

## Stadtwald Boppard Nature-oriented Forest management in the Upper Middle Rhine Valley

Stadtwald Boppard was, with its more than 3000 ha of forest, one of the first forests in Germany to become FSC-certified in 1998. The municipal forest stretches from the small town of Boppard on the Rhine River at about 70 meters above sea level, through narrow valleys and on steep slopes to the heights of the Hundsrück, a low mountain range at over 600 meters above sea level. Sustainable forestry in a mixed forest under very different geographical and climatic conditions characterizes the work of the city forester.

The forest is largely located in the UNESCO World Heritage Upper Middle Rhine Valley and offers picturesque views over the Rhine and narrow valleys from its heights in many places. Consequently, the number of visitors to the forest is very high. Here, there are various facilities in the forest that are aimed at athletes and ecotourists.

### Verified Ecosystem Services



Maintenance of an ecologically sufficient conservation area network



Restoration of forest carbon stocks



Maintenance of the capacity of watersheds to purify and regulate water flows



Maintenance/conservation of areas of importance for recreation and/or tourism

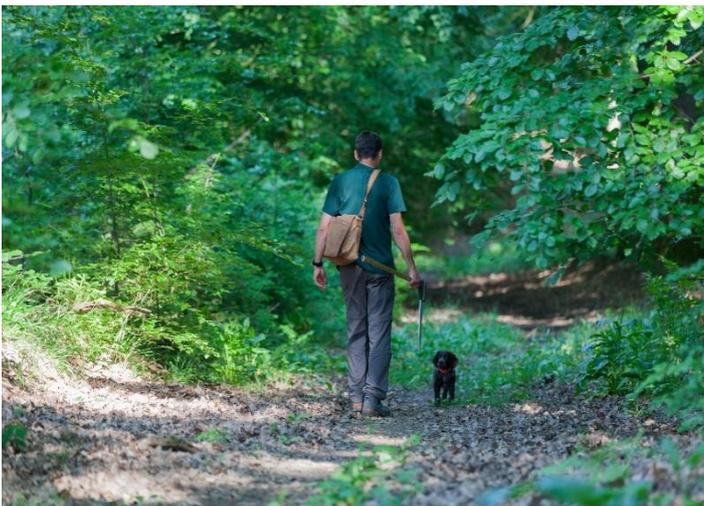
### Highlights of this project

1. Natura 2,000 flora and fauna included in this project
2. Total volume of 6,426 additional cubic meter wood equivalent to 5,975 to of CO2 per year are stored in the forest.
3. Increased water storage by the forest
4. 91 km of hiking paths

## Project details

### Biodiversity conservation

The European network Natura 2000 defines ecological valuable areas within Europe, the municipality forest of Boppard contributes to this network. Both categories of protection area are represented, 2229 ha are classified as bird protection area and 271 ha as flora fauna habitat protection area. The forest is managed as a semi natural forest with species composition and structure according to a natural forest.



### Eco-tourism

The municipality forest of Boppard offers multiple opportunities for recreation and tourism activities. The most important aspect is 91 km of premium hiking paths which are certified according to the regulations of the German Hiking Institute (Deutsches Wanderinstitut e.V.). Special areas exist also for mountain bike use and normal bicycle ways. As further attraction a cable chairlift and a small railway line are making the access easier.

**Would you like to integrate this project into your climate strategy?**

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