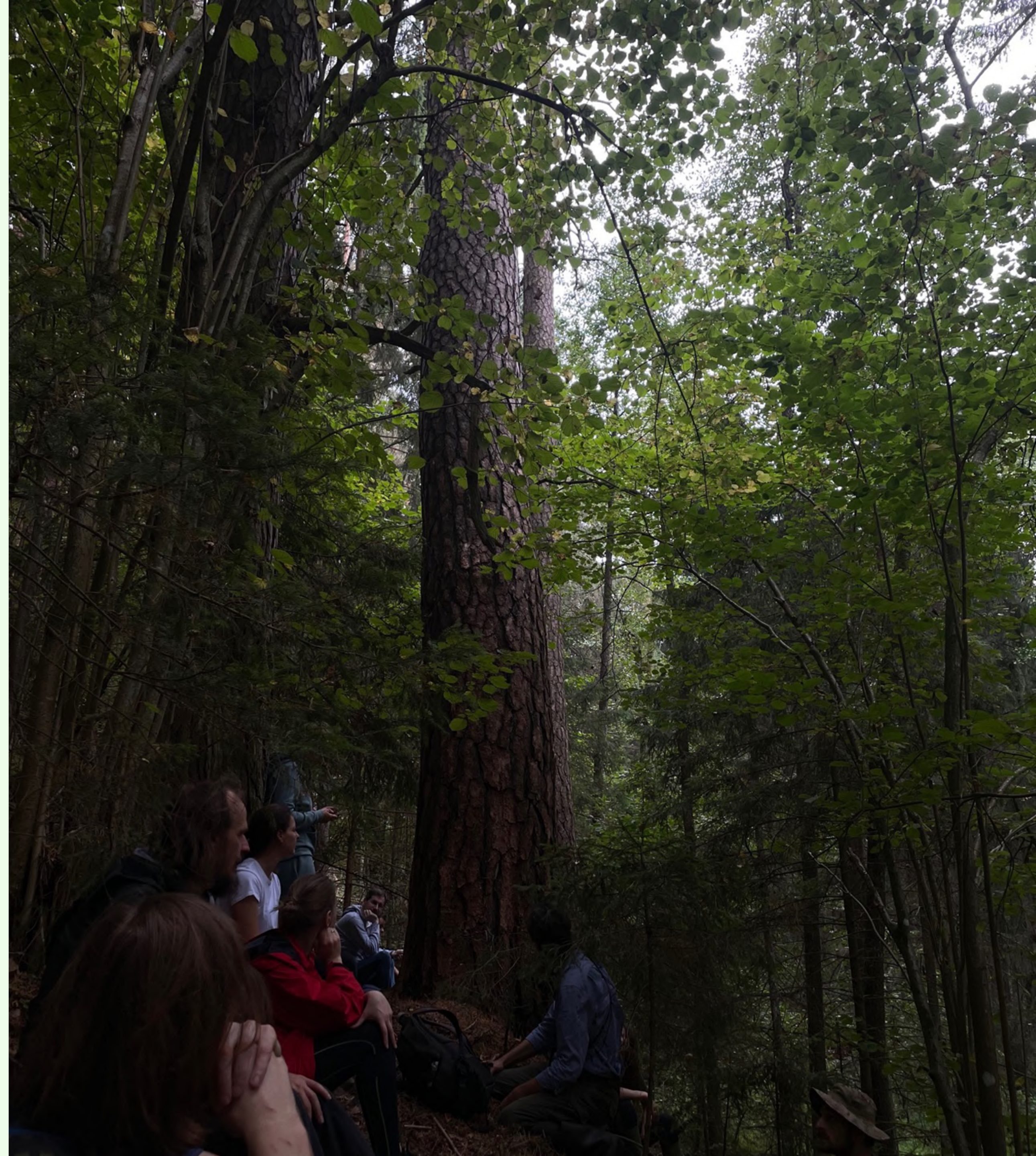
>1500 people attended educational lectures and presentations.

>250 000 people reached with educational and informative content on social media.

The relationship between people and forests :

In 2023, the Institute of Natural Culture, on the initiative of historian Vykintas Vaitkevičius, submitted an application to include the Traditional Relationship between Man and Forest in the National Inventory of Intangible Cultural Heritage as a living tradition with an exceptional importance for Lithuania. The Ancient Woods Foundation, together with other organisations, was one of the applicants.

In March 2024, this value was formally added to the Compendium.



Socio-economic impact

Every 1 Eur donated* has contributed to:

1,93 m² old-growth forest protected,

0,39 Eur socio-economic value created,

2,22 kg CO₂ absorption,

77,40 kg carbon locked.

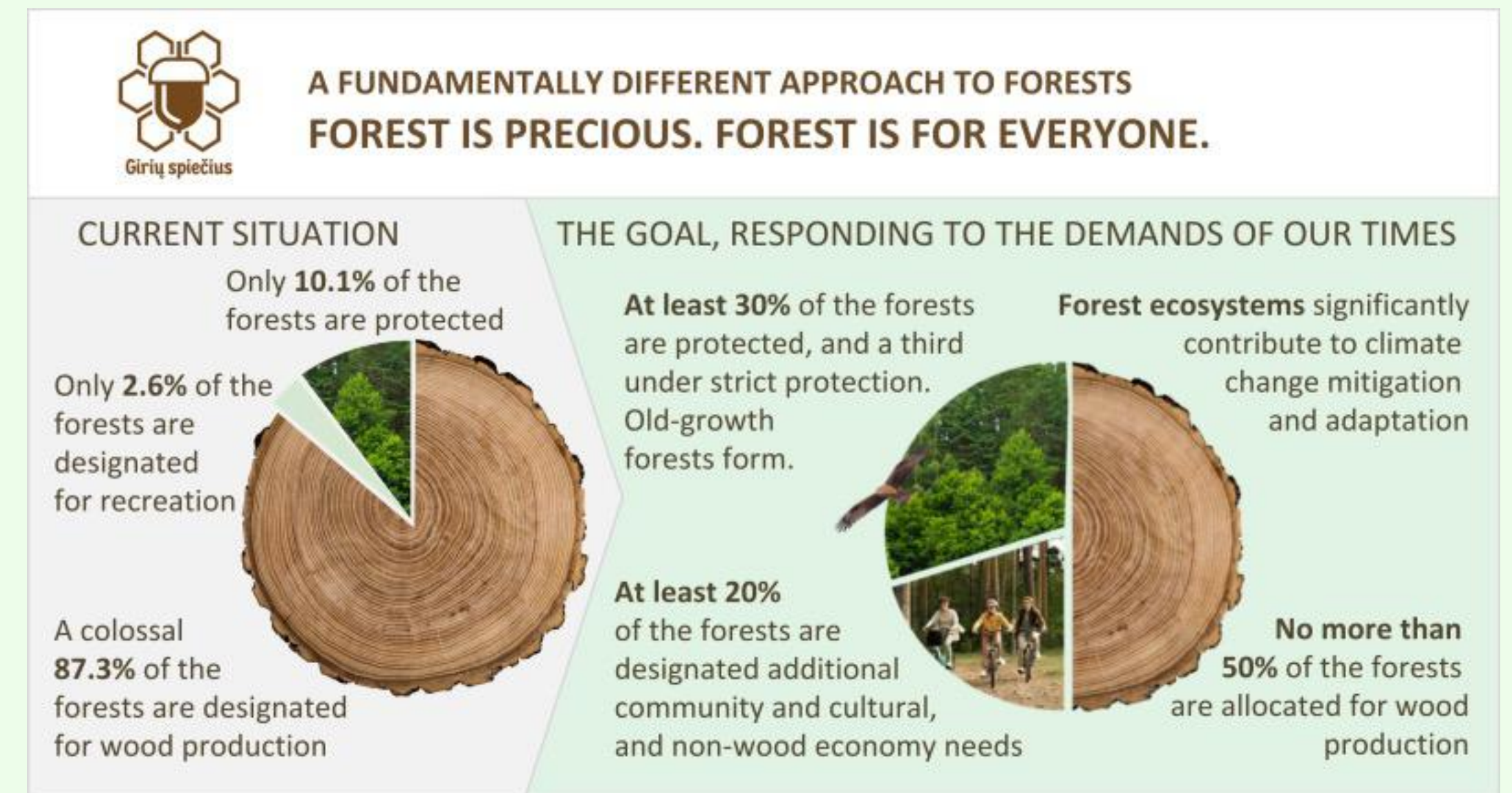
* - calculating the impact generated by the donations used, from the establishment of the Foundation until the end of 2023.

237 thousand Eur – this is the total amount of socio-economic value that 118.87 hectares of old-growth forests have already generated (calculating the value generated by the plots only from the acquisition until the end of 2023, based on an analysis project carried out by the Foundation). The monetary value socio-economic benefits of 1 hectare of old-growth forest amount - €1 107 per year.



Social impact – public interest advocacy

In 2023, together with other environmental NVOs, the Foundation joined **Girių Spiečius (Forest Swarm)** initiative to approach the authorities on forest policy-related legislative topics.



Joint statement on **#RestoreNature** confirmation of the EU nature restoration regulation, 2023-03-14. Impact: confirmed.

Joint statement on **the Law on Protected Areas**, 2023-05-16. Impact: discussions and corrections.

Joint statement on the **National Forest Law** project, 2023-07-31, 2023-05-16. Impact: discussions, corrections.

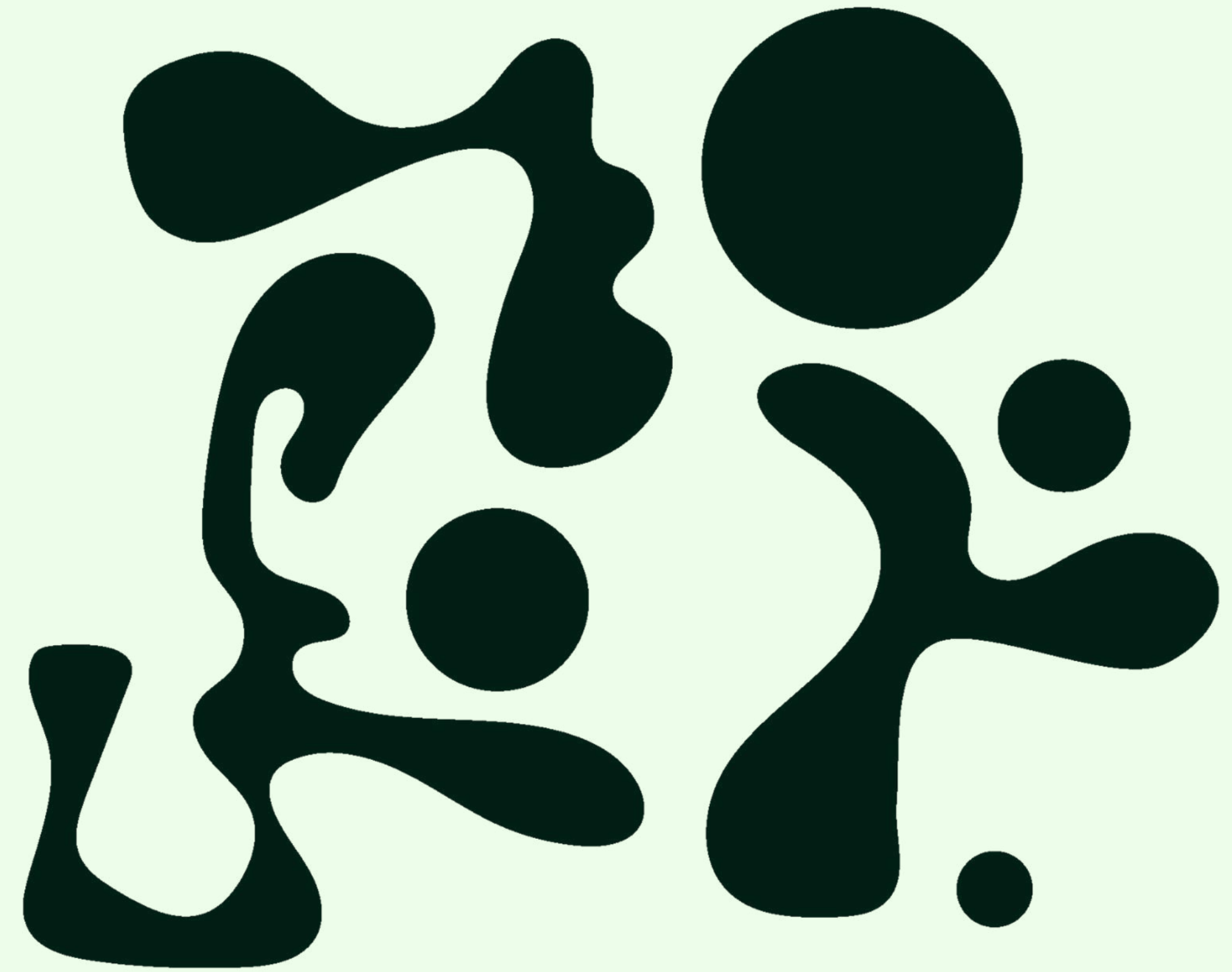
Joint statement on the **plans to increase the rate of main forest clearings in state forests**, 2023-08-17. Impact: rate not confirmed.

Joint statement on **permits for clear sanitary forest logging**, 2023-11-04. Impact: temporary suspension.

* **Girių Spiečius (Forest Swarm)** is a group of organizations and individuals united to seek ecologically, socially and economically balanced, nature-friendly forest policy. Originally gathered in 2019, it is once again swarming to achieve changes in Lithuania's forest management policy.



Community,
supporters, partners, our team



Protecting forests with financial support

Community

- Over 600 people have donated directly, including more than 233 regular supporters;
- 856 contributed a part of their income tax;
- 4 schools and other communities contributed;
- Active donations at the reverse vending machines.

Philanthropists

- Dr. Mykolas Dumčius;
- Aušra Surantienė;
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- Rytis Martikonis;
- Remy Salters;
- Saulius A. Kulakauskas.

Business

- 57 companies and organisations have joined the mission and contributed financially, 12 of them - continuously;
- 4 business organisations provided services pro bono;
- 6 organisations were partners in sponsorship, advocacy and team building.

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Laimis Čepukas	Lukas Gaižauskas	Mindaugas Šeškas	Petras Vilutis	Ringa Sauserytė	Simona Mockutė	Ūla Balaševičiūtė		
Laimonas Vainoris	Lukas Neimanas	Mindaugas Žukauskas	Pijus Mačiulis	Rytis Bigenis	Simona Kalvelytė	Ūla Staigyte		
Laimutė Mozūraitienė	Mantas Sladkevičius	Modestas Martišius	Povilas Kairiūkštis	Rytis Martikonis	Simona Sabulytė	Urtė Karklienė		
Laura Kerušauskaitė	Mantas Šiaučiūnas	Monika Drungilaitė	Povilas Tamošauskas	Robertas Aleksa	Simona Urbaitytė	Urtė Sabutyte		
Laura Liutkė	Mantas Žukauskas	Monika Kazlauskaitė	Pranas Sebeika	Robertas Lenartavičius	Simonas Bastys	Vaida Šnirienė		
Laura Lukošūnė	Margarita Burkova	Monika Lašienė	Raimonda Douglass	Robertas Navakas	Simonas Encius	Vaiva Grainytė		
			Raimonda Jankauskienė	Rokas Bernatonis		Vaiva Jokužytė		
						Vaiva Misiūnaitė		

Klaipėda Eduardas Balsys art gymnasium community

Saulės Gojus school Jupiter class

Youth organisation Ateitis

Jurbarkas Antanas Giedraitis-Giedrius gymnasium community

Also those who have contributed the part of their Personal Income Tax, at the reverse vending machines and through other community initiatives.

Dr. Mykolas Dumčius long-standing support



Thanks to philanthropist Mykolas Dumčis, a doctor living in Germany, who has donated a huge amount of EUR 36,000 over a period of two years for the preservation of the forests in Dzūkija, Žiogeliai.

“Love for nature and concern about environmental damage, the increasing CO2 in the atmosphere, emissions and water pollution. I wanted to contribute to the reconstruction of nature, or at least the preservation of what we have.

The Ancient Woods Foundation is an organisation that covers the factors important to me - nature conservation in Lithuania. We are doing something good in here, we are beautifying it, improving it, making it more beautiful and more breathable for our children.

I am especially happy that these forests is in Dzūkija region as it's very close to my heart, because I've spent many childhood summers nearby in Marcinkonys. It is great to contribute to preservation of those forests, especially when so much deforestation is taking place, which is a matter of great concern for me. Now I feel I have saved at least a few trees and contributed to nature conservation.”

Thanks to our main business donors

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Largest one-time business donation



In November 2023, carVertical - automotive data company - has supported the mission and activities of the Foundation with 100 000 Eur – the largest single business donation received for the preservation of Lithuania’s old-growth forests.

According to Rokas Medonis, CEO of carVertical,, he and the other founders of the company are particularly concerned about what will be left behind for future generations. So, very organically, these values of longevity gave birth to the initiative to contribute to the growth of the Foundation and to help conserve more biodiversity.

“Supporting the Ancient Woods Foundation is an investment in the future. We are not contributing to the present, but to the future. I am proud of all the founders of our company, because when it came to donating to this Foundation, they never had the question “will we donate”, the only question was “how much will we donate”, says Mr. Medonis.

For its contribution to solving future problems, carVertical was honoured with the LRT Business Leadership of the Year Award.

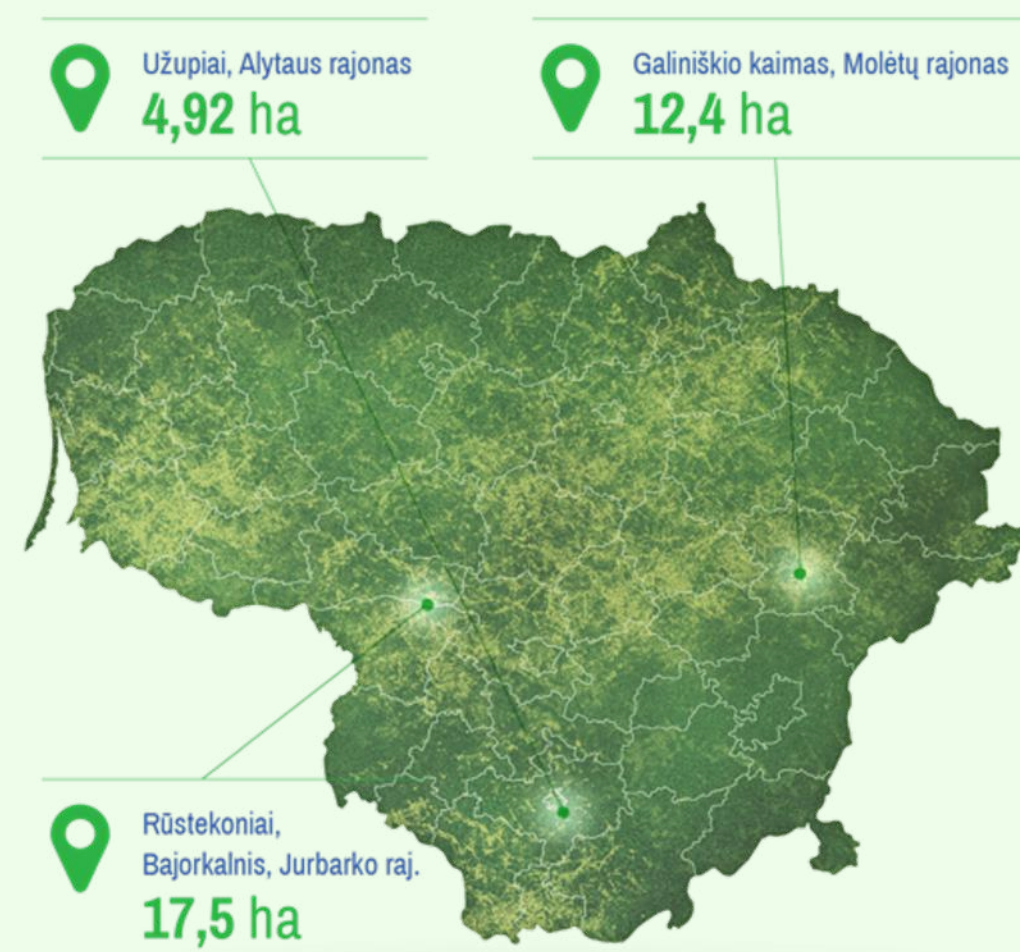
Long-term business support

Thanks to the largest long-term supporter Žalia giria, 35 ha of old-growth forests have already been bought to be preserved forever.

Since 2021, the support initiative “In agreement with nature” has provided more than 140,000 Eur of support and helped preserve 3 forest plots in Molėtai, Alytus, Jurbarkas districts.

Thanks to our long-standing partners FlexPro and JCDecaux, the outdoor ads has been reaching the public for the third year.

This is a support initiative continued by JCDecaux together with FlexPro printing company – a gratuitous outdoor advertising campaign in the largest cities of Lithuania.



Thanks to our business supporters

For our long-term donors:

„Biopapa“ / UAB „Žaliuomenė“
UAB „Mailerlite“
UAB „Advantes technologies“
„Wikiloc Outdoor SL“
UAB „Cargo 24“
Aistefashion
UAB „Oxylabs“
MB „Flumens“
MB „Miško šviesos“
MB „Kilo mintis“

Newcomers to the mission:

ROCKIT / VšĮ „Startuolių platforma“
MB „Gamtos Pažinimo Centras“
UAB „100 AČIŪ“
UAB „Energijos Kontrolė“
UAB „Enga Systems“
MB „Daily Spoon“
Labdaros ir paramos fondas SATORI
Nord Security / UAB „360 IT“
„Pin Adventure Map“ / UAB „Outtake“
UAB „Bio Circle Balticum“
UAB „Elektroninės prekybos centras“
UAB „Real Game“
UAB „Baltec CNC Technologies“
MB „Ilgai ir laimingai“
MB „Kontervita“
UAB „Aco Nordic“
UAB „Exacaster“
UAB „Kvapų namai“
„Audioteka“ / UAB „AMK“
UAB „ESS projektai“
UAB „Beijer Ref Lithuania“

UAB „Digital freedom“
MB „Tarp Vandenynų“ / Jausmų medis
UAB „Kismas“
UAB „Adverum“
UAB „Stadema“
VšĮ „Renginių inžinieriai“
MB „FungiMed“
UAB „Gendra“
UAB „Dotronika“
VšĮ „Šaknysfest“
MB „Diena Be Plastiko“
Pink Rain
MB „Spindėja“
MB „Holpankeka“
Kultūros ir mokslo sklaidos ir tyrimų centras
„Pradmuo“
MB „Disciplina“
UAB „An Incubus“
„Gelos“/Surink Lietuvą ir VšĮ „idrama
Nebulaoperator Photo Editing
„The Rooster Gallery“.

Thanks to our partners



Public Institution Deposit System Administrator (USAD) the support initiative invites people to return packaging to the deposit system and donate the received amount to the Ancient Woods Foundation and to contribute to the preservation of Lithuania's old-growth forests. slamantys.lt



1% for the Planet – is an international network of business, environmental organisations and individual members focused on the planets most important environmental issues. [Our profile.](#)



Benevity Causes Portal – an international platform that mediates between NGO's and business organisations, helping to manage and implement business support initiatives, donation matching. [Our profile.](#)



Aplinkosaugos koalicija (Environmental coalition) – partner in environmental public interest defence related to forest policy and biodiversity protection. www.akoalicija.lt.



Girių spiečius (Forest Swarm) – a group of organizations and individuals united to seek ecologically, socially and economically balanced, nature-friendly forest policy. giruspiecius.lt.



Saulė ir jūra (Sun and sea) – a contemporary opera-performance by director and cinematographer Rugilė Barzdžiukaitė, librettist Vaiva Grainytė, and composer Lina Lapelytė, supporting the Foundation's mission and community engagement. sunandsea.lt

The campaign “Rustle”

On 15th November 2023, the initiative of the Lithuanian Deposit System Administrator was launched to educate the Lithuanian society and to invite them instead of getting your deposit back to donate it to the Ancient Woods Foundation and the preservation of old-growth forests.

By the end of the year, more than 150,000 packages had been donated and the amount of the deposit recovered was 15,597.80 eur. The initiative continues in 2024, with 100% of the donations raised going towards the buy-back and preservation of the old-growth forest plots for future generations.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to create the song „Rustle” („Šlamantys”) specially created for the campaign:

Žygimantas Kudirka (Messiah) and the choir “Ažuoliukas”. Music producer, composer and arranger Vitalijus Puzyriov (Vaiper), instrumentalist and composer Benas Kukenys, audio engineer for the choir Jurgis Masilionis, audio engineer (mixing and mastering) Paulius Sugintas. Author of the choral arrangement, artistic director of the choir "Ažuoliukas" - Vytautas Miškinis, choir masters, choir teachers - Gitana Trimirkaitė, Gabrielius Gaidamavičius, choir manager - Dominykas Žvirblis. Choir members: Ben, Vincent, Jonas, Vincent, Tautvilas, Jurgis, Žilvinas, Gustavas, Simonas, Ignas, Rapolas, Karolis, Adam, Ainis, Vytautas, Algis, Vilius, Aleksas, Mindaugas, Ignas, Emanuelis Obinna, Jonas Oak, Novydas, Benas Vakaris, Ugnius, Arnas, Vytautas, Sviatoslav, Simon, Domas, Simon Andrius, Jonas, Martynas, Kristupas, Matas, Taučius, Lukas, Noias, Augustas Vėjas, Jakubas, Rapolas, Lukas, Džiugas.

Music video production: director - Titas Sūdžius, producers - Some films, Ieva Javaitytė, Olga Radčenko, cinematographer - Simonas Glinskis, creative agency - Fabula Rud Pedersen Group. Photos by Māris Kreicbergs, Mindaugas Survila, Vytautas Knyva, Reda Iršenaitė, Darius Babelis, Renatas Jakaitis.



[Šlamantys song Youtube](#)



[Šlamantys.lt](#)

Social campaign “Let nature rest”



The campaign is about indifference to the destruction of nature and biodiversity, forest clearcutting and other environmental problems in Lithuania.

The social campaign calls for giving forests a rest from human interference, indiscriminate consumption and leaving as many forests in Lithuania as possible to their natural state. There is no need to manage the forest, let nature rest and find more sustainable ways of living.

Thanks to Neringa Rekašiūte, Elvina Nevardauskaite and Egle Plytnikaite for creating this social campaign. Also to the sponsors of this campaign - Oxylabs, JCDecaux and Flexpro. The implementation process was carried out in a respectful relationship with the old-growth forests. The moss used in the video scenes was collected from a future clear-cut where it would have been destroyed, and the creative team planned every step the way that it would not harm nature.

Videos on youtube:

https://youtu.be/OZf0B_x4pD8?si=Ps1U1iA7_XdqGE9x

https://youtu.be/90_Izdnll4I?si=KFWd4E1ubNLhQrei

Contribution from school communities

Klaipėda Eduardas Balsys Art Gymnasium community on the occasion of St. Martin's day held a special celebration event with home baked cakes and cookies, focused on learning more about the old-growth forests and fundraise to protect them. As the result, community has raised enough to preserve more than a 1200m² of the forests!

The Jupiter class of Vilnius school "Saulės Gojus", the union of school children Ateitininkai, the community of Jurbarkas Antanas Giedraitis-Giedraitis gymnasium also organised support initiatives.

Thanks to everyone!



The team is the strength

Thank you to everyone who contributed!

Over 78 people actively contributed in 2023.

Over 6200 hours volunteered to the foundation's activities in 2023.

Approx. 38 volunteers are working on a regular basis, but there are over 78 who contribute in one way or another!

These are contributors with their professional skills, time and energy, scientific insights, creations, ideas and their voice from all over Lithuania and the world. The help of forests rangers is important, as well as those who help to check the forests before purchasing, and those who contribute to education, visual material or support initiatives.

In 2023, 16 new volunteers joined the foundation. Total volunteer time is over 6,200 hours (based on the results of a team survey and the average time spent per person per year).





Board members, shareholders



Mindaugas Survila

Author and main initiator of the foundation, documentary filmmaker



Dr. Mindaugas Lapelė

Botanist, dedicated his life to nature conservation and public education



Ainis Pivoras

Biologist, working in botany, forest ecophysiology



Aurelija Urbonavičiūtė

Organisation design and development strategist



Dr. Birutė Galdikas

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Anthropologist, Environmentalist, Primatologist, world-famous scientist



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Ornithologist



**Dr. Valerijus
Rašomavičius**

Botanist



**Doc. Dr. Ričardas
Skorupskas**

Geographer

Scientists, biologists, nature photographers



**Vytautas
Knyva**

Biologist, Nature
photographer



**Renatas
Jakaitis**

Biologist, Nature
photographer



Darius Babelis

Biologist, Nature
photographer



**Romualdas
Barauskas**

Biologist, Nature
photographer



**Eugenijus
Kavaliauskas**

Nature
photographer



**Dr. Gintarė
Grašytė**
Ornithologist



**Dr. Radvilė
Rimgailė-Voicik**

Botanist



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Geographer,
environmental
scientist



**Dr. Laura
Malinauskaitė**

Environmental
scientist



Dr. Ieva Misiūnė

Geographer



Almantas Kulbis

Biologist



Marius Čepulis

Biologist, nature
photographer

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Vilma Gudynienė
Dr. Maria Fernanda Torres
Jimenez
Dr. Rimvydas Juškaitis
Dr. Alius Ulevičius
Kęstutis Čepėnas
Andrejus Gaidamavičius
Tadas Bujanauskas
dr. doc. Zita Gasiūnaitė
Linas Staliūnas
Tadas Bujanauskas
Andrejus Gaidamavičius
Vidmantas Lopeta
Saulius Adomavičius
And others...

Team of professionals

Who joined the foundation in 2023.



Adelė Banelienė

Forest team coordinator



Jonė Pivoraitė

Forest information specialist



Brigita Mosiejuskė

Forest acquisition specialist



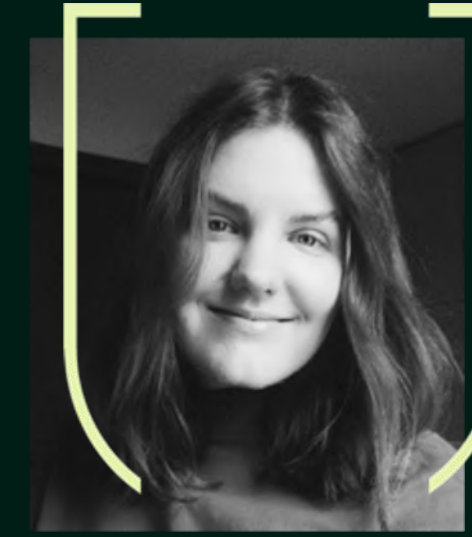
Rūta Rosson

Coordinator of educational trips and events



Eglė Plytnikaitė

Educational content coordinator



Justė Kulikauskaitė

Public relations, social media specialist



Agnė Stirnė

Designer, social media specialist



Aurelija Belazaraitė

Sponsorship coordinator, Pixelmator Team



Aleksandr Čaplia

Programmer, Pixelmator Team



Marius Valasevičius

Programmer



Linas Jankaitis

GIS specialist



Saulius Žemaitaitis

Programmer



Toma Šilinitė-Subačienė

Dizianerė



Gabija Savickytė

Projektų koordinatore

Team of professionals

Who joined the foundation in 2023.



Edgaras Baltrušaitis

Project coordinator



Ugnius Narutis

Content developer



Karolina Želvė

Educational content coordinator



Diana Vaitkevičienė

Forest photographer



Silvija Duoblytė

Sponsorship and events coordinator



Kotryna Valiukevičiūtė

Educational programme coordinator



Elena Korytė

Social media coordinator



Gediminas Užkuraitis

Strategist, Synthesis Consulting Group



Raminta Lilaitė

Public relations expert



Milana Zarianova

Newsletter coordinator



Donata Banaitytė

Public relations specialist



Viktorija Gauronskytė

Ambassador coordinator



Ieva Drutelienė

Forest information specialist



Rimvydas Markevičius

Forest information analyst

A team of professionals, rangers, photographers

Who joined the foundation in 2023.



Simas Gradeckas

Biodiversity credits expert



Kamilė Lileikė

Team coordinator



Ina Mosiejauskaitė

Forest acquisition coordinator



Karolina Čizaitė

Sponsorship coordinator, programmer



Laura Laurynaitytė

Content creator, coordinator

Authors of artistic, educational and social initiatives, newcomers to the team, forest rangers, photographers and designers:

Jurga Daubaraitė

Jonas Žukauskas

Gabrielė Grigorjevaitė

Elvina Nevardauskaitė

Gedvilė Baniulienė

Vilius Kaulinskas

Audrius Kliševičius

Vykintas Labanauskas

Paulius Trakymas

Laima Plėšnytė

Albinas Plėšnys

Robertas Aleksa

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Ignas Janulis

Aurelijus Banelis

Sandra Pangonytė

Edmundas Stundžius

Gabrielė Jauniūtė

Mindaugas Kavaliauskas

Arvydas Sviderskis

Paulius Šafranauskas

Ignas Šalnaitis

Lina Paškevičiūtė

Vaidas Balys

Mindaugas Kanišauskas

Ūla Markevičienė

Laima Šveistytė

Lina Kučinskaitė

Darius Truncė

And more others.

Ambassadors

Who contributed to the foundation in 2023.



Kotryna Stankutė-Jaščemskienė

Social activist



Neringa Rekašiūtė

Photographer, creator



Aurelija Plūkė

Mushroom enthusiast



Mila Monk

Forest bathing guide, forest therapy and education



Vykintas Vaitkevičius

Historian



Giedrius Širka

Performer



Vaiva Rykštaitė

Writer



Rugilė Barzdžiukaitė

Film director



Lina Lapelytė

Artist, performer and composer



Vaiva Grainytė

Writer, playwright and poet



Rūta Meilutytė

Swimmer



Kamilė Gudmonaitė

Film director, artist



Berta Tilmantaitė

Photographer, journalist

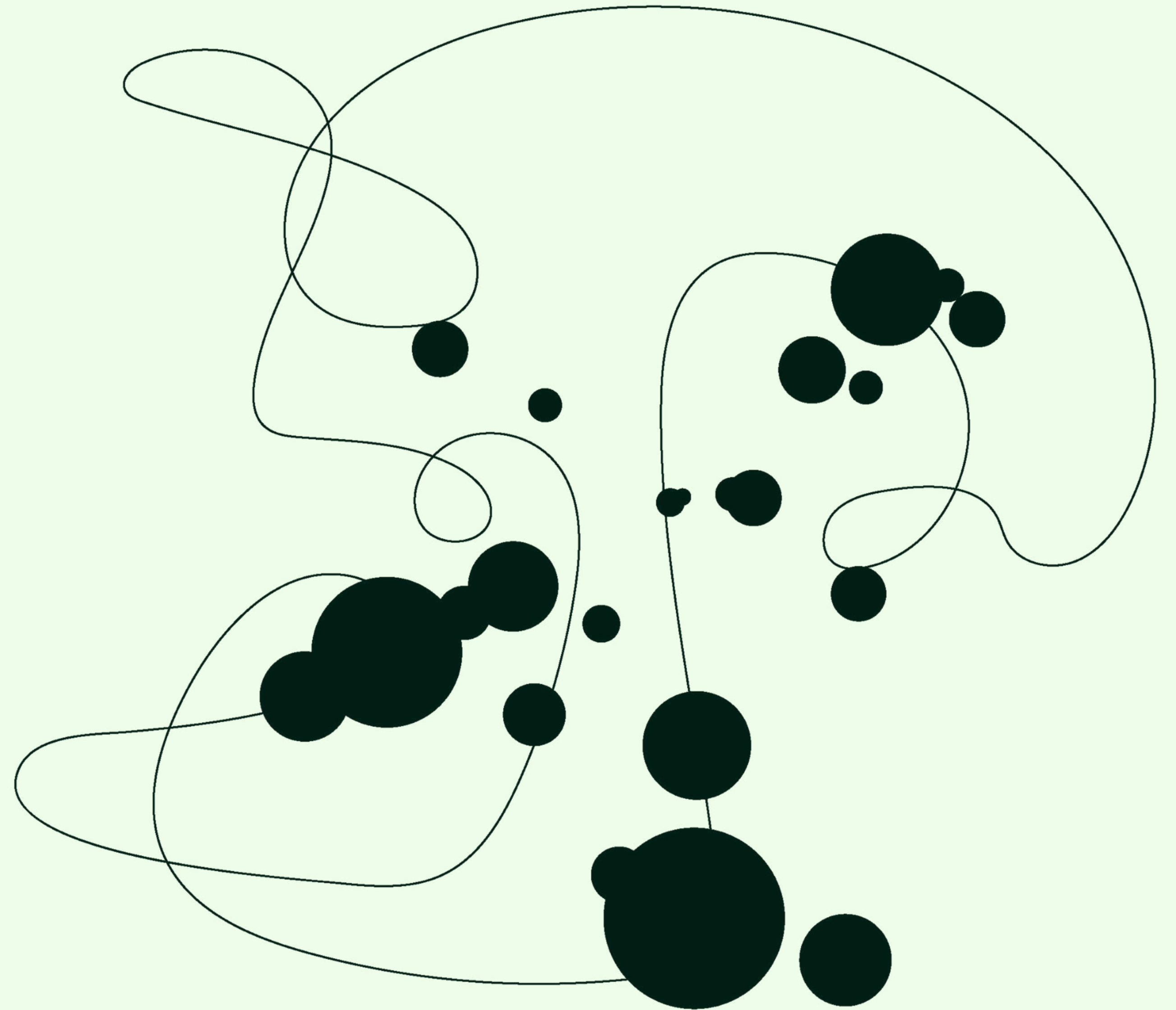


Barbora Valiukevičiūtė

Violinist

Communication

Public communications and media



What's been done in 2023?

144 mentions of the foundation (+29%)

9 press releases

10 interviews, talk shows, podcasts

2 magazine articles

1 award

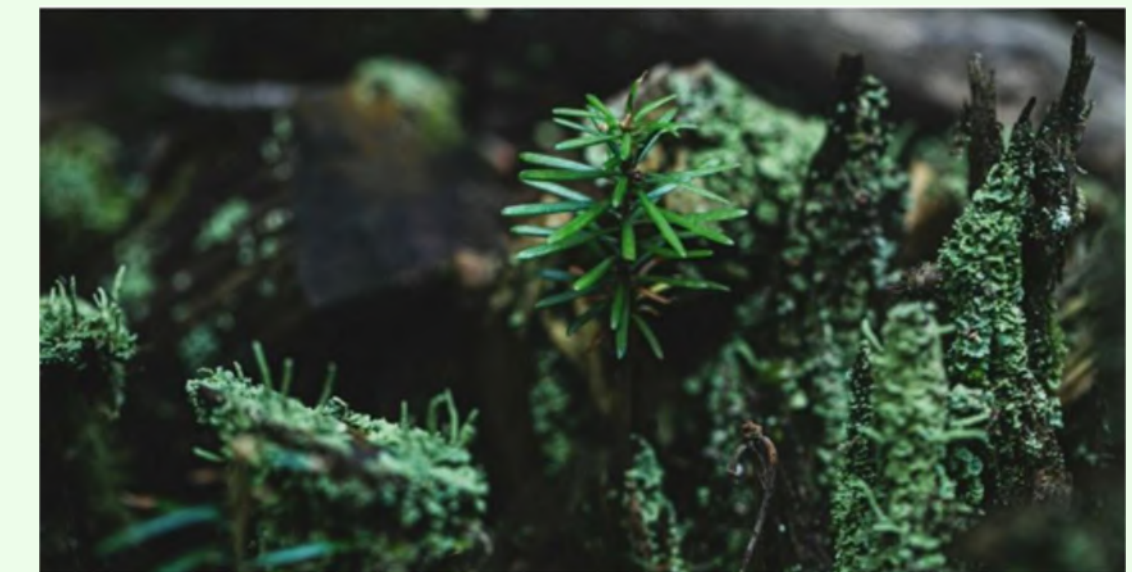
Coverage on major portals, mentions in sponsor's initiative consistency in communication, original and high quality campaigns visible in the public space.

Most mentions on the following portals:

„Verslo žinios“, „LRT“, „Lrytas“, „Delfi“, „15min“, „Bernardinai“, „Made in Vilnius“ and others.

Notable mentions in radio and television programmes – „Panorama“, „Laba diena, Lietuva“, „Laisvės TV“ . Also in magazine „BŪDAS“.

Abroad, these following portals have also mentioned the foundation: „MSN“, „Mashable“, „Gazeta Wyborcza“, „Ekonews“, „NatureBacked“, ir kiti.



Sengirės fondas plečia saugomų miškų plotą
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Key messages

In Lithuania:

- International business support to the Foundation has helped to preserve 5 ha plot of land.
- The NATO summit will present and installation from the “eco-occupier”: to draw attention to the ecocide taking place in Ukraine.
- „Sengirės fondas” bought the first forest in Western Lithuania.
- „Let nature rest” campaign.
- Launch of the “Exchange packaging for cash” campaign.
- News of carVertical’s support.
- News about the Children’s Forest Pavilion / Venice biennale.

Abroad:

- Powerful Installation Draws Attention to Ukraine's Ecological Devastation Amidst NATO Summit in Lithuania (mentions on US, UK, Italian, Czech, Polish portals, including Mashable, 18.8M views).
- Why Eco-Conscious Entrepreneurs and Society Are Vital for Lithuania’s Forest Protection (mentions on US, Polish, Portuguese, Hungarian portals including MSN, 665.6M views).

Media interviews with foundation members:

- [M. Survila’s interview „Verslo žinios”.](#)
- [M. Lapelė’s interview „Laba diena, Lietuva” „LRT”.](#)
- [M. Lapelė’s ir M. Survila’s interview „Panorama” „LRT” about the Raigardas Valley.](#)
- [M. Survila’s interview „Delfi”.](#)
- [M. Survila’s interview „Laisvės TV”.](#)
- M. Lapelė’s interview in printed polish magazine “Gazeta Wyborcza”.
- M. Lapelė’s interview in magazine „BŪDAS”.
- [M. Survila’s interview „Šventa žemė”.](#)



Social Media

Facebook

- Number of followers – 14 432 (+9%)
- Audience reached – 222 503 (+33%)

Instagram

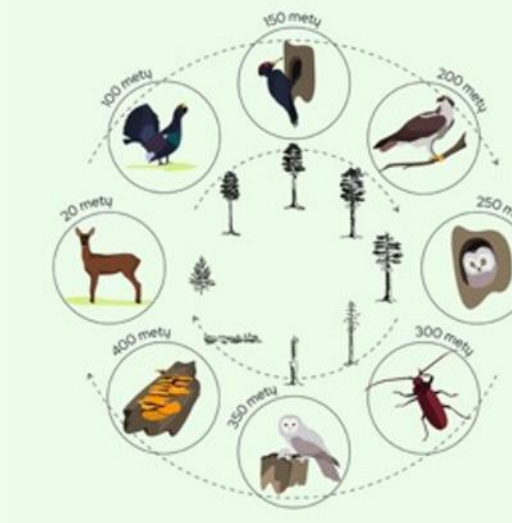
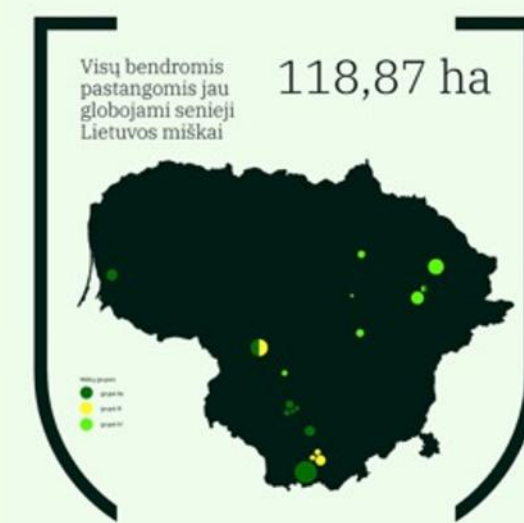
- Number of followers– 2 351 (+42%)
- Audience reached– 10 100 (+518%)

LinkedIn

- Number of followers– 473 (+237%)
- Audience reached – 20 000 (+210%)

Most Popular posts

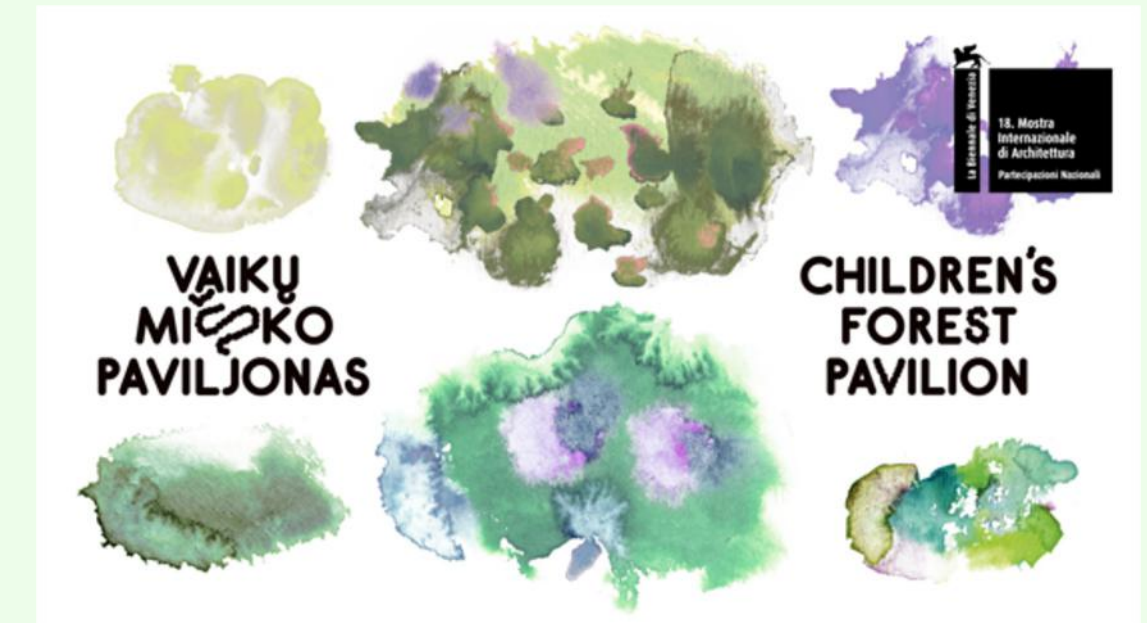
- Purchase for conservation of a forest plot in the Raigardas Valley
- Bark beetle – a keystone species in forest ecosystems
- Achieved the target of the year – over 118 ha of forests protected
- What to do if and when you find baby animal or bird?
- On clear felling in protected areas
- The life cycle of pine tree – 400 years
- Dr. Birutė Galdikas impressions from a visit to Balbieriškis Oak Grove
- Summer solstice – a magical time of nature's transformation
- Without death there would be no life – fallen leaves as a micro-habitat



Participation in projects and events

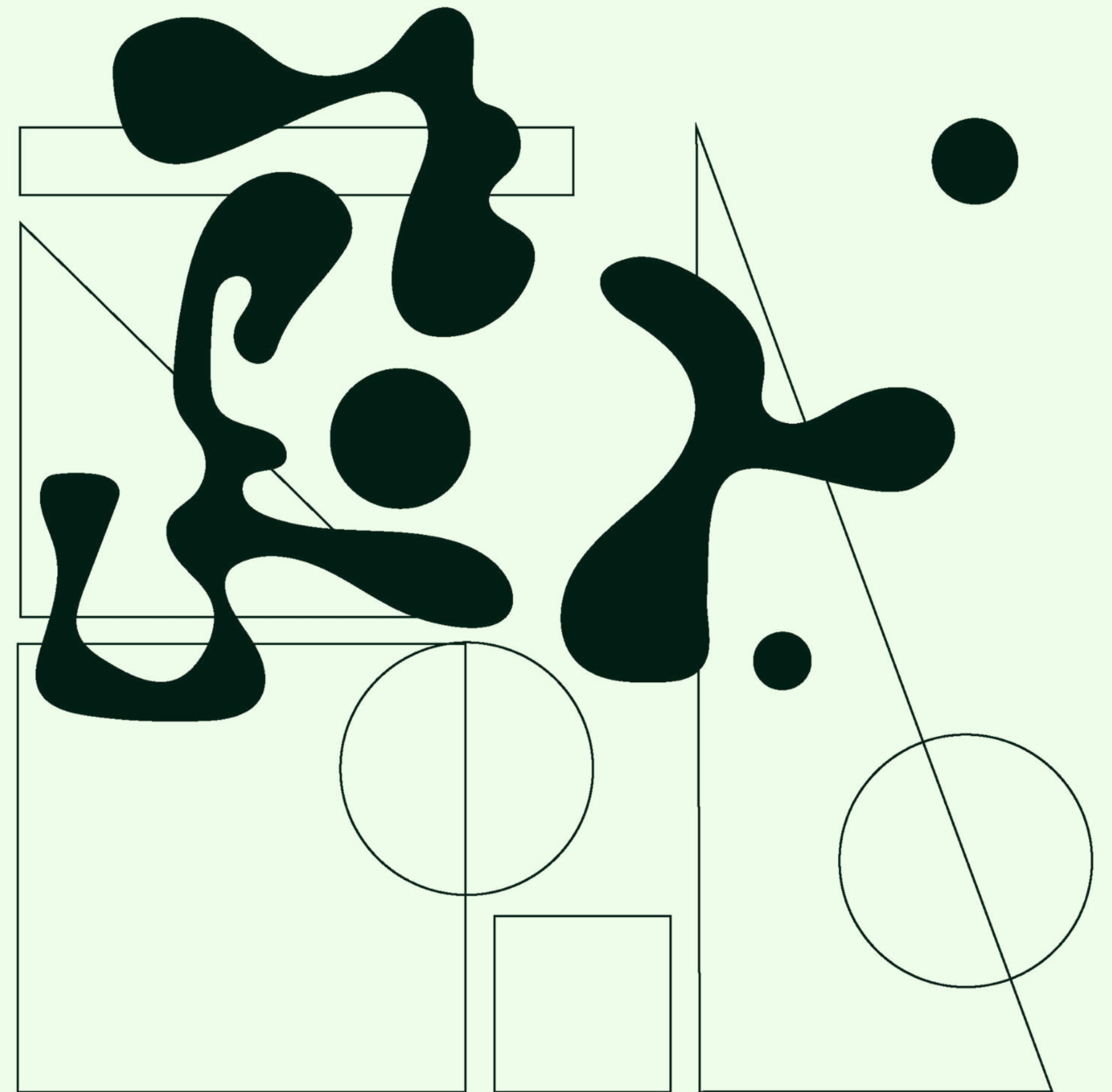
- “Children’s Forest Pavilion” at the Venice architecture biennale
- XXI Natural Culture Seminar “Trees of the green forest – my brothers”: the relationship between man and forest in Lithuania.
- Conference “Sustainability in everyone’s life”, organised by the University of the Third Age (MČTAU)
- M.K.Čiurlionis Museum exhibition “Green”
- Discussion “Scents and Forests” in cooperation with the Kvapų namai
- Exhibition “Sustainable Future”
- Global Learning Summit
- Events, festivals „Vidur girių“, Rūšių ralis, „Čiulba ulba“, „Gaia“ and more.

The “Sengire Foundation” was also awarded as “Commitment of the year 2022” at the annual Waste Culture Awards.



Financial report

Support and costs

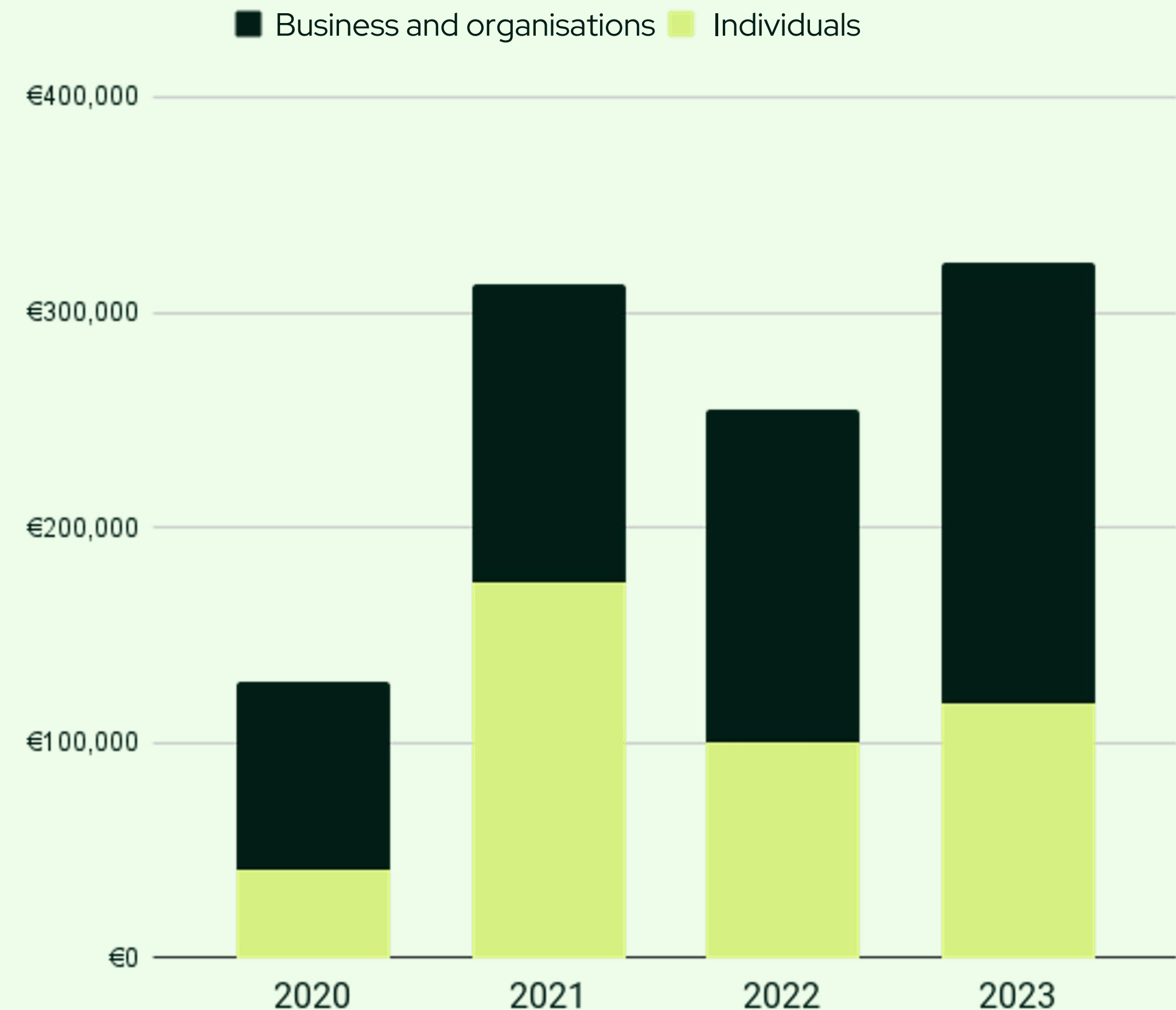


Support for the fund's activities in 2023 – 323,563.16 Eur

In 2023, the foundation received strong financial contributions from businesses and individuals, both regular and new to the mission. In total, over 1454 individuals and 57 legal entities.

Individuals accounted for 36.54% of the total support, while legal entities accounted for 63.46%.

The support provided through the deposit scheme is not accounted for 2023, but will be received in 2024, through the purchase of specific forest parcels.

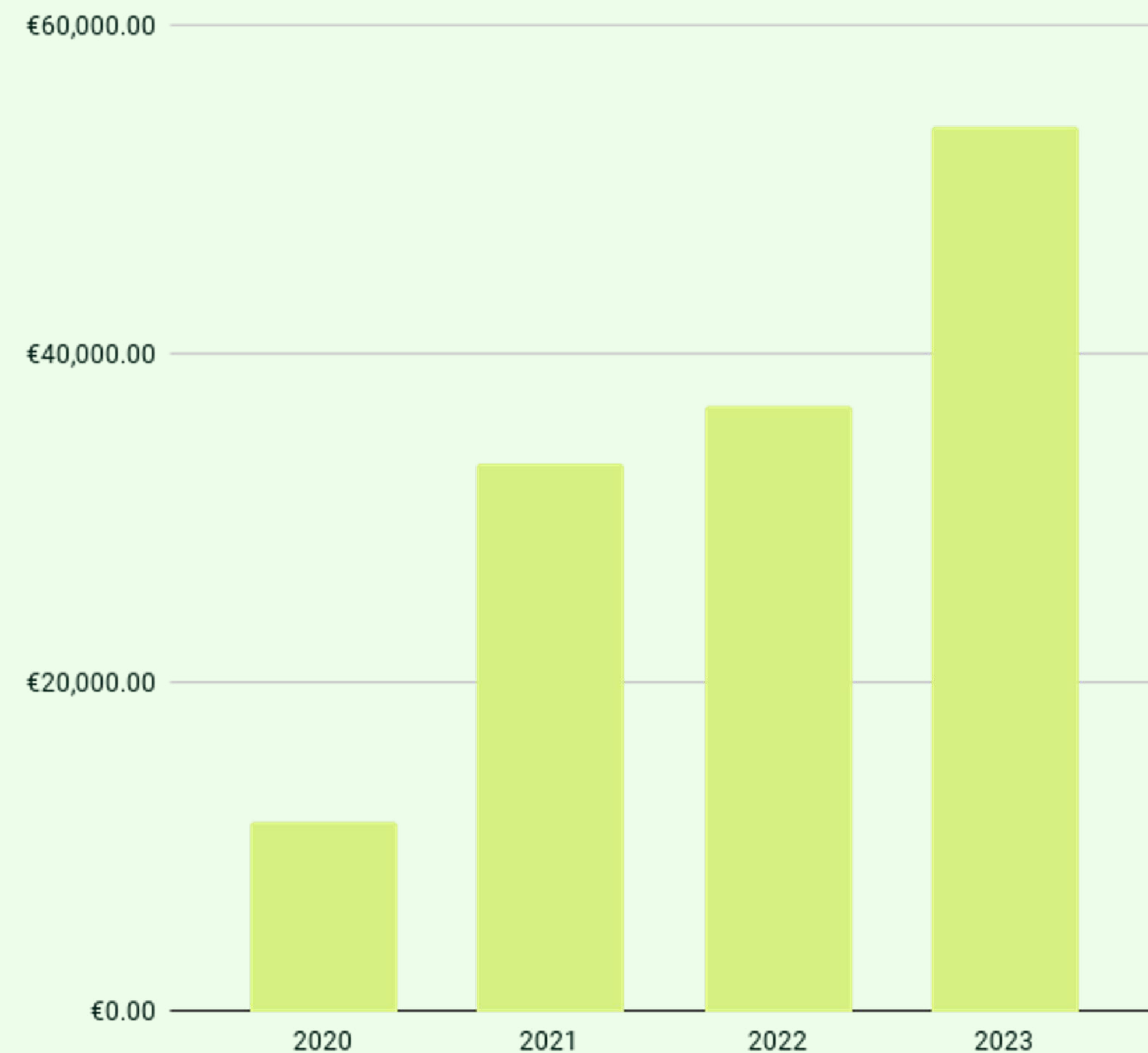


The share of personal income tax allocated to the operation of the fund in 2023 – 53,801.87 EUR

The 1.2% of Personal Income Tax donated by residents is growing every year and is a crucial source of support.

In 2023, 856 people contributed in this way.

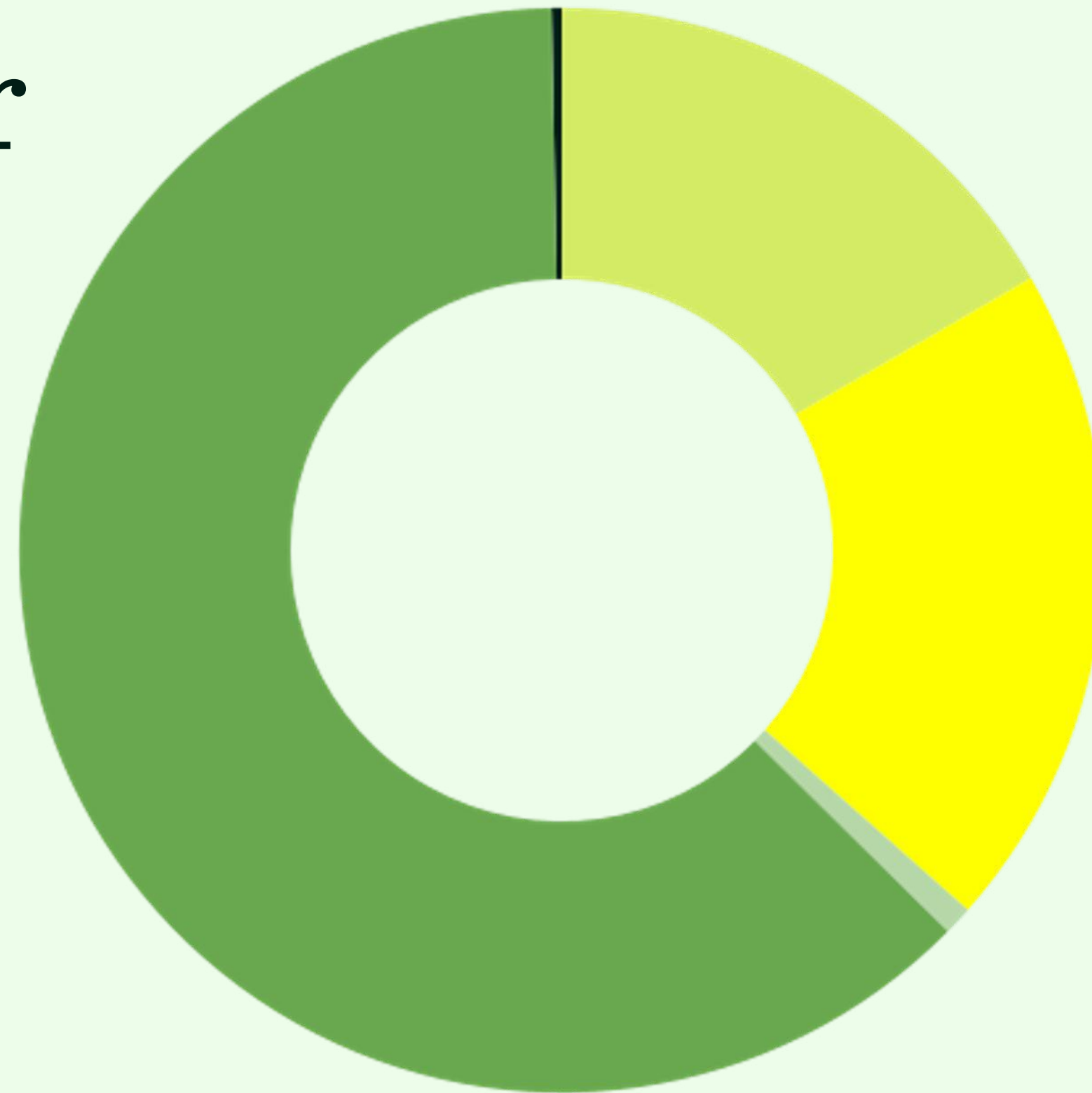
This support will be used to finance the acquisition of one of the largest forest plots in Molétai district in 2024.



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Legal entities support:

- Support in services - €971.88
- Financial support - €201,592.73
- Financial support from abroad - €2,761.98



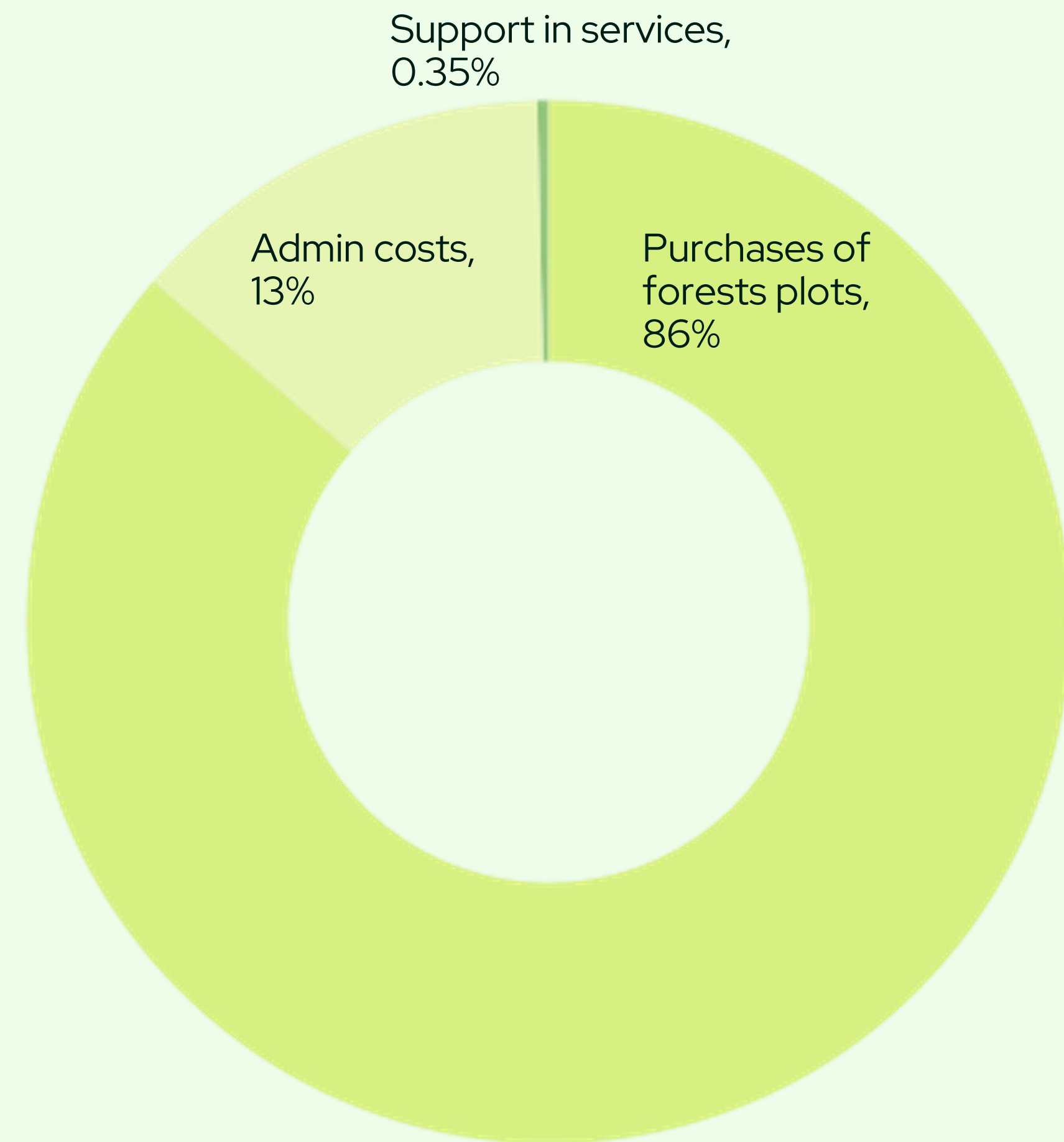
Support from individuals:

- Personal Income tax - €53,801.87
- Financial support - €64,434.70

Costs and purchases in 2023

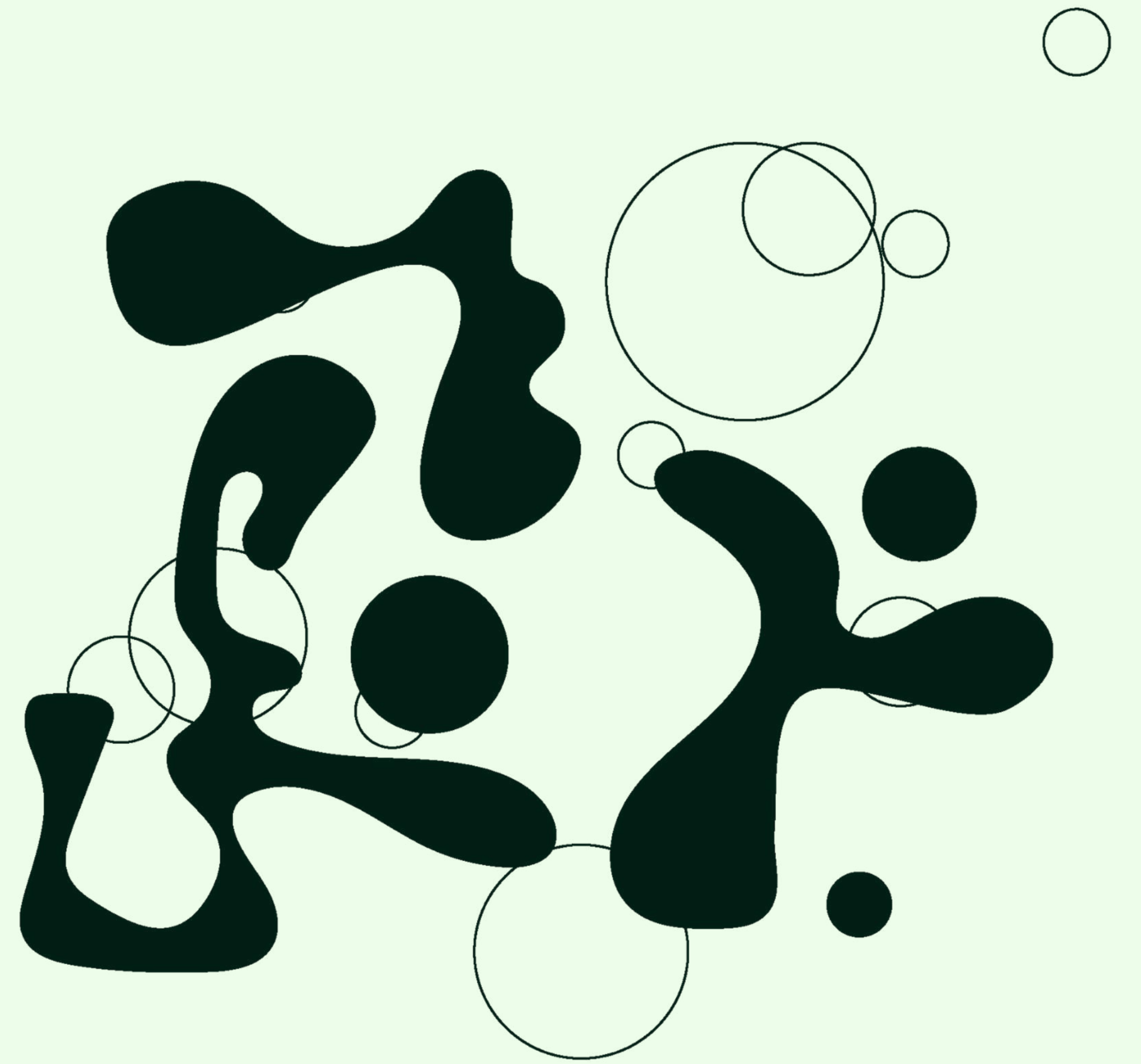
Donations used in statuses in 2023 for the achievement of the operational objectives set out in the statutes.

- Purchases of forest plots - €242,100.00
- Salary - €31,798.89
- Other operating costs (research, advertising, technology) - €1,822.43
- Notary services - €1,442.03
- Printing for outdoor advertising (support in services) - €971.88
- Accounting services - €720.00
- Social insurance tax - €702.62
- Bank commission - €570.52
- Nacional Land Service fee (consents to acquire forest) - €222.00
- Costs at the Registry Center (owners search) - €60.52
- Land tax - €22.00
- Exchange rate costs - €12.05



Goals for 2024

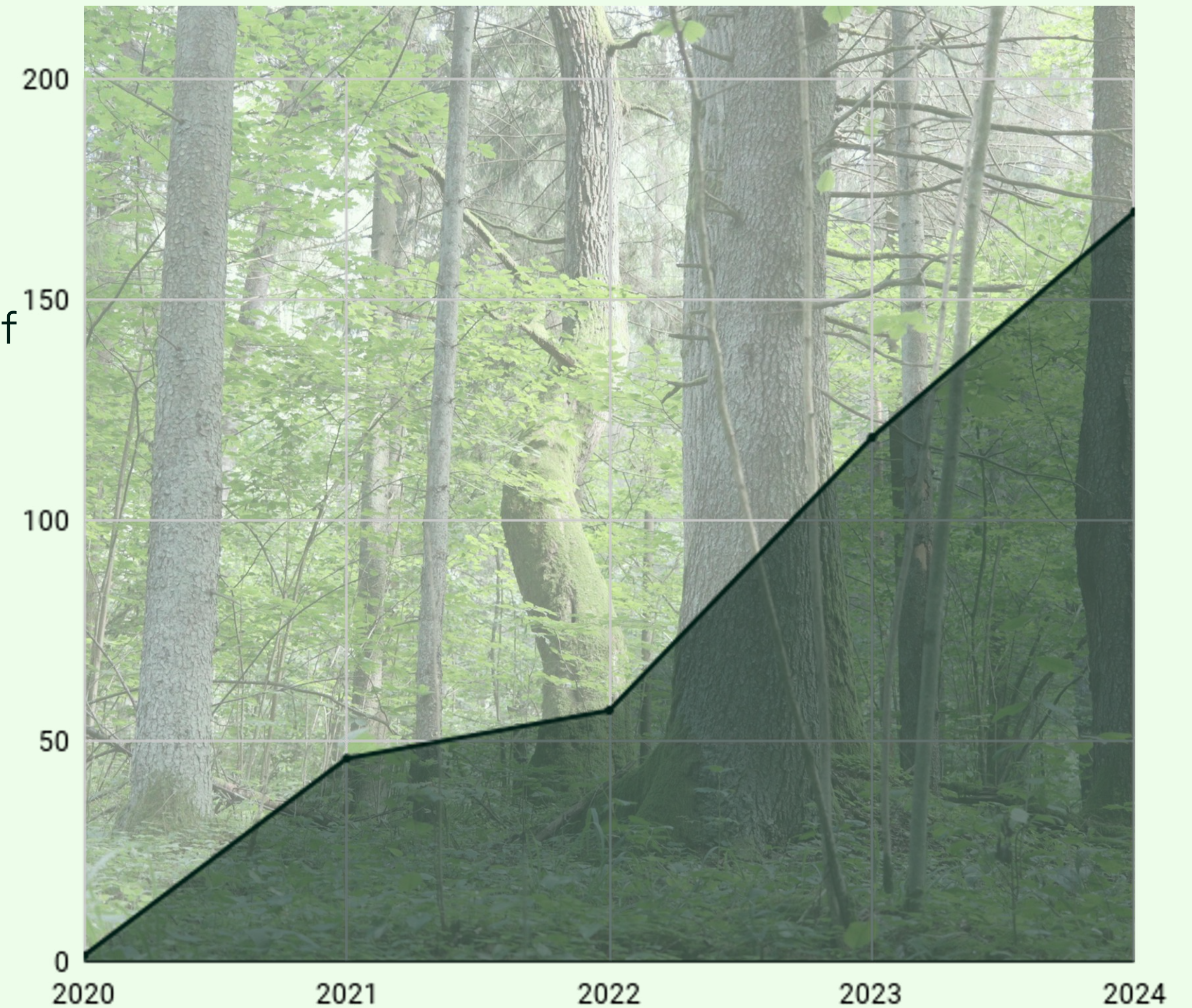
Key activities



Goals for 2024

1. To protect more than 170 hectares (420 acres) of future old-growth forests by the end of the year;
2. To extend existing forest massifs;
3. To continue public education about the importance of preserving old-growth forests and biodiversity;
4. To strengthen the monitoring and inventorisation of forests already under our protection.

Forests under the care of the Foundation, in hectares



Everyone can contribute

Allow the forest to develop naturally

If you own a forest, don't cut it down or manage, let it grow.

Share information

Educate others about the importance of preserving old-growth forests.

Support financially

Contribute financially, either as a business or personally.

Donate a forest

The Foundation will make sure that life flourishes there.

Join the team

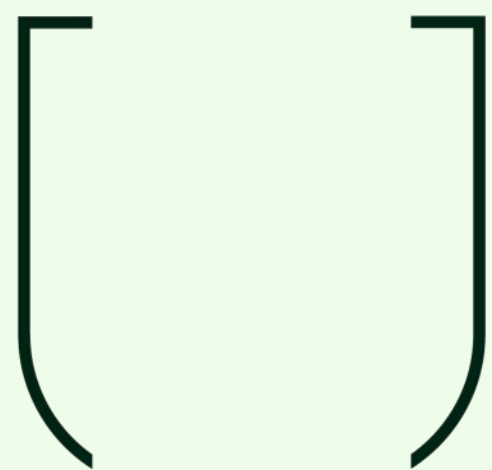
Contribute your professional knowledge or services.

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