

Presentation of the Economics, Energy and Foresight Department





General information

- Objective: to contribute to the improvement of the competitiveness of forest and wood based industries through research studies and consulting activities
- Organisation
 - √ Team of 5 FTP
 - ✓ Interaction with other FCBA departments
 - ✓ Connections with public or private structures (COST, Universities, INRA, Skogforsk, ...)
- Various studies with economical, technical, technicoeconomical or multidimensional components
- Missions towards:
 - ✓ Public (National Forest Department, Regional Forest Department, ADEME, European Commission, Ministries, National Research Agency,...)
 - ✓ Private (professional organisations, entreprises,...)



Overview of the recent/current assignments

Multidimensional issue

- ✓ Multi-criteria analysis (wood sector, bioenergy incl. ligno-cellulosic liquid biofuels)
- ✓ Climate change and forest (adaptation/mitigation)

Technico-economic issue

- ✓ Wood resource availability
- ✓ Wood energy (quantity, quality, availability, price) / biomass
- ✓ Transport and logistics

Economical issue

- ✓ Employment in the forest sector
- ✓ Risks and forest management
- ✓ Economic impacts of biotechnologies
- ✓ Wood sector model and interactions



Harvesting more and better?

More?

✓ Availability from forest data

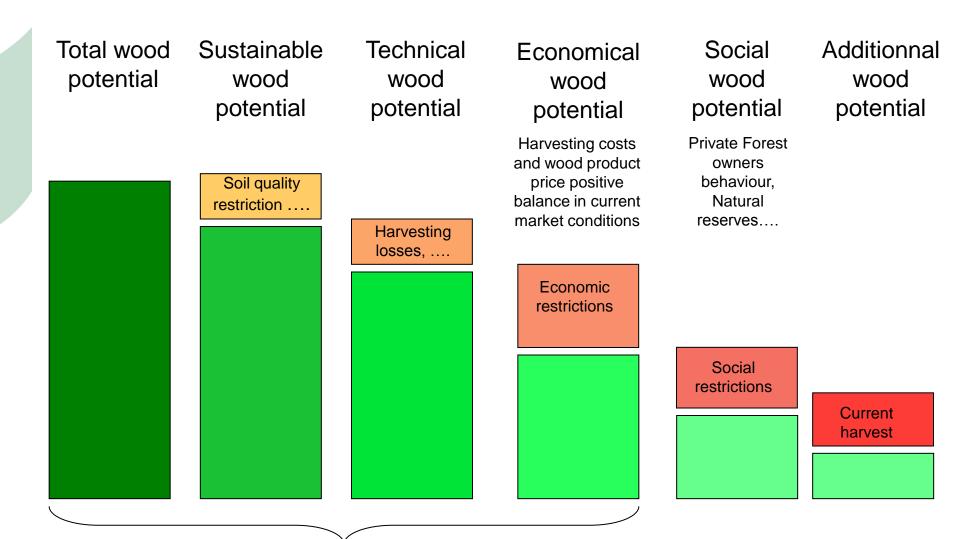
- Traditional way: Forest Inventory data (Surface, Volume, Increment, Harvest);
 National Harvest Enquiry; Aforestation and Reforestation statistics; Wood availability in even aged stands (age classes, growth models and harvest scenarios); Wood availability in uneven aged stands (diameter classes, growth model and harvest scenarios)
- Additionnal dimension: socio-economic one
- Survey (private forest behaviours)
- ✓ Long-term scenarios of French energetic mix incl. biomass
- √ Harvesting schemes

Better?

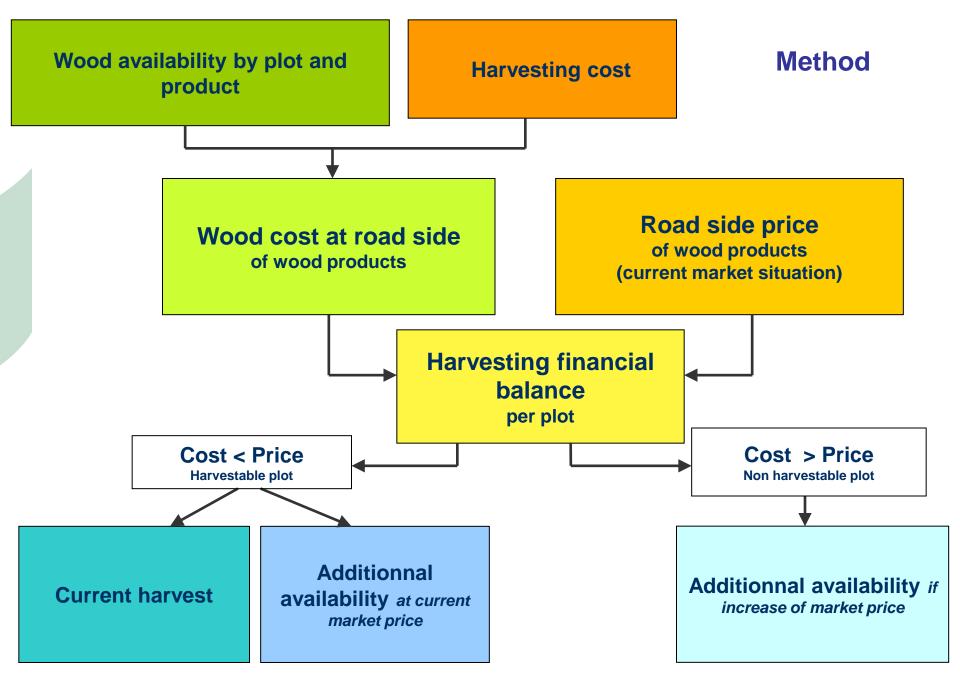
- ✓ Prices and quality for users (technico-economic)
- ✓ No particularly "forest and amenities driven work"
- √ Taking into consideration some impacts such as the soil impact of the forest residues or environmental criteria (LCA, multi-criteria...)



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Technico-economic wood potential (ADEME 2009)



A. Thivolle-Cazat (FCBA)

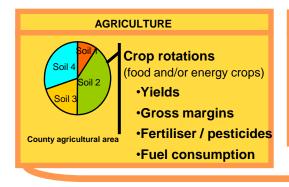


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ECOBIOM: A spatially explicit model to analyse the regional supply of lignocellulosic biomass (FCBA coordination) – 2006-2009

- Funding by the French Researh Agency (ANR)
- Model developed by INRA/CNRS/AgroPT

http://www.fcba.fr/ecobiom/index.html



FOREST

Wood categories

•Available quantities
•Harvesting costs

•Conditioning costs

TRANSPORT

Distances

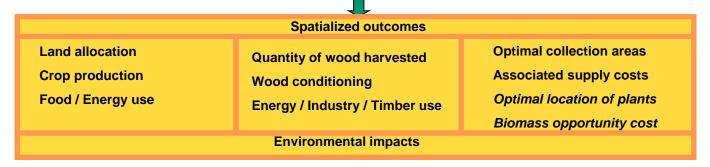
Journey time

Costs /hour /km

Fuel Consumption

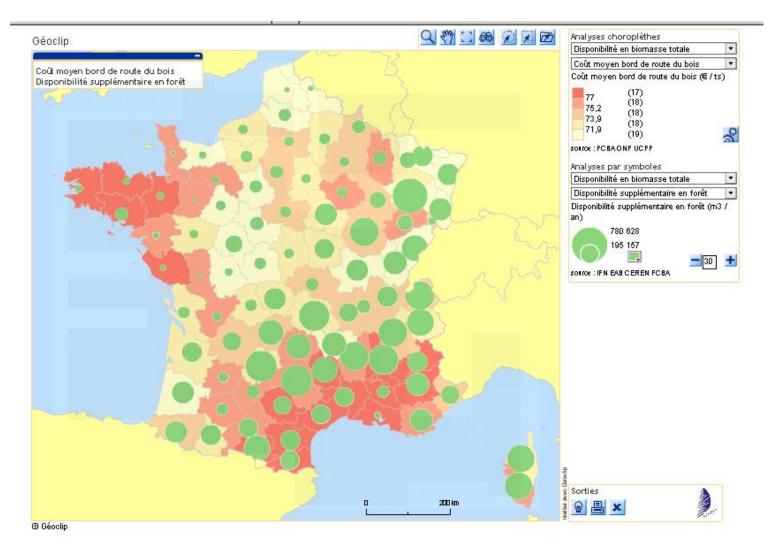
Demand / biomass and/or Biomass prices and/or Plant(s) location





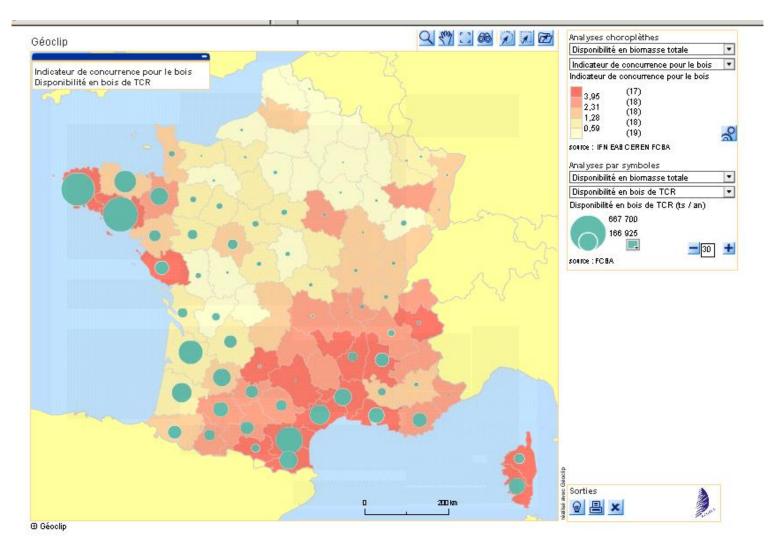


Harvesting more for energy





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Harvesting more: socioeconomic dimension

Which are the conditions to mobilize wood in particular for energy?

No objection of forest owners to provide wood for energy (incl. forest wood chips); but it is still difficult to mobilize more in private forest (no levers)

Survey, Audit

Private owners (400 postal survey returned and 30 audits in 3 French regions).

The results of the survey:

- Over-representation of large properties (> 25 ha = 50% responses vs. 5% in national survey) ⇒ 'bias' in our results
- An image of a 'representative forest owner'
 - ✓ Over 60 years old, geographically close to the forest received by inheritance: "a family heritage to preserve", but also to "produce wood"
 - ✓ Management of the forest by himself
 - ✓ Two key operations: wood harvesting and cleaning/clearing
 - √ Timber sale
 - is **not a priority** because "the forest is not a source of income"
 - is related to forestry considerations but also some financial concerns (selling price, but also opportunities to be able to do unprofitable forestry operations)
 - ✓ The sale of forest chips (from residues)? Ok to sale, but more during silviculture operations (83%) than during cutting (50%) not much environmental concern