

Education for forest owners in Croatia

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CONTENT



PREVIOUS PERIOD 2007. – 2014.

Examples / topics of education for forests:

- Silvicultural Works - *lecture*
- 2. Recreational Functions of the Forest - *workshop*
- 3. Timber Harvesting Safety - *course*





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Silvicultural works - lectures

FIRST STEP

- Basic lecture - for forest owners who have a less knowledge about forest management
- In the hall (inside)
- Theory with photos

NEXT STEP

- Demonstration methodes - for forest owners who have interest for do something
- In the forest (outside)
- Practical examples, learning in the forest
- Demonstration of simpler works (planting, cleaning, tending...)





Works: tending young growth, planting new forest, thinning, forest cleaning

LAST STEP:

best „evaluation”

- application of acquired knowledge in practice - in their own forests
- forest owners apply in their forests what they have learned
- advisor give them practical advice and clarification – in the forest

- INDIVIDUAL FIELD WORK/PRACTICAL WORK WITH FOREST OWNERS

Field Demonstration - Obstacles to Maintenance

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- it is difficult to find a forest that has the same works as described in the lecture
- *how to find forest field with several works that are described in the lectures? - It is even harder*
- location must be close to the participants
- location must be easily accessible (by car, the road must be passable..)
- it is easier to do it with people who have been associated previously
- stakeholder interest
- the demonstration should not be dangerous for the participants (*the security attendees in 1st place*)



Course „Timber Harvesting Safety” and „Recreational Function of Forest”

Listeners:

- For forest owners associations
- Advanced education
- Listeners who have the habit to be educated and can keep their concentration longer
- Personal (direct) interest in the subject
- Personal experience

Methods:

- Lecture – *as the introduction to the topics*
- Experiences and knowledge exchange
- Learning from other participants
- Learning through the exercise (resolving tasks) and brainstorming





Course „Recreational Functions of the Forest”

- Objective of Learning: Encouraging forest owners (FO) to make further progress in learning about forestry
- linking "alive" examples with theory : one FO association deals with forest tourism and recreational purposes (team building in their forest)
- This was our "example of good practice,,: exchange of experiences and learning
- The ultimate goal was to use funds to implement this idea in practice

Learning Outcomes: 2 FO associations have prepared papers for applying for a RDP expecting a call for tenders - operations: "Establishing educational paths, viewpoint and other smaller infrastructure in the forest".

Stari Grad, Hvar island
Forest for team building and recreation



Evaluation

Through questionnaires:

- ▶ Lectures rating,
- ▶ Topics, lecturers rating,
- ▶ Organization rating,

After courses:

- ▶ Informal conversation about education's topics and evaluation
- ▶ Further cooperation with forest owners development



COURSE RATING :

- ✓ Courses have got good grades
- ✓ Practical examples: best rating
- ✓ Suggestions for improvement: more practical examples



Thank you for your attention...



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