



FACTS AND FIGURES

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DEAR READER!

The State Forest Management Centre (RMK) is dedicated to the preservation and cultivation of state forests and biodiversity. At RMK, we work daily to create value for both Estonian nature and its people.

This factbook contains the key indicators of our activities in 2024.

For more information, please visit RMK's website rmk.ee, find us on social media, or download our mobile app.

By doing so, you can stay up to date with RMK's activities, forestry news, the recreational opportunities we offer, and our nature and education programmes.

See you in the state forests!



Photo: Jarek Jõepera



Land in the possession of RMK

1,428,417 ha



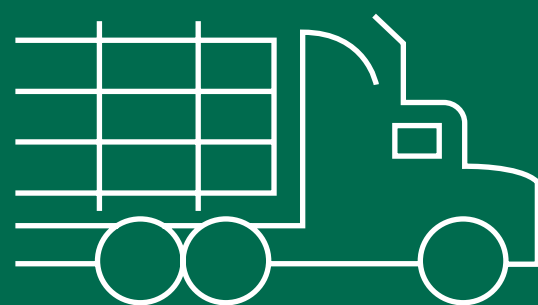
... of which is forest land

1,060,807 ha



Employees

758



Timber sold

3.6 million m³



Visits to RMK Recreational and
Protected Areas

3.2 million



Restored habitats

2,155 ha



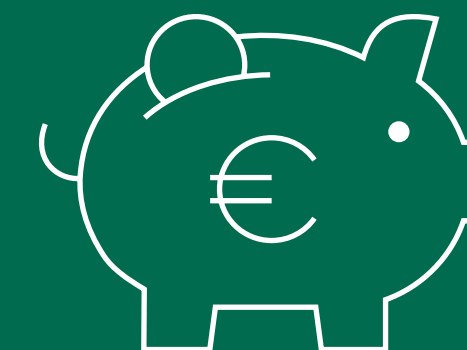
Turnover

€253 million



Operating profit

€75 million



Dividends and income tax to the state budget

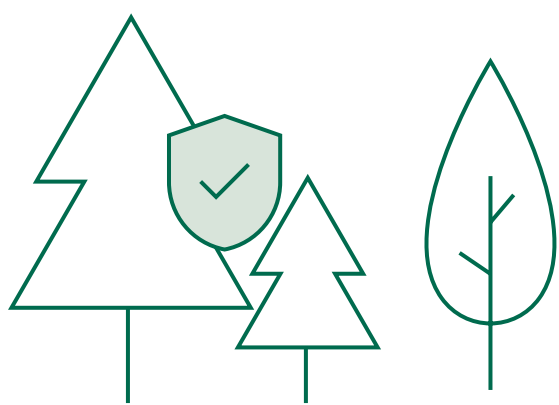
€144 million*

*The current year's dividend is paid based on the net profit of the previous year. In 2023, the net profit was EUR 119.6 million, plus income tax of EUR 24.6 million.

DID YOU KNOW?

RMK has been entrusted with 1/3rd of Estonia's land, including nearly **half of Estonia's forested land**.

43% of the state forest is protected, where the forest develops largely on its own.



RMK organises the majority of nature **conservation works in Estonia**.

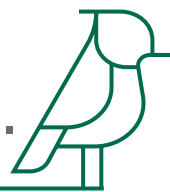


All transactions for the sale of timber are public. With long-term contracts, we only sell timber to companies that value it in Estonia.

RMK's environmental and quality management system, forest management, and information security comply with international standards.



From mid-April to the end of June, **we maintain peace and quiet for the nesting period**, only performing unavoidable work.



RMK's **nature cameras** were viewed 1.24 million times.

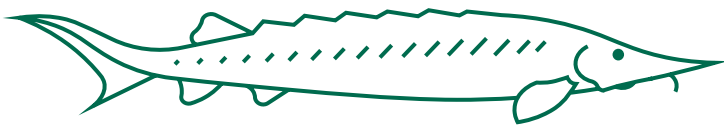
According to the Kantar Emor study, **RMK has been perceived as the greenest company in Estonia for many years.**

We utilise the revenue from timber sales to support nature conservation activities and offer **free visitor opportunities**.

After harvesting, we make a new forest generation grow. We produce our own seeds and grow our own plants. **In 2024, nearly 21 million young trees were planted in the soil.**



For 30 years, we have been the only national **fish stock restorer.**



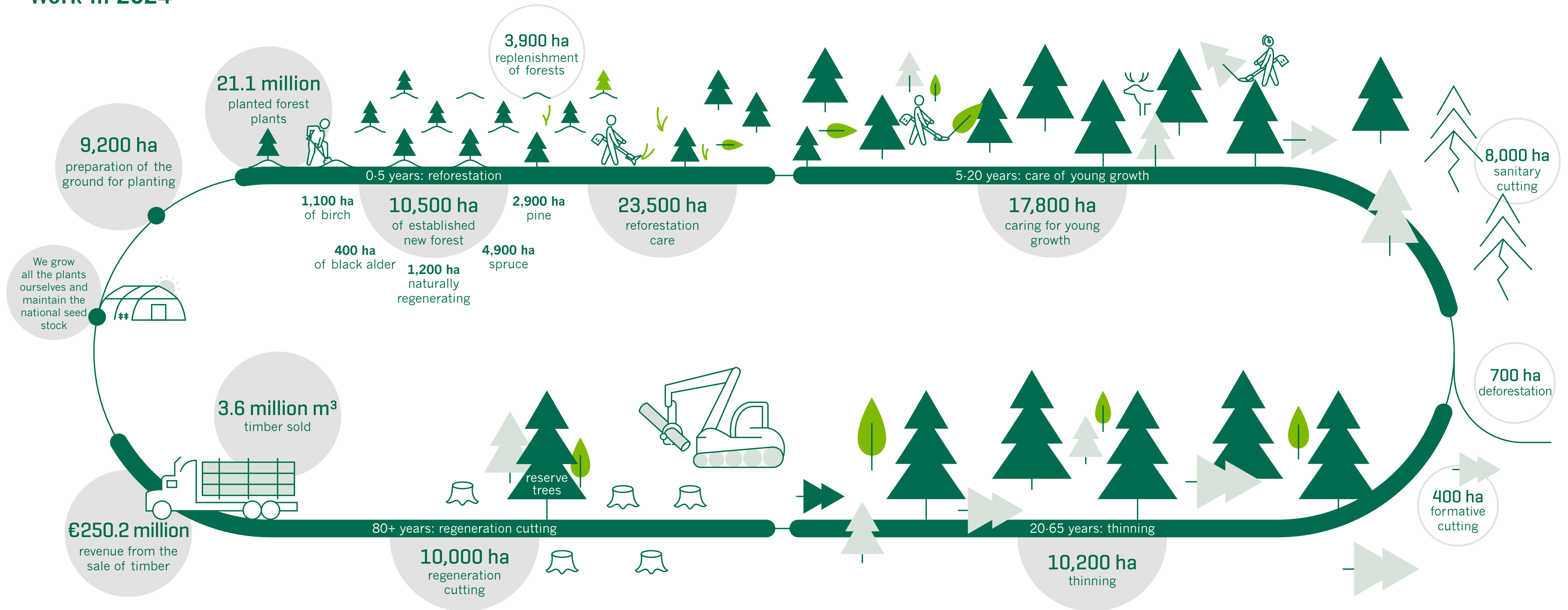
We have adopted a new **good practice for the inclusion of community areas:** we listen to people's wishes more than ever.



Elistvere Animal Park provides shelter for wild animals that have been left unattended or injured.

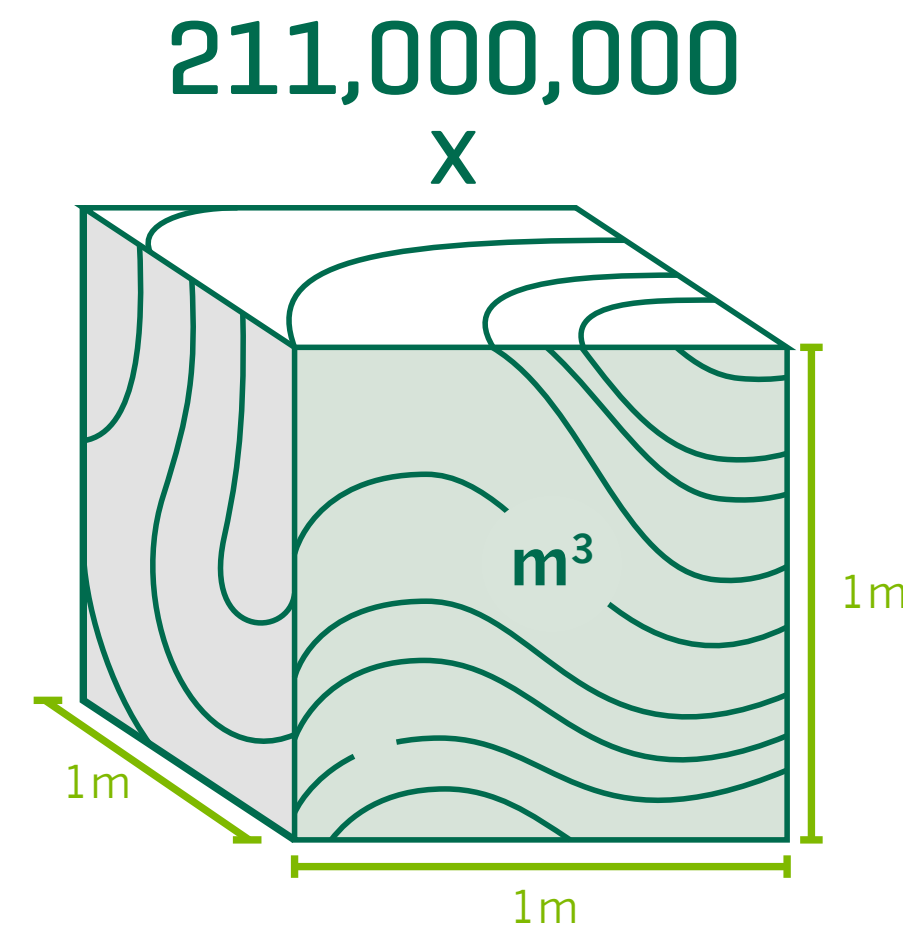
FOREST MANAGEMENT

Work in 2024



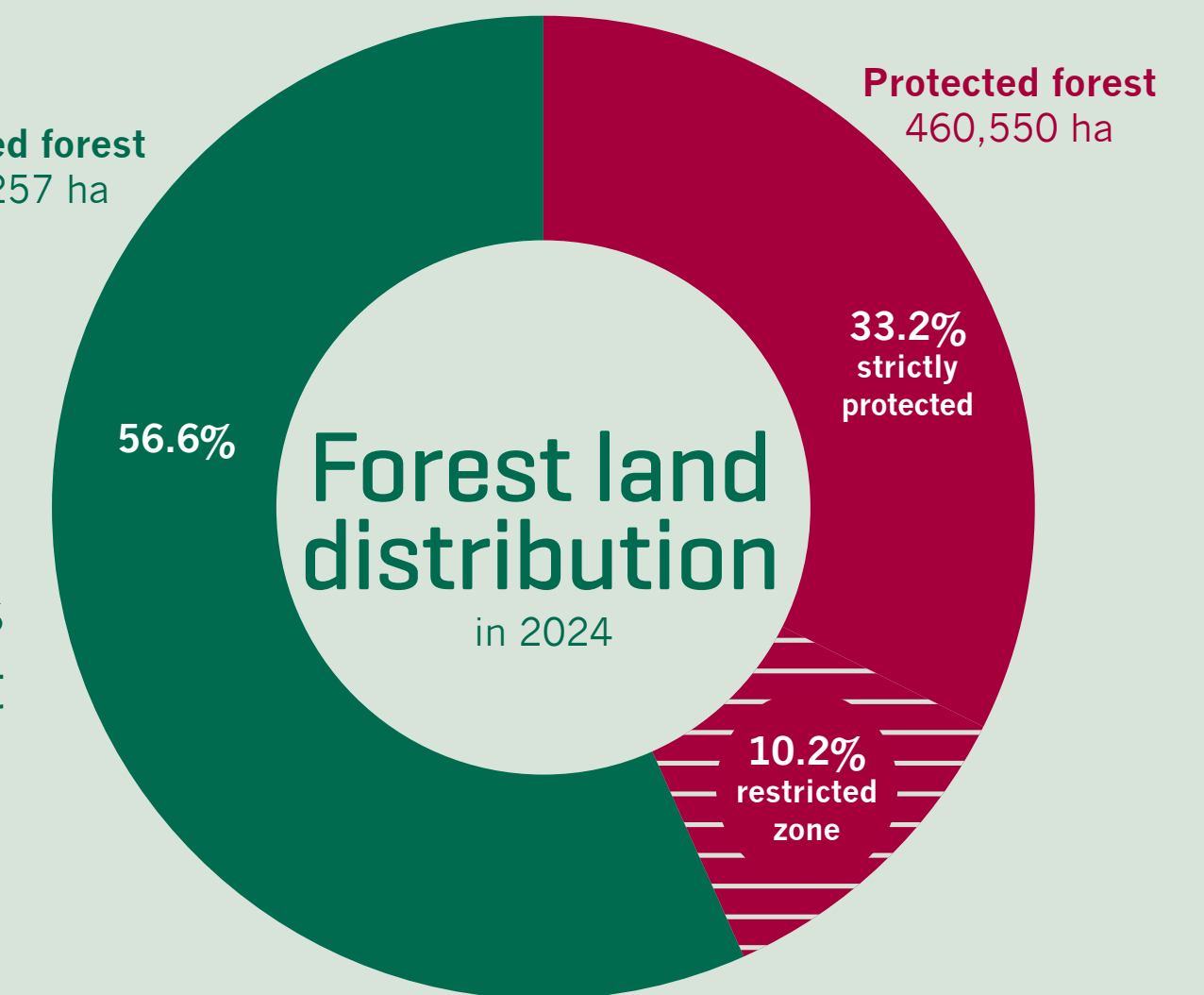
Growing stock

RMK's forest reserves consist of the total volume of tree trunks from the living forests in all our reserves. **In 2024, the total growing stock of RMK's forests was 211 million cubic metres of stemwood, averaging 198 cubic metres per hectare.**

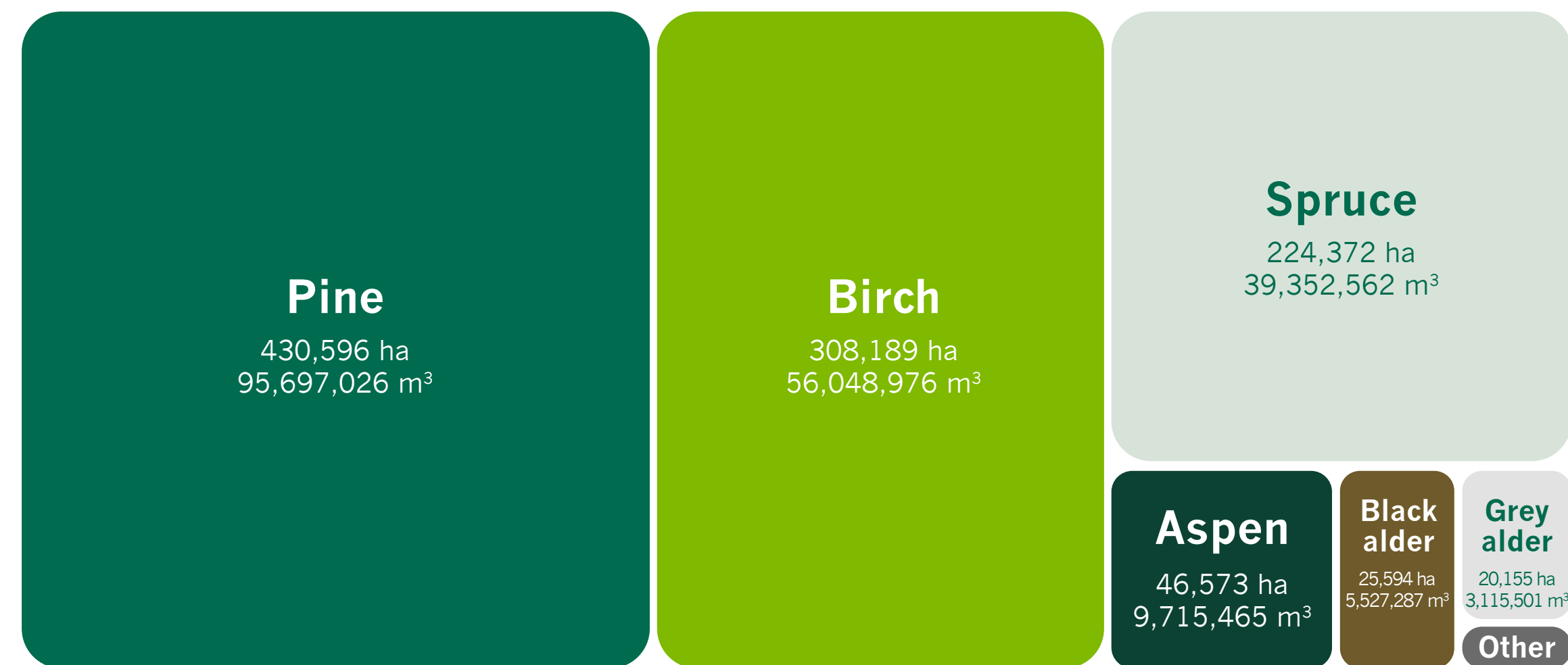


RMK manages about one-third of the land in Estonia and nearly half of the country's forests. A significant portion of the state forest is protected. RMK does not carry out regeneration cuttings there.

Managed forest
600,257 ha

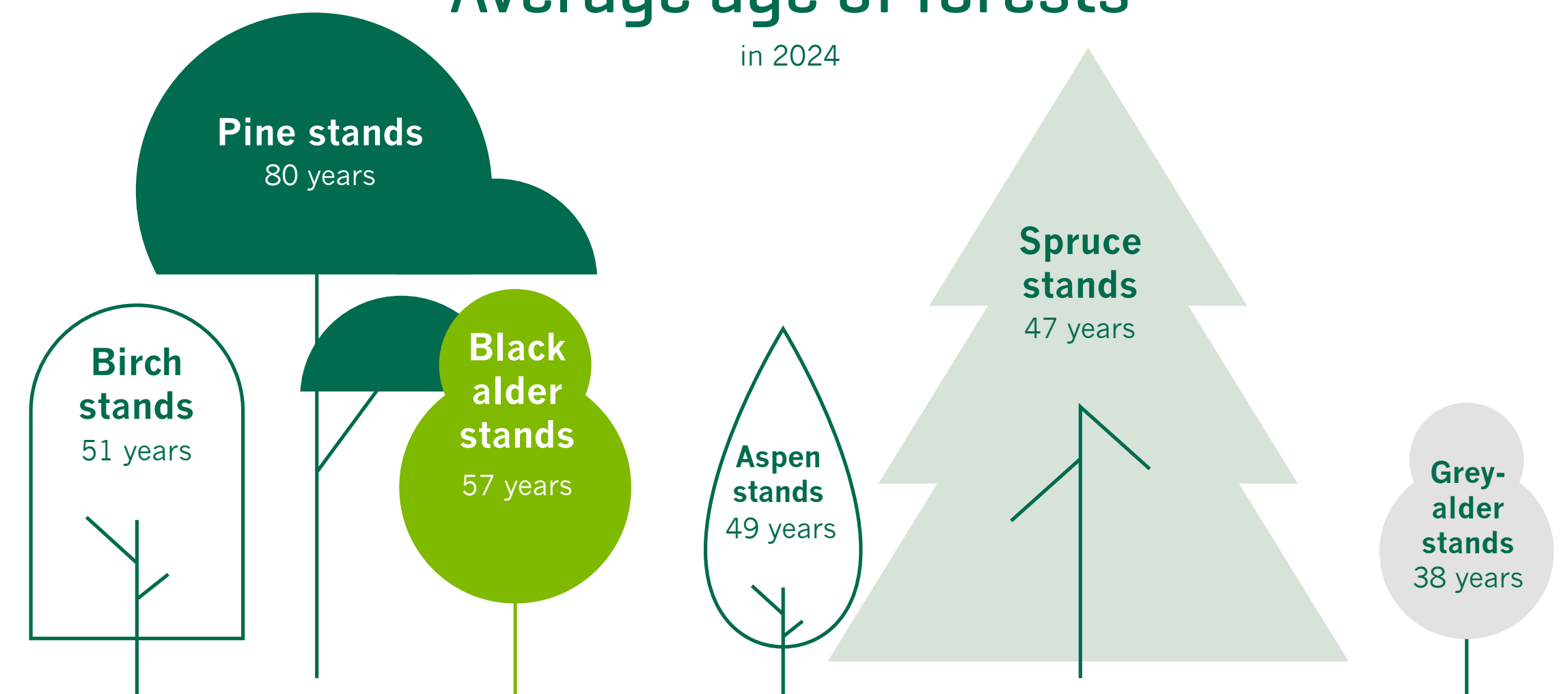


RMK's forest area and reserve by primary tree type



Average age of forests

in 2024



Timber marketing

RMK delivers nearly one-third of Estonian annual cutting volume. **About 70% of RMK's timber sales are governed by long-term contracts. These contracts are concluded with companies that process wood in Estonia, in order to promote the value-added use of local timber.**

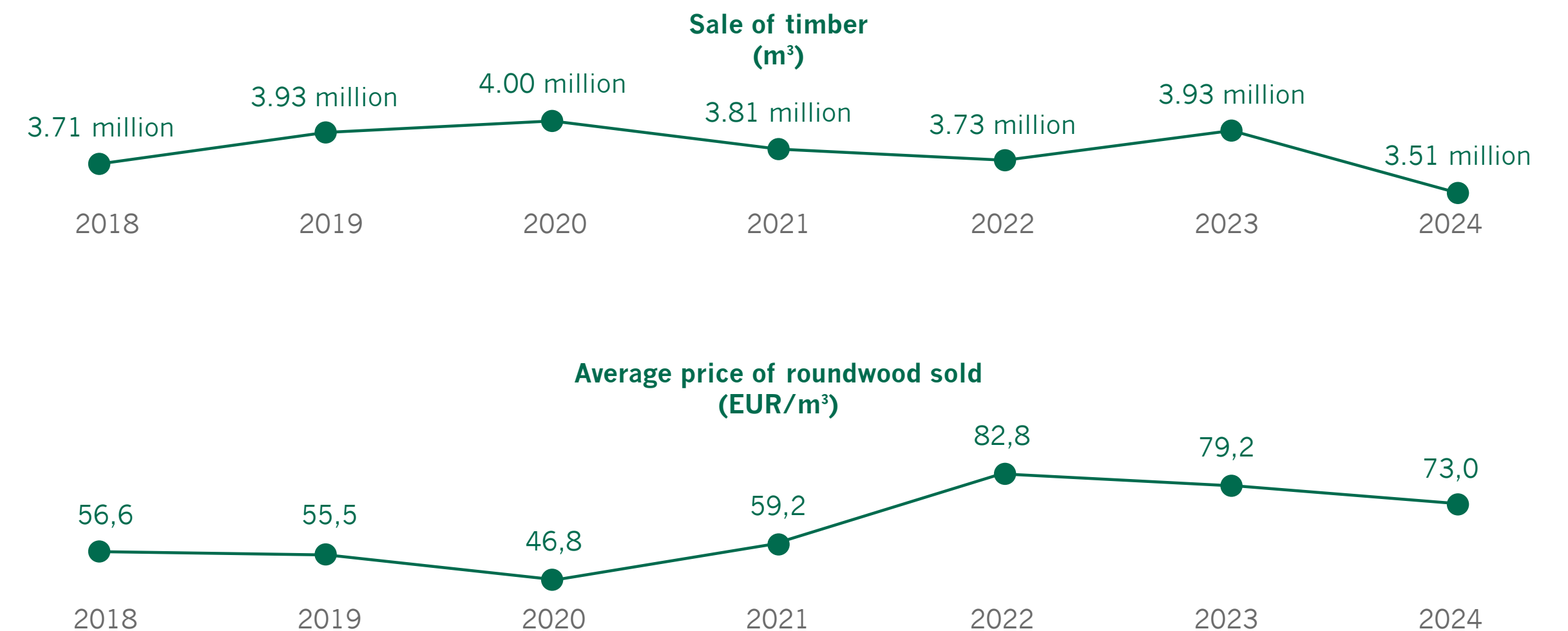
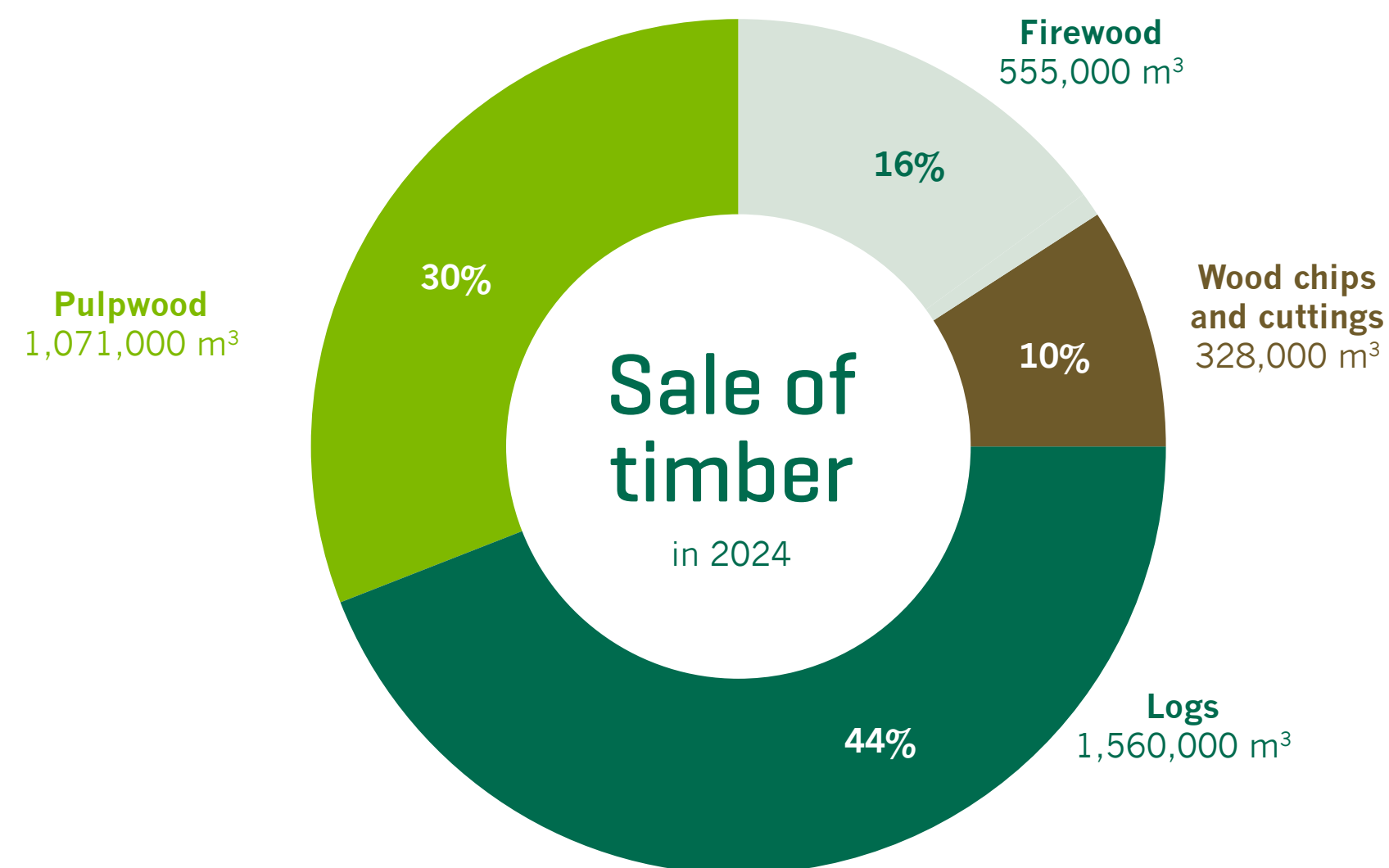
Revenue from timber sales is used to plant and maintain young forests, carry out nature conservation work, provide recreational opportunities, and contribute to the state budget.

2024

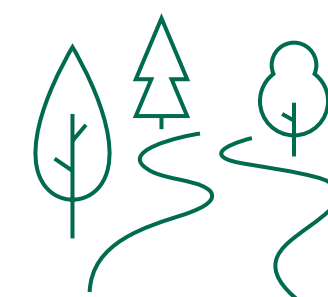
3.6 million m³
timber sold*

€250.2 million
revenue from the sale of timber

*Includes the sale of 42,000 m³ of cutting rights



Forest infrastructure



Well-maintained forest roads simplify conservation work and enhance accessibility, making it easier to travel in nature and extinguish fires.

9,501 + 2,000 km

forest roads on RMK land and the land of other owners, which RMK uses and maintains

289 km

built, reconstructed, and renovated forest roads

in 2024

16,181 ha

reconstructed and upgraded drainage systems

in 2024

€21.4 million

invested in forest roads and land improvement

in 2024

NATURE CONSERVATION

RMK is the largest manager of protected areas in Estonia and is the primary provider of nature conservation work. **In 2024, RMK undertook a total of 647 conservation works aiming at preserving the natural diversity on the state land under its management.**

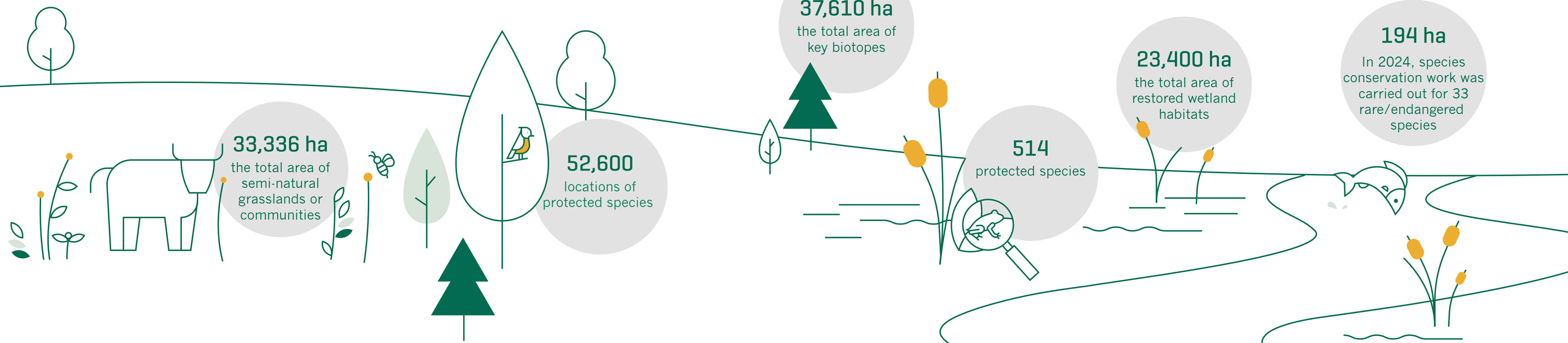
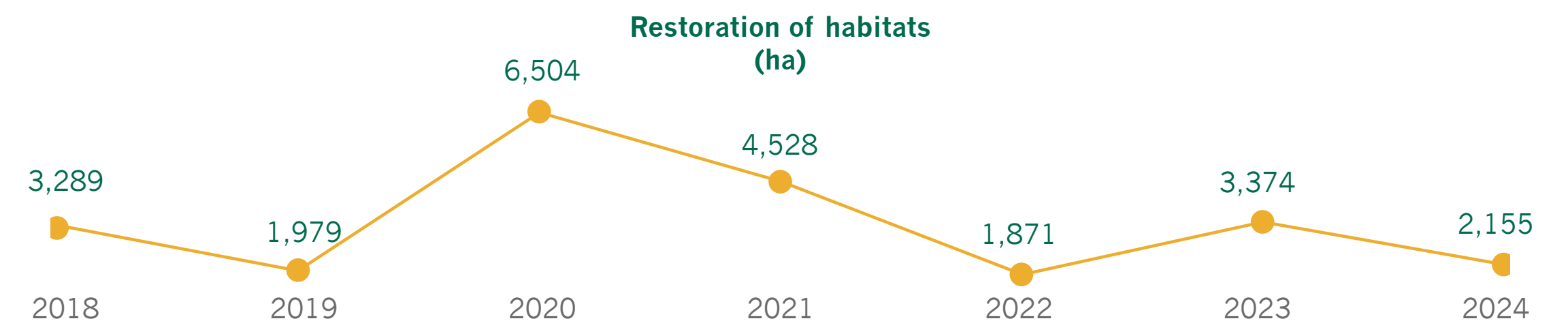
€5 million
used for nature conservation activities
in 2024

Semi-natural grasslands are maintained through traditional management practices, such as grazing or haymaking, rather than intensive agriculture.

2024 restored areas

Seminal grasslands	272 ha
Wetlands	1,883 ha
Total restored habitats	2,155 ha

A wetland is an area where the soil is permanently or temporarily saturated with excess moisture.



Three key achievements of nature conservation work in 2024



Better conditions for species in Selisoo

The closure of the ditches halted the outflow of water, allowing one of the oldest bogs in Estonia to recover. Work on 321 hectares improved the living conditions of bog species.



Freeing a salmon river of a migration obstacle

The demolition of the Ruila dam and the construction of a new riverbed provided better conditions for the fish of the Vasalemma River to migrate and spawn over a distance of 32 km.



Newly discovered flying squirrel sites

Monitoring of 6,700 hectares of flying squirrel habitat provided 22 new sites. Forests are no longer managed in these areas.

Restoration of fish stocks and freshwater pearl mussel populations

RMK’s Põlula Fish Farming Centre is restoring populations of sturgeon, salmon, whitefish, and pearl mussels. In 2024, we continued stocking juvenile fish and grow mussels in the river.

Atlantic sturgeon



17,000

juvenile fish in the Narva and Pärnu Rivers

Salmon



232,000

juvenile fish in the Pärnu River and the Rivers of the Gulf of Finland

Whitefish



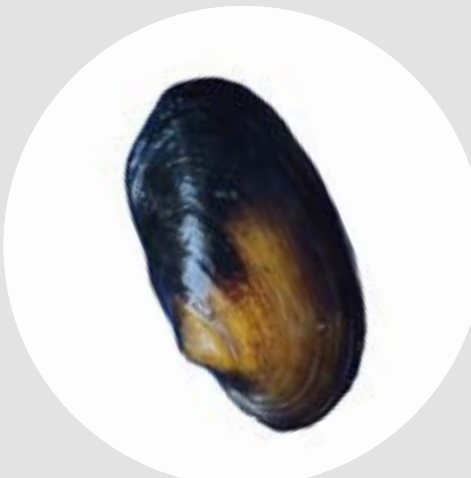
47,000

juvenile fish

568,000

larvae in Lake Peipus, the Väinameri Sea, and the Pärnu River

Freshwater pearl mussel



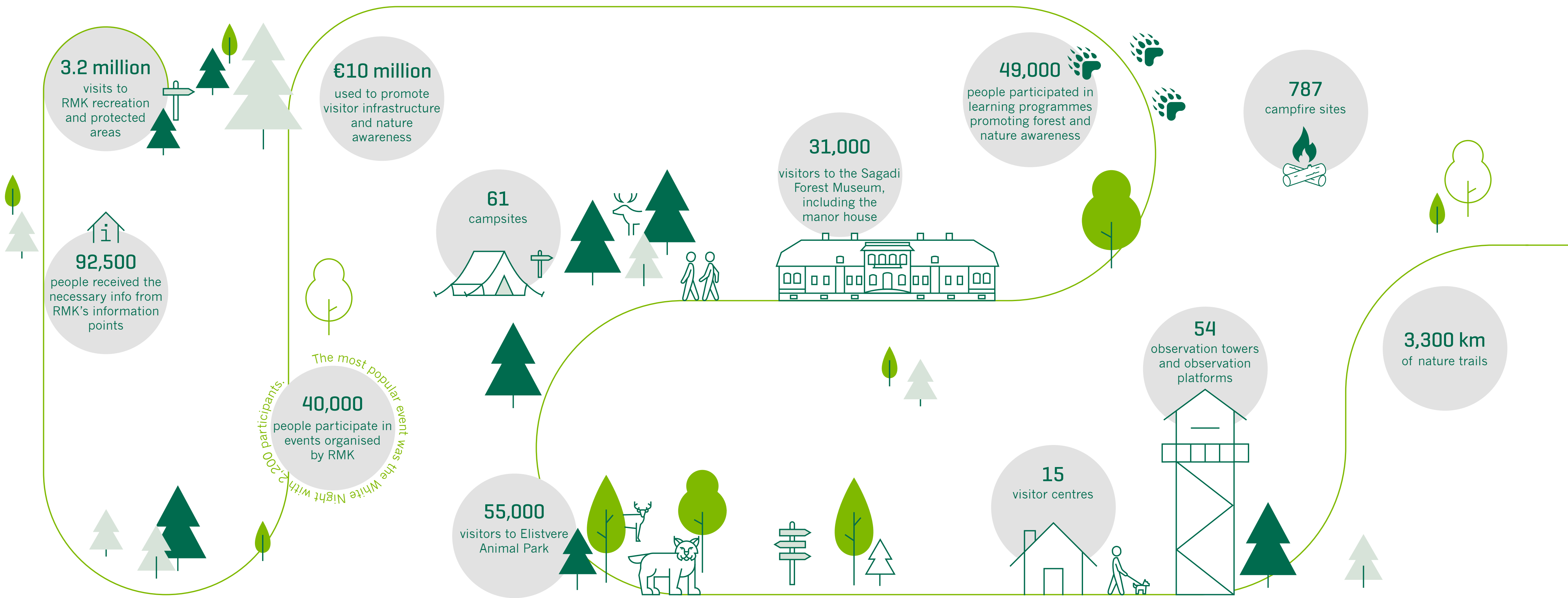
In order to restore the only freshwater pearl mussel population in Estonia, we keep them on special plates and boxes in the river where

4,500

one-to-five year old freshwater pearl mussels are currently growing

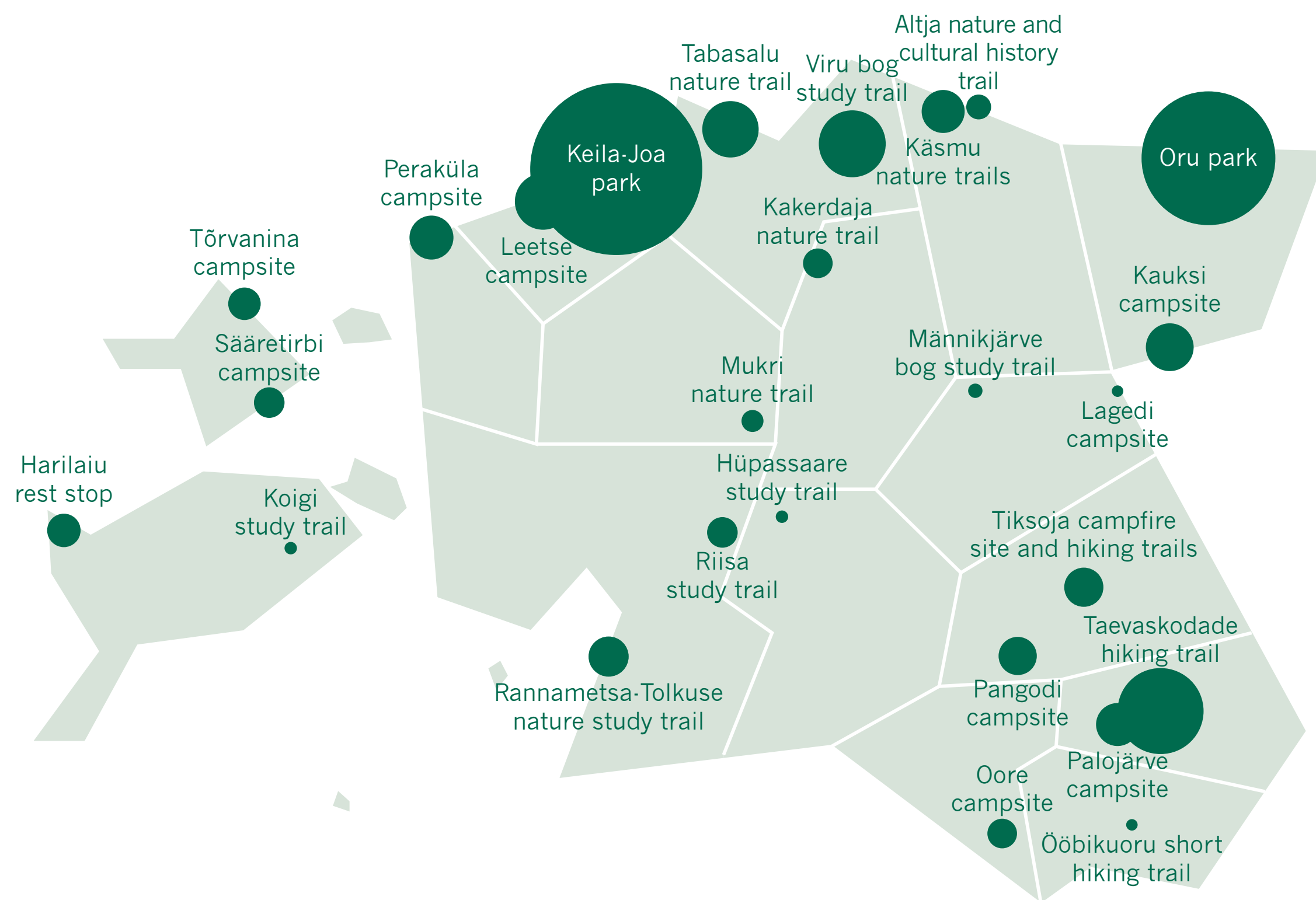
EXPLORING NATURE AND NATURE AWARENESS

As of 2024





Top attractions in counties based on 2024 visits



Selection of refurbishments carried out in 2024



**Vanapagana
Forest House**
(Järva County)



**Tammeluha
hiking trail**
(Jõgeva County)



**Valgejärve
observation tower**
(Lääne County)



**Kõnnu Suursoo
boardwalk**
(Harju County)



**Vanajõe valley
study trail**
(Hiiu County)



**Endla
Forest House**
(Jõgeva County)



Heritage culture

Since 2005, we have been mapping heritage culture objects on state land. **Here are a few of the objects that have interesting histories:**

Heritage culture refers to the marks left behind on the landscape by the work and activities of our ancestors.



The Farmer's Library
(Lääne-Viru County)

The first library created by the Estonian peasantry was founded on 2 February 1872, by the region's brightest farmers under the name of the Piblotek Society. When it closed in 1889, its collection comprised 678 volumes. Today, the location of the farm is marked by the remains of its foundation and a memorial stone.



Resin extraction
(Tartu County)

Resins were collected across Estonia for use as raw materials in the chemical industry. Up to 800 tonnes were collected per year during the peak in the 1960s. However, activity faded two decades later due to more favourable alternatives. The extracted pines were scheduled for final cutting, but some have survived to the present day.

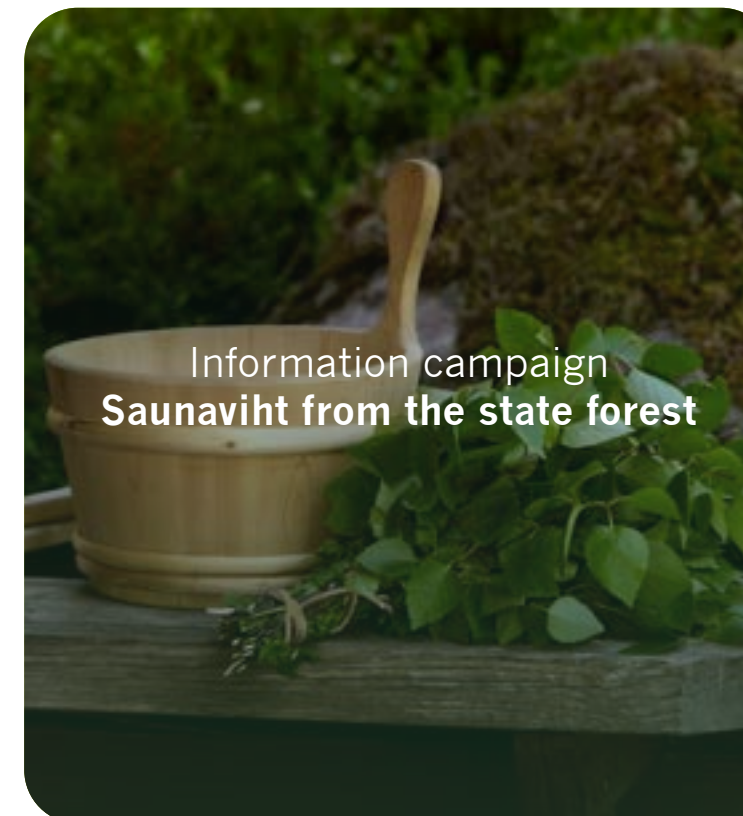


Baptism memorial stone
(Lääne County)

In 1994, a memorial stone was erected on the banks of the Ungru to commemorate the site of the first baptism in the Baptist faith on 24 February 1896. The baptism was unusual, performed in the middle of winter.

A forest- and nature-conscious person

In 2024, we contributed to initiatives that promote forest awareness and encourage people to explore the nature.



Information campaign
Saunaviht from the state forest



The Valge ÖÖ festival of light
at the Kabli visitor centre



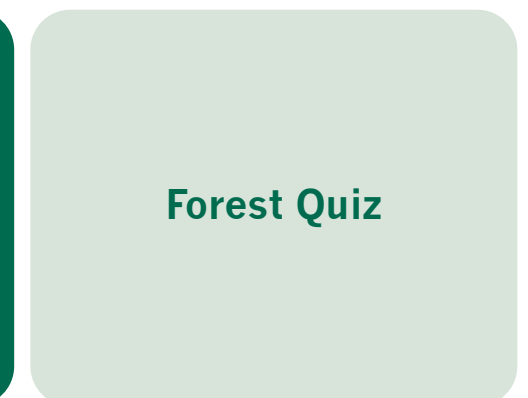
Information campaign
Metsaekspress
in cooperation with Elron



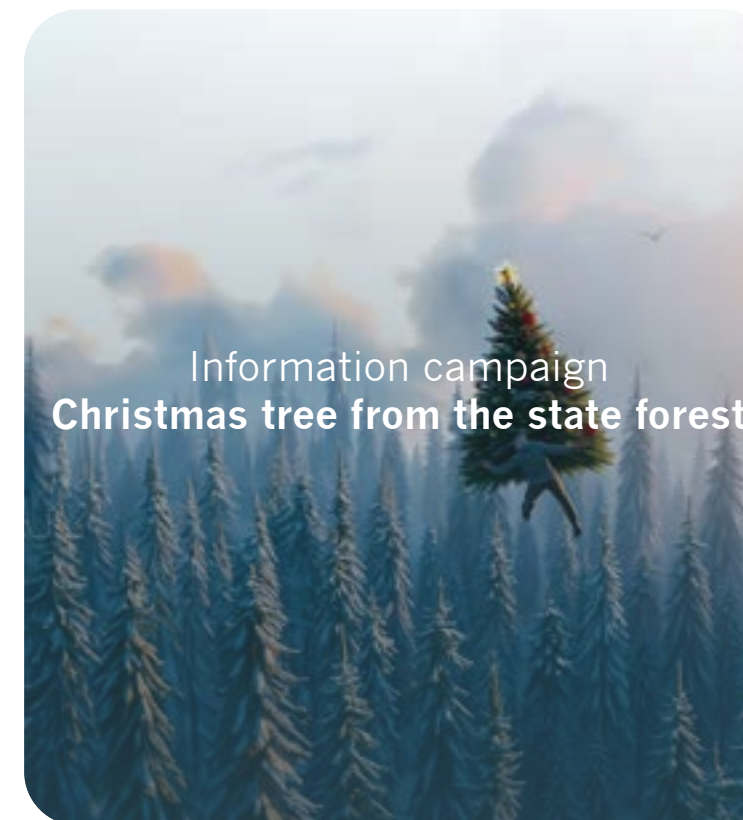
Competition
Estonian school-children's forest postcard



RMK Estonian Orienteering Days



Forest Quiz



Information campaign
Christmas tree from the state forest



Forest planting day



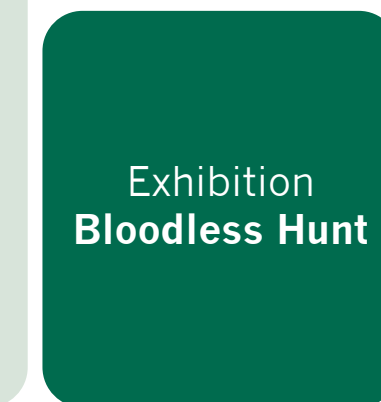
Magazine
Metsamees



Matsalu Nature Film Festival
photo competition



Participation in
agriculture and forestry expo
Maameess and in Opinion Festival



Exhibition
Bloodless Hunt



Smart device-free Saturdays
in cooperation with liigume.ee

RESEARCH

All major universities in Estonia are represented in RMK's Research Council. The first applied studies were commissioned in 2008, and more than 20 research projects have been conducted to date.



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RMK supported research projects
underway

in 2024



€333,400

disbursements for research
projects

in 2024



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forestry scholarships

in 2024

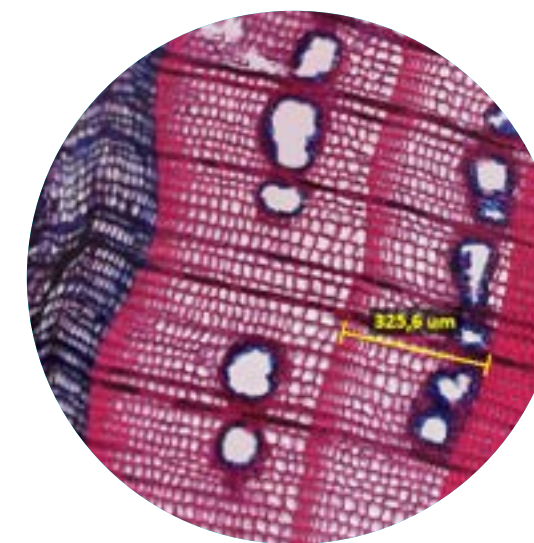


€36,000

for scholarships

in 2024

Research projects completed in 2024



The University of Tartu studied the impact of climate change and the growing area on the conservation capacity and growth of spruce in both pure and mixed stands.



The Estonian University of Life Sciences studied the impact of the biostimulant ArGrow on forest plants.



INVOLVEMENT OF COMMUNITIES

A community area is a section of the state forest situated near a settlement that is actively utilised by local residents.

Based on local proposals and approvals, RMK plans to work comprehensively in these areas throughout the municipality. Each forest plan forms a part of the over-all plan.

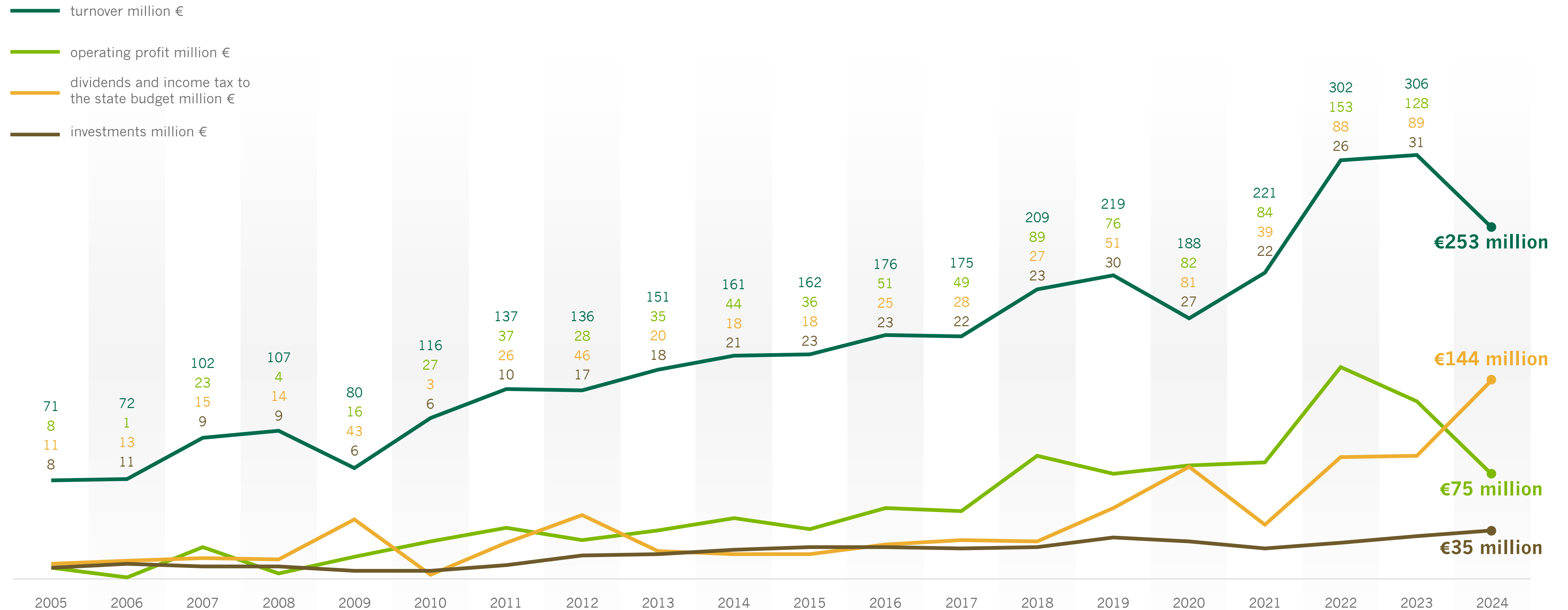
Comprehensive plan



Forestry plans



FINANCIAL INDICATORS

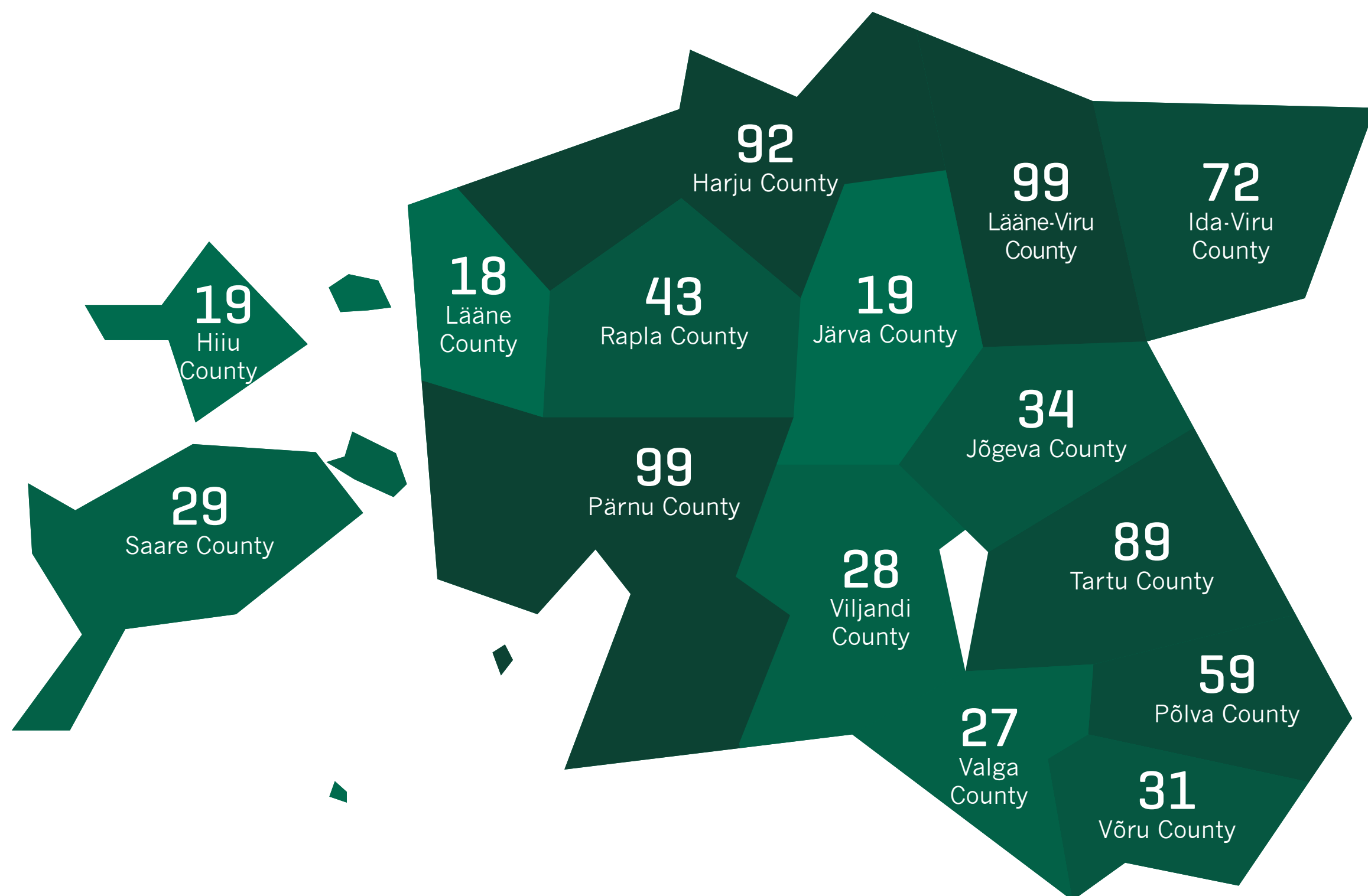


More about employees



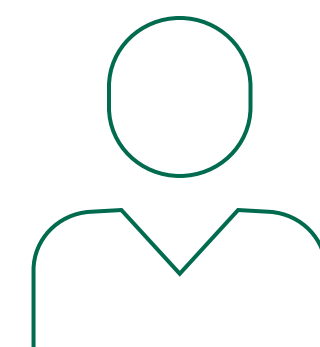
STAFF

Employees by county



Distribution of employees by sector

Forestry	450
Nature use	192
Central Services	85
Timber Marketing Department	13
Communication and Marketing Department	9
Development and Climate Department	7
Internal Audit Division	2



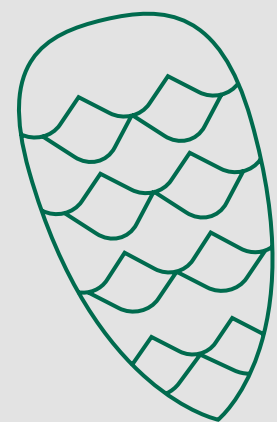
758 employees

the average number of people working under an employment contract for RMK in 2024.
Men represent 64% and women 36%.



We care about

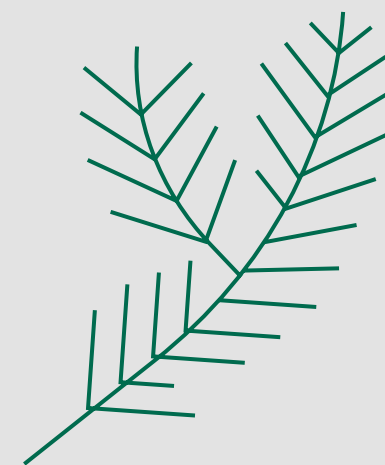
- Prioritising the well-being of every employee
- Supporting self-development and personal growth
- Ensuring access to modern, professional, and values-driven leadership
- Giving meaning and purpose to everyone's work
- Attracting top talent in the industry
- Recognising and rewarding exceptional employees



Mission

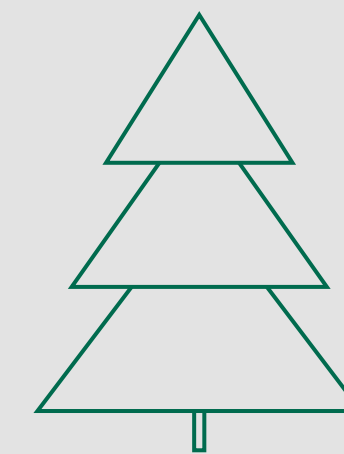
Across generations, RMK is the guardian and nurturer of the Estonian forest and biodiversity entrusted to us.

To paraphrase Uku Masing, the Estonian scholar: RMK ensures that every Estonian can live a livelier life.



Vision

To create daily added value for Estonian nature and the Estonian people.



Values

A long view.
Lead by example.
Collaboration.