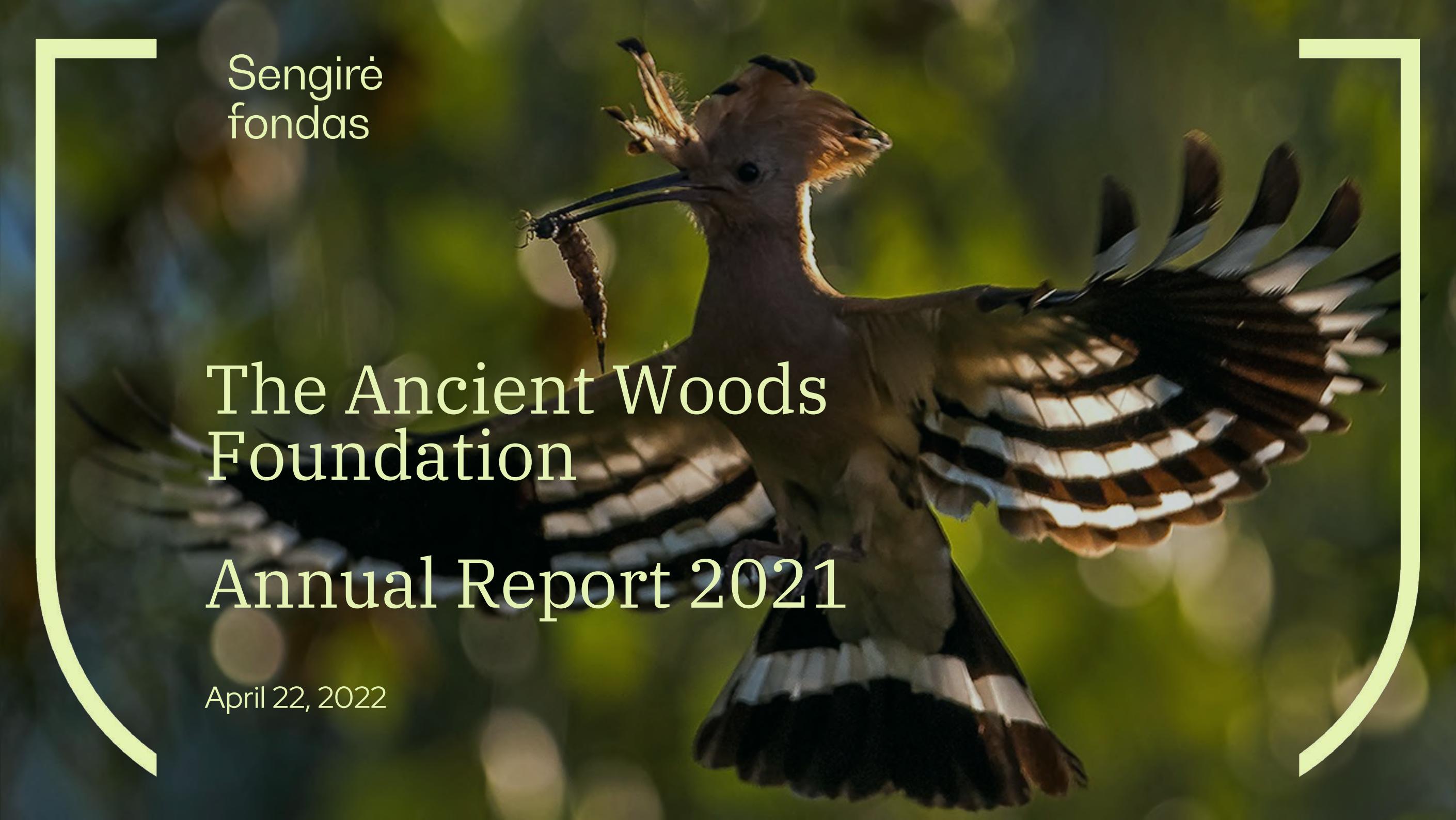


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The Ancient Woods
Foundation

Annual Report 2021

April 22, 2022

Thank you!

It's been already two years together that we are doing our best to preserve the old-growth forests in Lithuania.

Thanks to the growing community of supporters, we are able to continue working on key activities:

- Preservation of old-growth forests & their biodiversity;
- Public education.

Thank you!

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





To preserve the most valuable old-growth forests and protect their biodiversity, to establish public forests in Lithuania.

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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.

dr. Biruté Mary Galdikas



ANTHROPOLOGIST,
CONSERVATIONIST,
PRIMATOLOGIST,
WORLD-FAMOUS
SCIENTIST

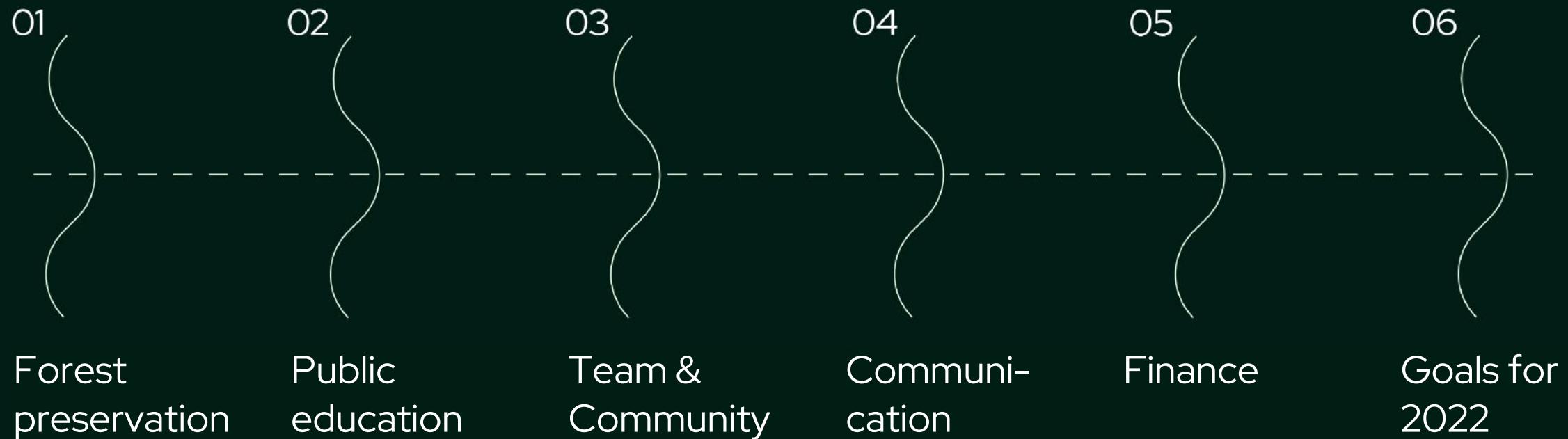
"I am honored to join the Ancient Woods Foundation as a Patron. This important Foundation aims to preserve forests and the biodiversity inherent in old-growth woods and forests.

Forests are one of the key ecosystems of the planet, whether in Borneo or Lithuania.

Not only do they ensure the survival of a wide variety of species but also forests will affect the life of coming generations as it is hard to imagine humankind's future without thriving ecosystems on Earth,"

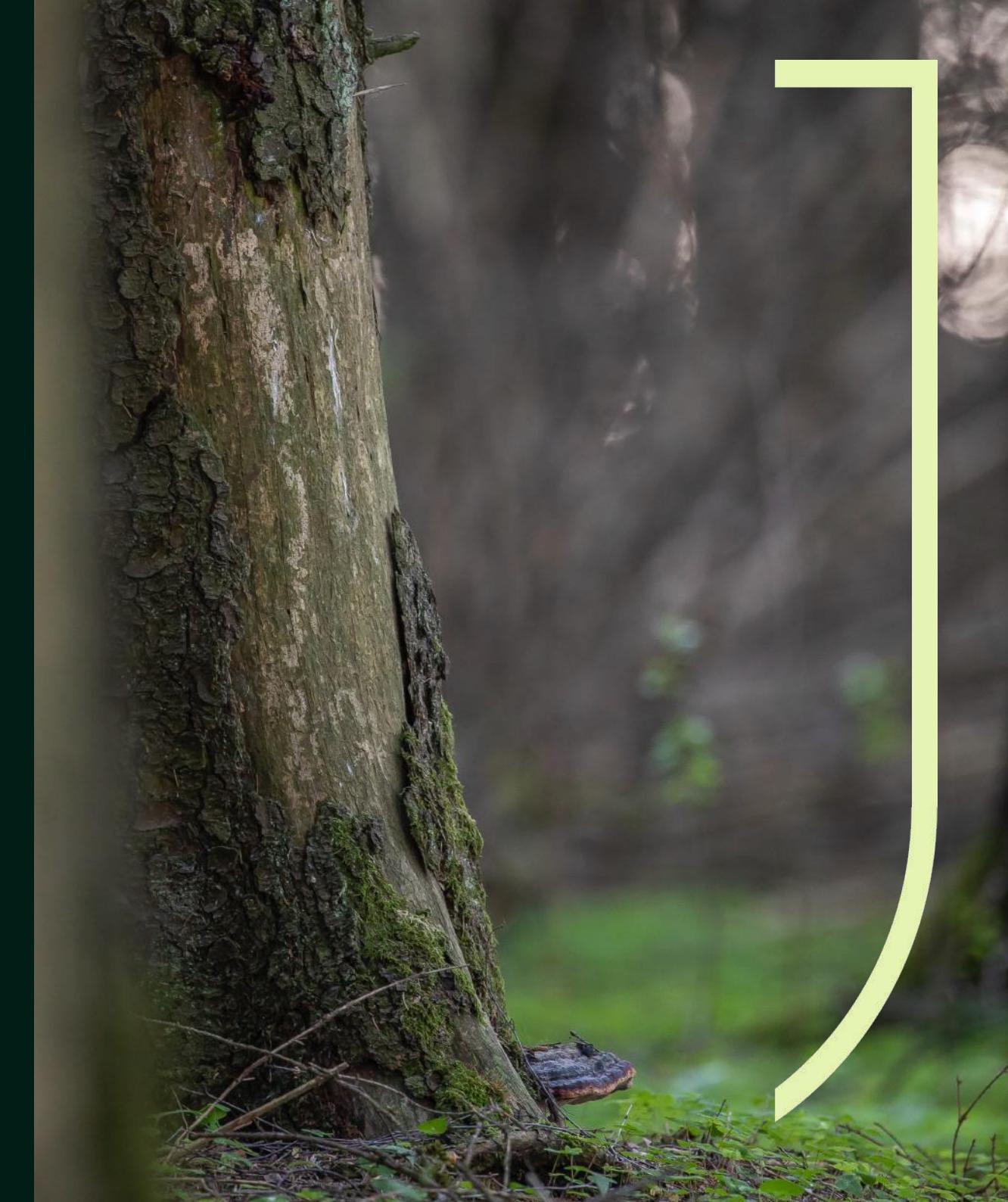
says dr. Biruté Mary Galdikas, the Patron of the Foundation.

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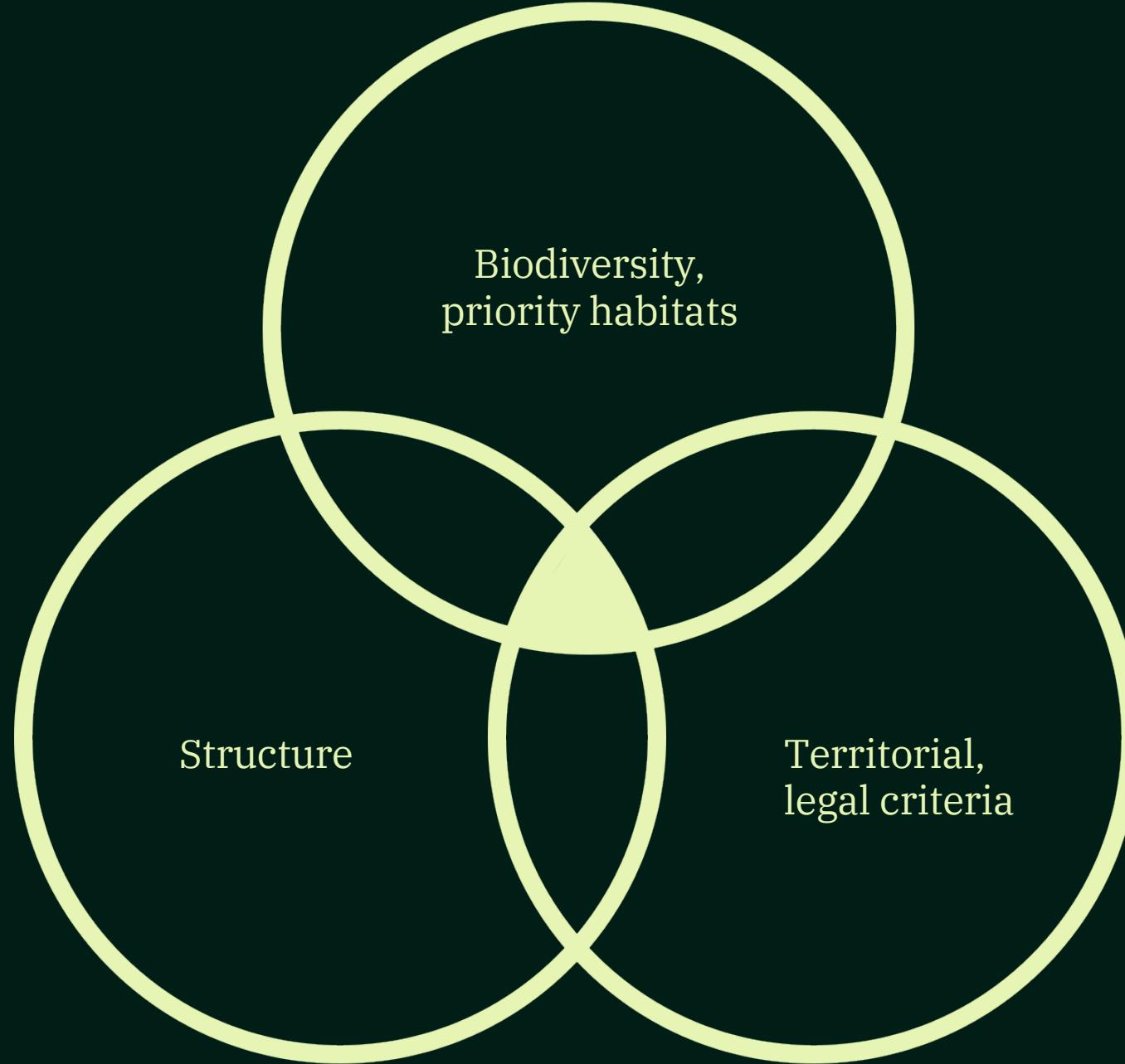


Forest preservation.

Which forest plots are selected for buyout and further protection?



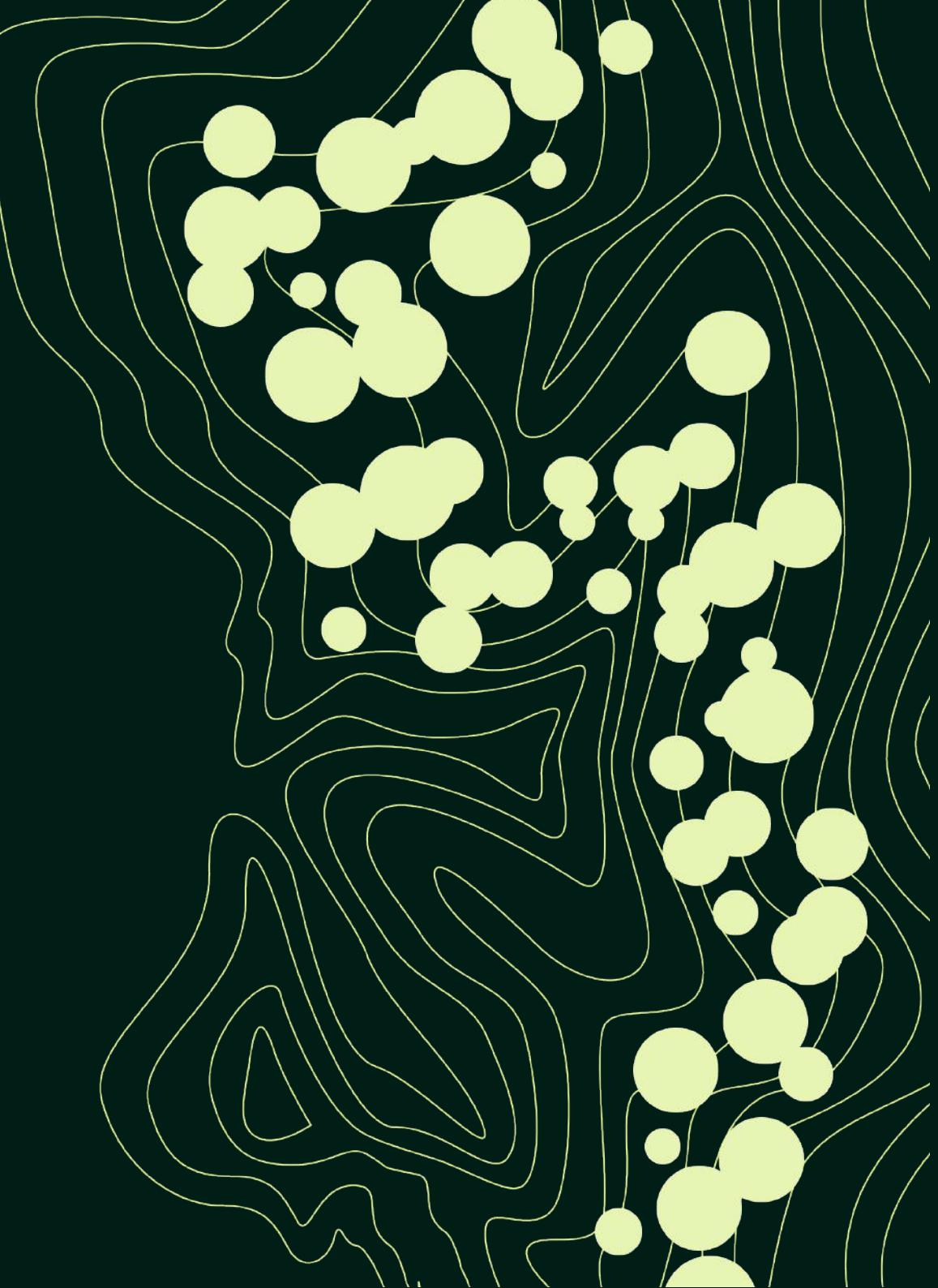
50+ forest selection criteria



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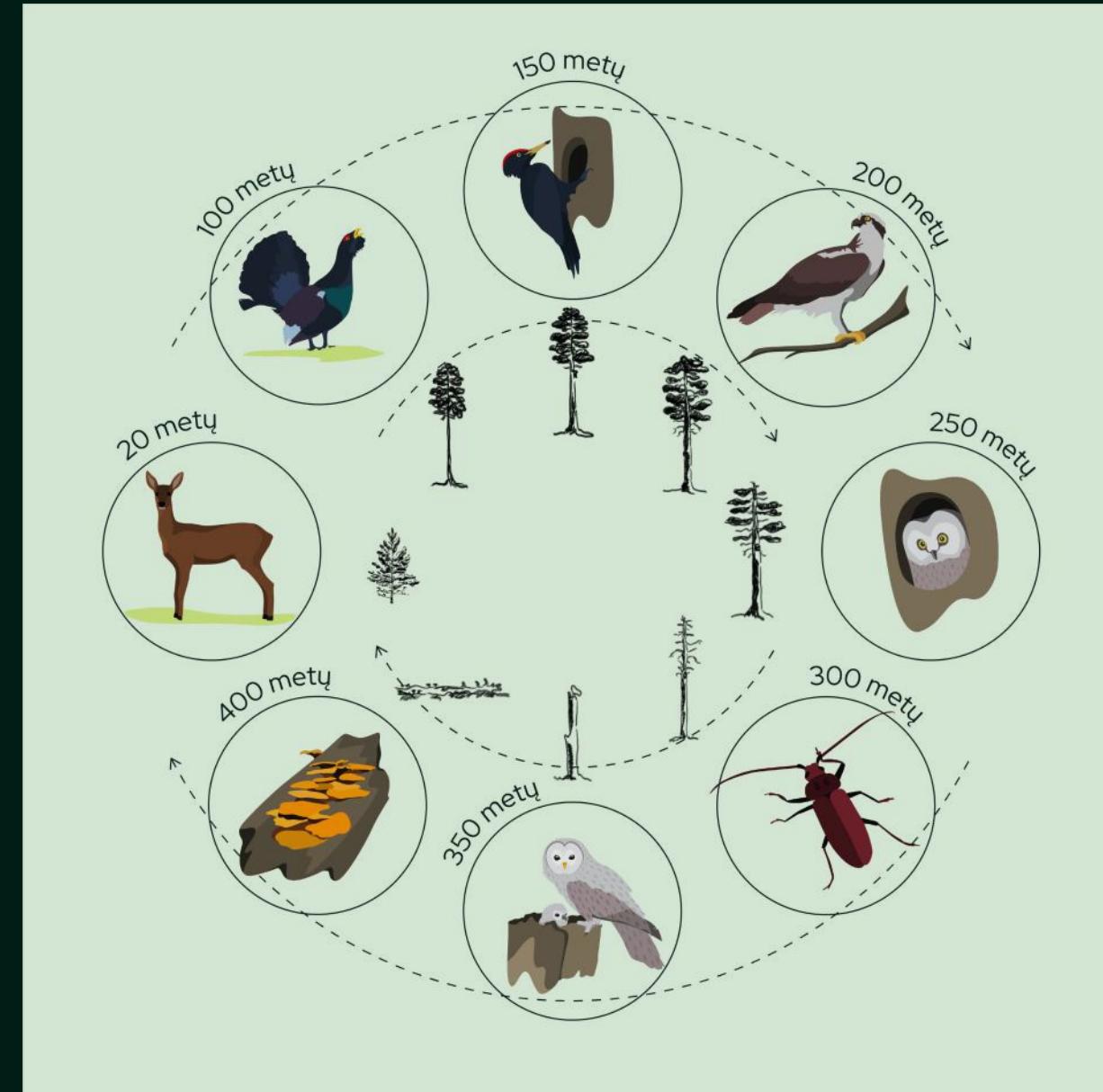
Structural criteria

- 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, indicator species;
- 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.



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Priority habitats

Key woodland habitat

- A.1. Spruce forests and mixed forests with spruce;
- B.1. Broadleaved forests;
- C.2. Wet spruce forests and wet mixed forests with spruce;
- C.4. Broadleaved wet forests;
- D.3. Stream slope;
- H.1. Slope;
- H.2. *ljet. Raguva.*

Habitats of EU importance

- 9010 Western taiga;
- 9020 Broad-leaved and mixed forests;
- 9050 Grass-rich spruce forests;
- 9160 European hornbeam forests;
- 9180 Gully and slope forests;
- 91F0 Riparian elm tree forests.



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Search & selection of future old-growth forests in 2021

- 53 potential forest massifs have been selected by the team of scientists back in 2020.
- We are currently in contact with approx. 300 plot owners and in negotiations with 50 of them.
- A second round of GIS search has been started with scientists and GIS specialists with the focus on individual, but larger plots.
- Additionally, collaboration with local communities of protected areas and the forest sector has been initiated.

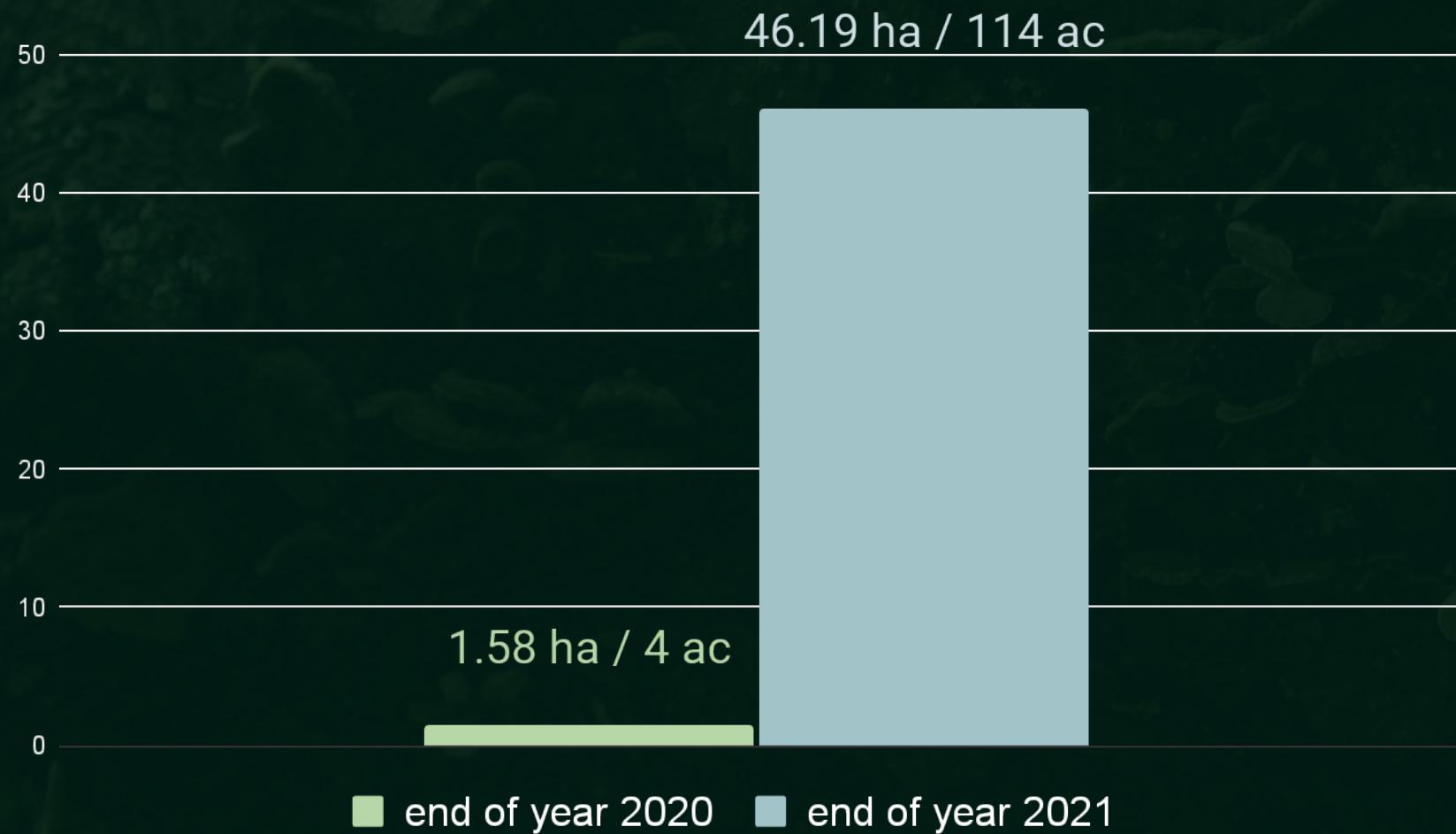




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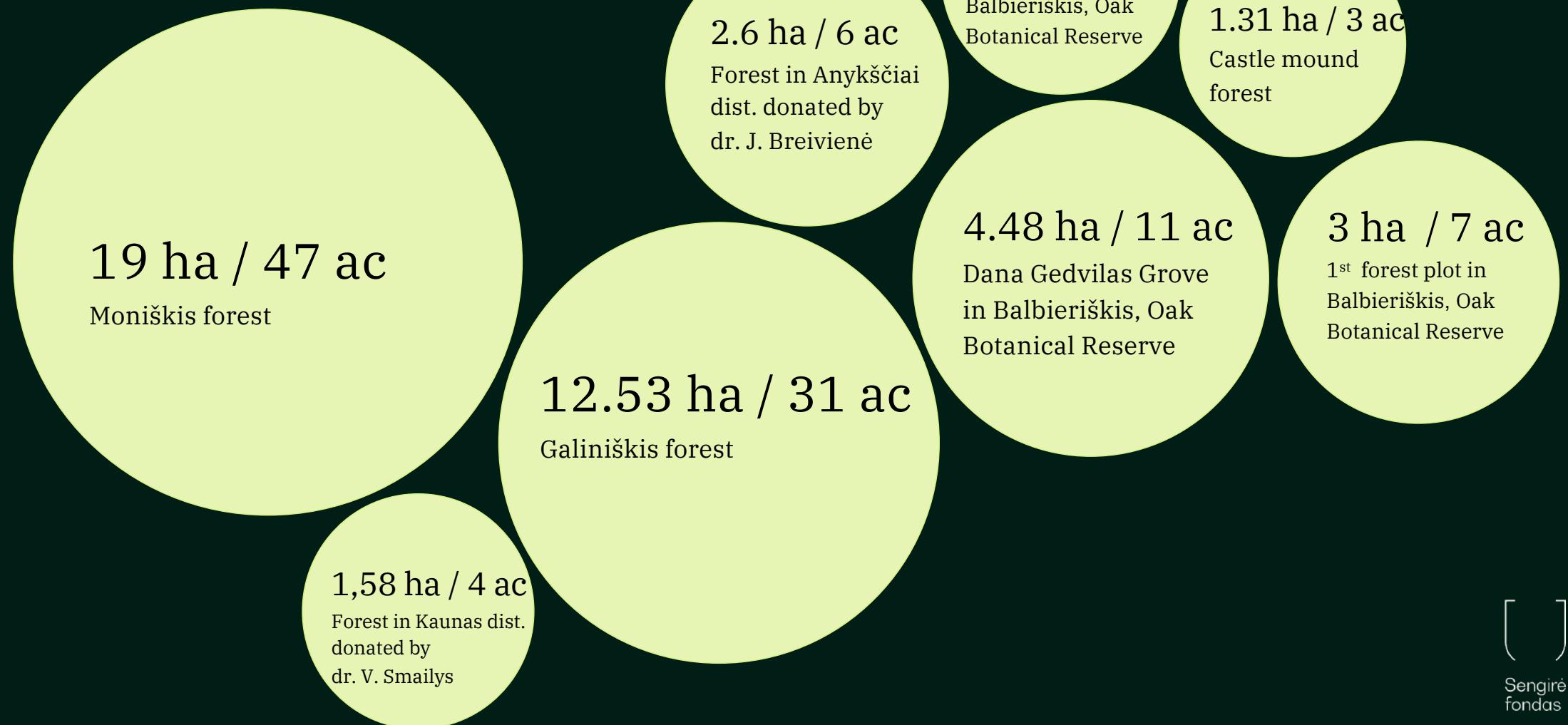
46.19 ha or
114.14 ac

The old-growth forests preserved by the Ancient Woods Foundation



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Forest in Kaunas dist. donated by dr. V. Smailys



Location	Kaunas district, Garliava, Žalgiris forest
Area size	1.58 ha / 4 ac
Story	<p>Professor Vytautas Smailys has donated his own forest for the foundation right after the announcement about its establishment.</p> <p>Nature as a value comes from his childhood: "All thanks to Lithuanian forests for having the clean air and water."</p>
Forest	<p>It is a relatively young (average age of trees – 75 years) mixed, fertile forest dominated by spruce, birch, aspen, black alder & hazel. A part of the forest is wet or temporarily wet, and is identified as a <u>habitat of European Union importance</u>.</p> <p>As individual trees die, large dead (living) wood gradually appears in the stand, allowing rarer deadwood-associated species to establish. At the same time, thinning stands are already forming, increasing the mosaic nature of the stand and the diversity of micro-habitats.</p> <p>2 indicative species of key woodland habitats have been found on the plot – <u>mosses (<i>Ulota crispa</i>)</u> and <u>lichens (<i>Metzgeria furcata</i>)</u>.</p> <p>In 2020, mating songs/call sounds of protected bird species – <u>grey-headed woodpecker (<i>Picus canus</i>)</u> and <u>common crane (<i>Grus grus</i>)</u> – have been recorded.</p>

Forest in Anykščiai dist. donated by dr. J. Breivienė



Location	Anykščiai district, Kiaulėnai forest
Area size	2.6 ha / 6 ac
Story	<p>Mrs. Janina Breivienė, like her family ancestors, was born and grew up right next to this forest. Her family loved to take long walks to pick mushrooms and berries in this forests.</p> <p>Dr. J. Breivienė is an ophthalmologist, also one of the first members of independence movement <i>Sajūdis</i>. She is an example to many with her thoughts, advice and moral attitudes.</p>
Forest	<p>When visiting this forest, you can already see a lot of living wood (this is how we call dead wood) that is home for thousands of organisms of all kinds.</p> <p>Semi-ancient (~60-80 years old) forest, dominated by spruce, but most of the plot is beautifully mixed with birch and aspen, also oak, maple, black alders.</p> <p>It's great that despite the young age, there are already some living wood. Abundance of fungi species indicates that the forest ecosystem is healthy and multidiverse.</p>

Balbieriškis forest

(The 1st plot bought by the Foundation)



Location	Prienai district, Balbieriškis forest, Oak Botanical Reserve
Area size	3 ha / 7 ac
Story	<p>This is the first forest plot acquired by the Foundation. On the outskirts of the plot grows a relatively young, but already a very impressive <u>40-stem linden tree</u>.</p> <p>Balbieriškis forest massif is a large island of broadleaved and mixed forest in fertile fields between Žuvintas reserve and Nemunas loop regional park.</p>
Forest	<p>The entire plot falls into the territory of the <u>Oak Botanical Reserve</u>.</p> <p>Great natural value of the plot – the presence of <u>3 types of habitats of European Union importance</u> – spruce groves rich in grass, bristlecone groves, alluvial forests. The variety of key biological elements indicates the forest being valuable not only for Lithuania, but for the whole Europe.</p> <p>This plot is a very mixed, mixed-aged, middle-aged forest growing in a relatively moist habitat. The drier part of the massif is dominated by linden, spruce, aspen, oak, hornbeam, while the wetter part is dominated by alder and birch.</p>

Balbieriškis forest

(The 2nd plot in this massif)



Location	Prienai district, Balbieriškis forest, Oak Botanical Reserve
Area size	1.69 ha / 4 ac
Story	<p>The second forest plot acquired by the foundation, bordering with another plot already protected, as well as with the state forest habitat, which allows for the easy spread of various species of fungi, lichens and other species.</p> <p>This forest plot was purchased using the community's 1.2% personal income tax donations received in 2020.</p>
Forest	<p>There are <u>oak trees approx. 140 to 160 years old</u>. The branches are strong and can easily support the nests of both eagles and black storks. According to current assessments, the forest is already valuable as a potential key woodland habitat.</p> <p>The plot is located in the <u>Oak Botanical Reserve</u>, and has valuable <u>forest habitats</u> such as bark beetle forests (91E0) and alluvial forests (91EO). The stand is heterogeneous, with a diverse tree canopy dominated by linden (50 m) and spruce (90 m), with alder in wetter areas. There is a significant admixture of aspen, birch and oak.</p>

Dana Gedvila grove

(The 3rd in Balbieriškis forest massif)



Location	Prienai district, Balbieriškis forest, Oak Botanical Reserve
Area size	4.48 ha / 11 ac
Story	<p>The activities of the foundation have been recognised by the Lithuanian diaspora.</p> <p>A private benefactor, Gabrielius Gedvila, a lawyer living in the USA, a former Chief of Staff of President Valdas Adamkus, who founded the Dana Gedvila Fund in memory of his late wife, has donated USD 20k to purchase a forest parcel in Balbieriškis. As a thank you gesture, the grove was named after his wife.</p>
Forest	<p>This is the third plot in the Balbieriškis forest massif – the nice beginning of the larger massive of protected land to be formed.</p> <p>The forest belongs to the Oak Botanical Reserve and is just 500 meters away from the other two plots previously acquired by the foundation. Part of the site has also been recognized as a habitat of EU importance (9160).</p> <p>This is a mature, mixed, self-sustaining, heterogeneous, multi-stemmed, mosaic-structured forest. It is rich in oaks, with an admixture of aspen, alder, birch hornbeam and spruce.</p> <p>There is a number of fallen trees in various stages of decomposition in this forest area, which creates a variety of micro-habitats. Although the terrain is relatively flat, there are also wetter, sometimes waterlogged areas.</p>

Galiniškis forest

(bought with the help of business sponsor)



Location	Galiniškis, Molėtai district
Area size	12.53 ha / 31 ac
Story	<p>This forest has been fully purchased with the funds from a support initiative "Together with nature" by a corporate sponsor Žalia giria (Gelsva, UAB).</p> <p>During the initiative, 1 ct of each water bottle has been allocated for the protection of old forests, and during 2021 enough funds were raised for the plot – EUR 65,950.</p>
Forest	<p>The most valuable is the northern part of the forest, where there is a relatively old mixed deciduous forest of about <u>90 years old</u>. There is a lot of dead (living) wood there and the irregularity of the terrain creates the area rich in micro-habitats and biodiversity.</p> <p>The plot is recognized as the <u>key woodland habitat</u> (H2 – Raguva, B2 – other broadleaved forests) and the <u>habitat of EU importance</u> (9020 – broadleaved forests), which, despite the high biological value and their rapid decline across Europe, have hardly any legal protection at all, so it is gratifying to preserve at least some of them.</p> <p>The <u>Black Stork (Ciconia nigra)</u> used to breed in the area, and a <u>rare lichen species Lobaria pulmonaria</u> has been registered. This indicates the good condition of the area, the high biological value. More detailed biological research of the forest has already started.</p> <p>The southern part of the plot was logged 30 years ago, so it is still healing its wounds and it will have to grow up to the full potential, but it is also very important as a buffer zone.</p>

Castle Mound forest



Location	Aukštaitija region (exact location withheld due to biosensitivity)
Area size	1.31 ha / 3 ac
Story	<p>The unique plot of land with <u>a mound recognized as a national object of cultural heritage</u>.</p> <p>It was purchased with the help of the community donations and a part of the prize that Mindaugas Survila, the founder, was awarded in 2021 – <u>the Environmental Prize by President V. Adamkus</u>.</p>
Forest	<p>A small but very picturesque place with steep river slopes and ridges full of fallen trees as bridges.</p> <p>There is <u>a protected bird's nest</u> on the plot, also plenty of indicative species of <u>key woodland habitats</u> have been found: <u>a very rare mushroom in Lithuania</u> – <u><i>Sclerencoelia fascicularis</i></u>, <u>protected fungi <i>Rhodotus palmatus</i></u>, <u>rare lichens <i>Pyrenula nitidella</i>, <i>Acrocordia gemmata</i>, <i>Reichlingia leopoldii</i>, <i>Nowellia curvifolia</i></u>.</p> <p>There is the <u>key woodland habitat</u> (D.3 – stream slope), <u>habitats of EU importance</u> (9180 – ditch and slope forests and 9050 – spruce forests rich in grass).</p> <p><u>The new castle mound</u> was discovered here in 2016 by the scientist of the foundation during his research in the region.</p> <p>More detailed biological research has already started in this forest.</p>

Moniškis forest

(The largest protected forest plot so far)



Location	Žirgė forest, Moniškis, Utena district
Area size	19 ha / 47 ac
Story	<p>Kęstutis Čepėnas, a photographer and ornithologist, has known this beautiful forest since his childhood and has noticed rare birds nesting in the area. "A few years ago, I saw a logged forest plot bordering this area, that had the same rich biodiversity. I realised that we had to act, otherwise we would lose this unique oak grove forever," said K. Čepėnas. After allocating as much as EUR 30k of his own funds for the purchase of the forest, he brought together other like-minded people – the Šimčikai family and Robert Stupak, who contributed financially too. Then asked our foundation for help.</p> <p>The forest was bought out after the team of foundation has evaluated the plot as very valuable too. The rest of the money was contributed using generous community's personal income tax donations received in 2021.</p>
Forest	<p>In the most valuable part of the Žirgė forest grows an old deciduous forest with oaks, old aspens, ashes and limes dating back <u>130 years</u>. The area is also rich in dead (living) wood. <u>Beaver habitats and traces of ungulates</u> have been detected.</p> <p>It's a home for a few species from the Red Data Book – <u>white-backed woodpecker (<i>Dendrocopos leucotos</i>)</u>, <u>grey-headed woodpecker (<i>Picus canus</i>)</u>, also the area is important for an <u>eagle <i>Clanga pomarina</i></u>, because its Lithuanian numbers make up more than 20% of Europe's total population. There is the <u>priority forest habitat</u> (B.1 – broad-leaved forests) and the <u>habitat of European Union importance</u> (9020 – broad-leaved and mixed forests).</p>

Protecting & monitoring the Foundation's forests in 2021

- Monitoring of the condition of the acquired plots has started.
- Indicator, rare and protected species are recorded during field trips.
- A map of acquired and potential forest plots is being developed for publicity and internal work;
- An archive of photo and video material is compiled.



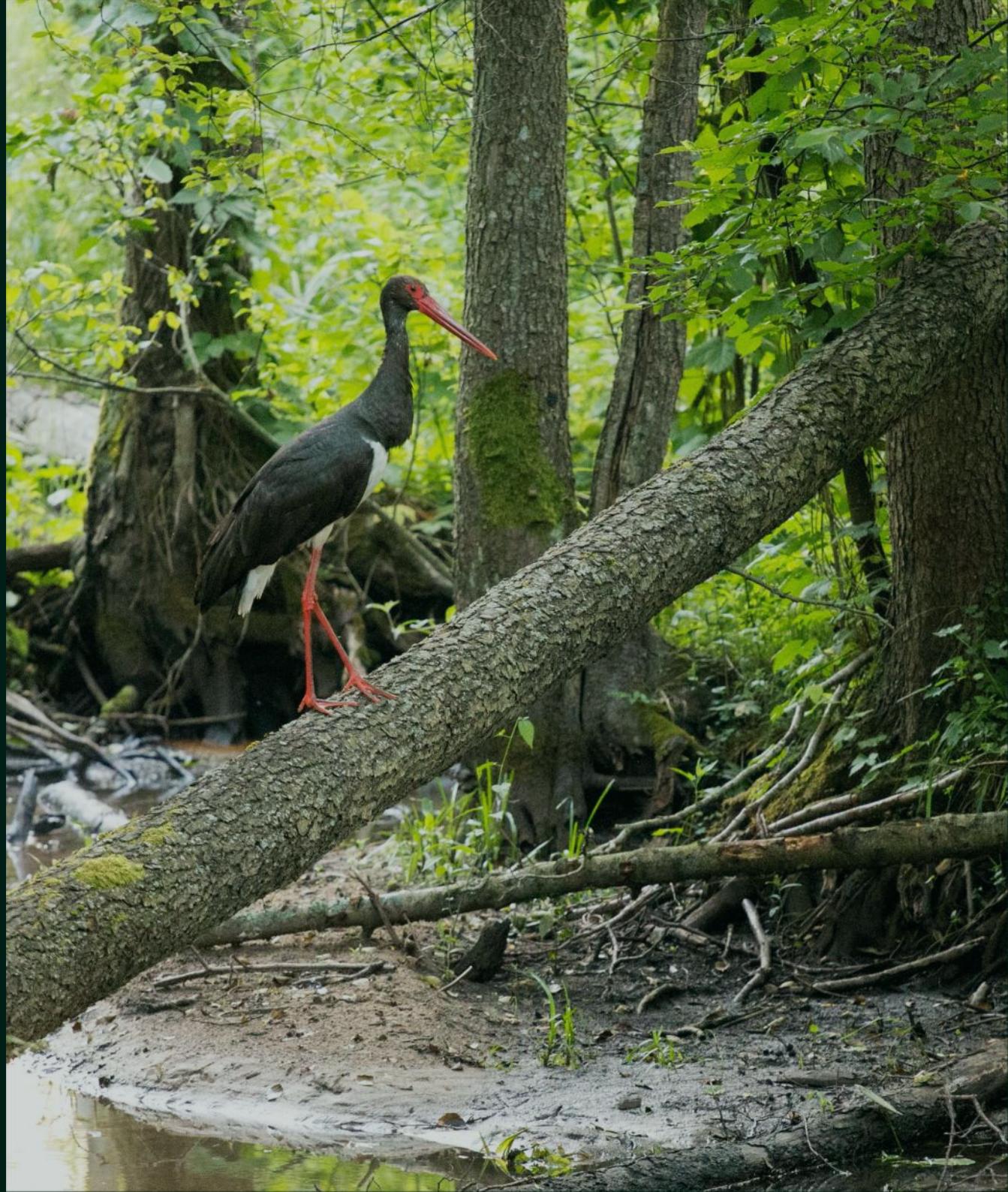
Importance & biodiversity of protected forests

All 6 of the forest plots purchased have been designated as forest habitats of EU importance.

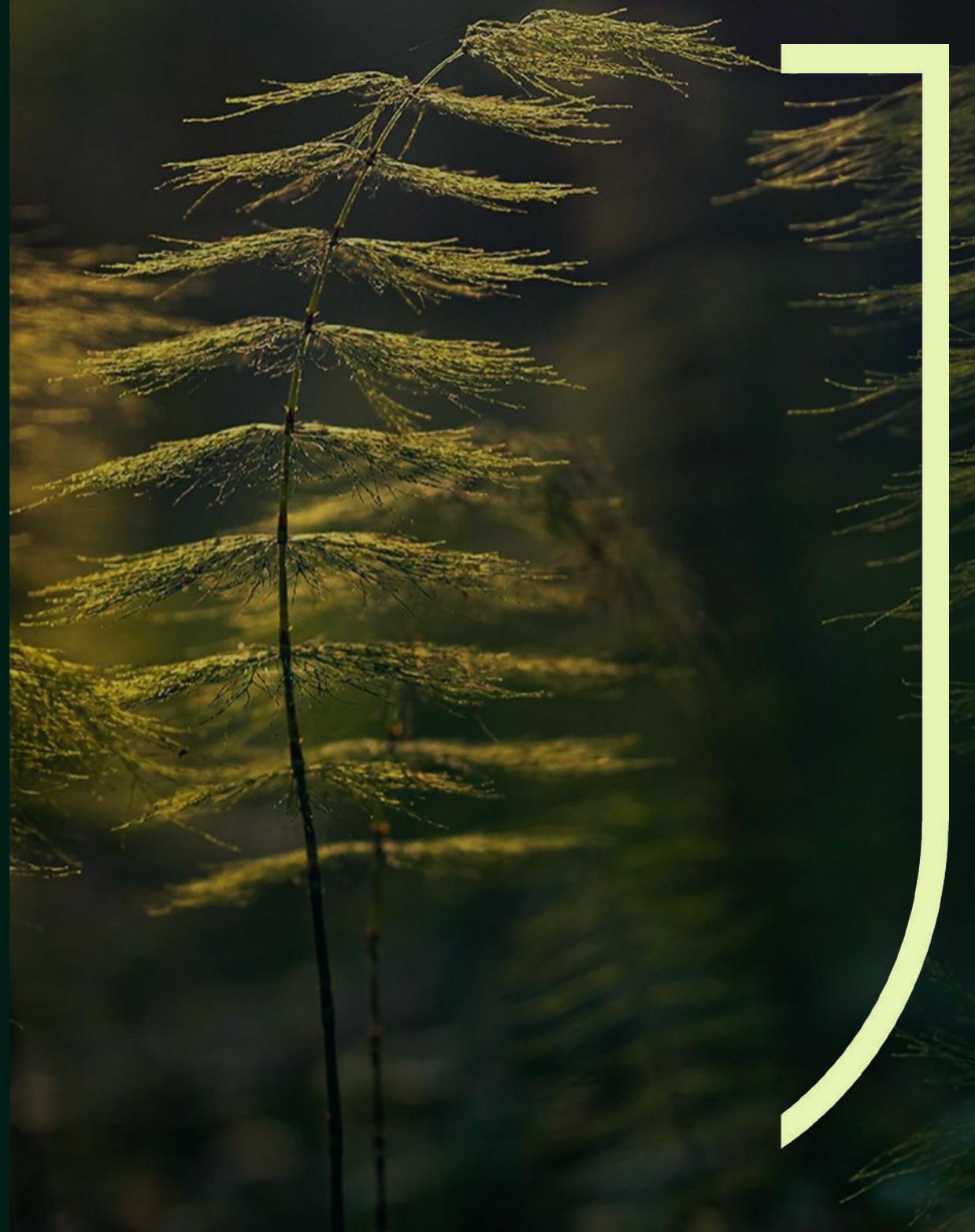
3 of the forest plots are key woodland habitats.

The 46.19 hectares of old-growth forests are home to tens of thousands of different species of animals, plants and fungi.

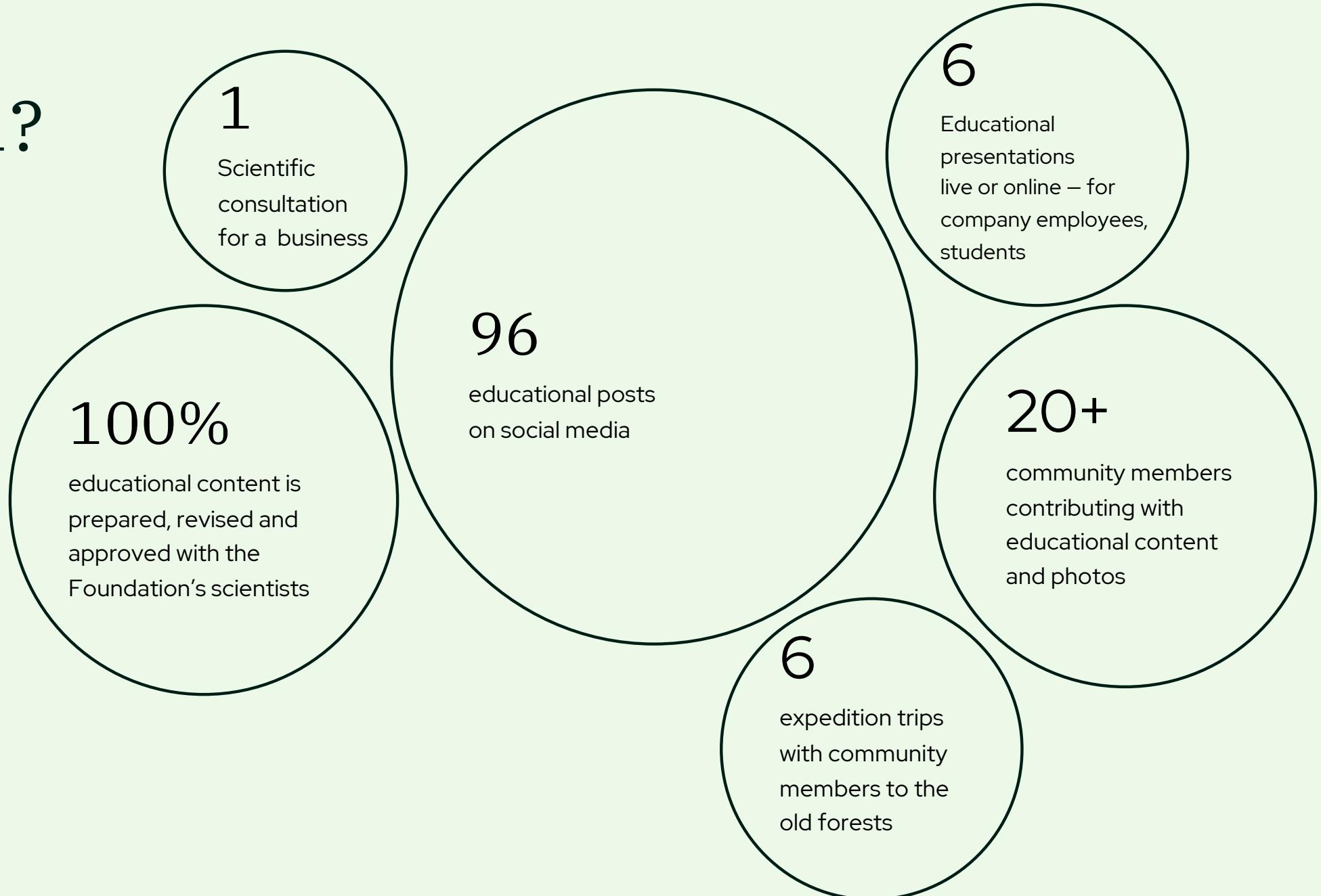
This area of old-growth forests means hundreds of tons of CO₂ absorbed each year.



Public education and science



What's been done in 2021?



What does it matter the most for the society?

Among the educational content, **posts about animals, birds and the ethics of behaviour in the forest** attracted the most attention on social media accounts.

A video with botanist Mindaugas Lapele on the **importance of ancient trees and fallen trees** was also very popular.



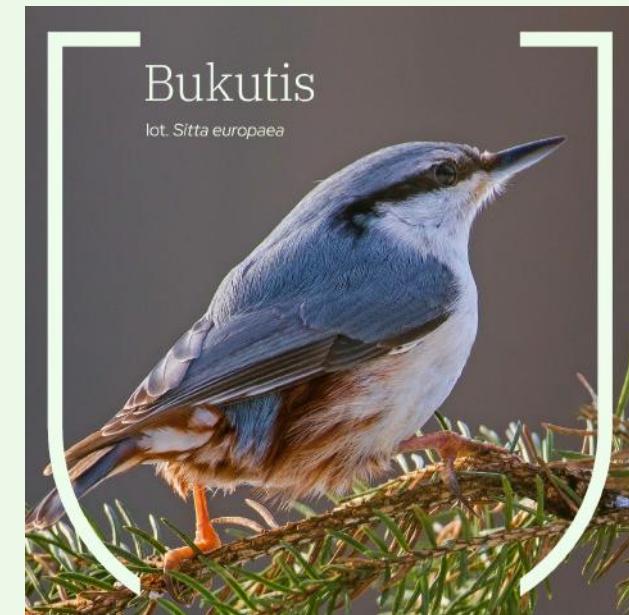
„Stambūs, nugriuvę virteliai – tai nereiškia, kad miškas netvarkomas. Tai reiškia, kad miškas – pilnas gyvybės.“ Dalinamės botaniko dr. Mindaugo Lapelės...

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What is of most interest to the public?

The Facebook community liked the funny stories about the **quirks or pranks of the forest inhabitants**: how the fox stole the laundry, what the wood nuthatch likes to do, what scent the otter leaves behind, or the benefits of beavers.

Followers often share their stories too
– we notice and appreciate it.



Forest expeditions

In 2021, we organised **6 expedition trips to old-growth forests with community members.**

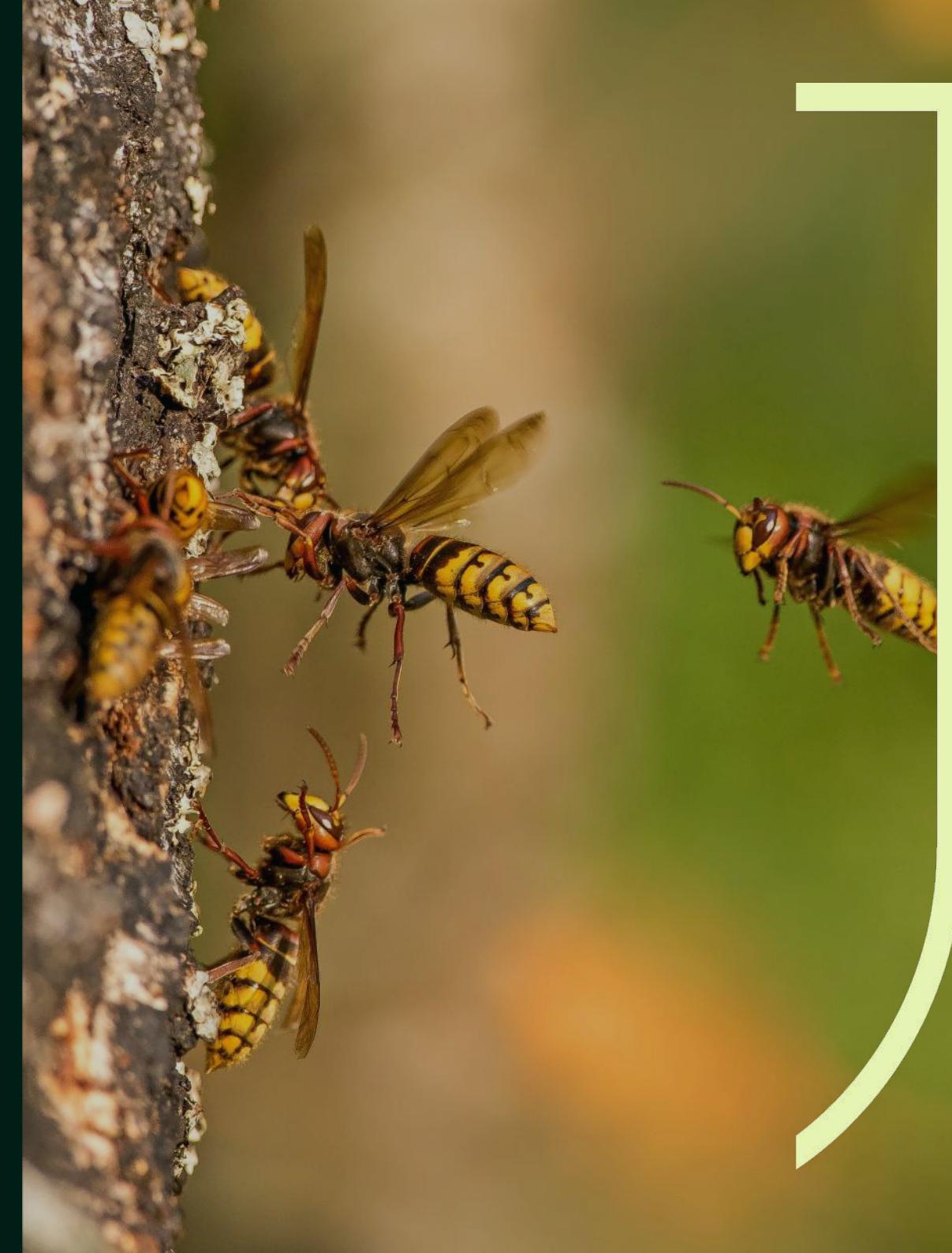
We visited forests already under the care of the foundation, as well as potential old-growth forests, which are very important to preserve.

The aim of the trips: to get to know the old-growth forests together, to spend time in them, to share scientists' insights, and to discover and record rare, protected and indicator species of plants, fungi, and animals.

Visited: old-growth forests in Minčia-Ažvinčia, Šavaša, Varėna, Ignalina, Vilnius, Balbieriškis regions.



Growing foundation community



Community of the Ancient Woods Foundation



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Protecting forests & biodiversity with financial support

More than 1500 donors contributed financially!

That's twice as much as in 2020.
More than 100 are regular donors.

Very generous individual benefactors:

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initiative of EUR 40k.
G. Gedvila and Dana Gedvila Fund
donation of USD 20k.
A. Pranckevičius individual
Donation of EUR 10k.
L.V. – EUR 5k.
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Business support initiatives(1)

PROJECT “TOGETHER WITH NATURE” BY „ŽALIA GIRIA”

The project encourages the public to contribute to the conservation of forests by choosing their water production. More info about the project on zg100.lt.

Thanks to the initiative, a **12.53 ha** forest plot in Galiniškis, Utena district, was bought using the contributions raised during the year 2021.

„Žalia giria“ is gradually moving towards sustainable technologies throughout the production chain, for example, reducing the amount of plastic, increasing the share of recycled plastics.



SUSITARE SU GAMTA

1 butelis
išsaugos
100 cm²
miško!

Business support initiatives(2)

OUTDOOR ADVERTISING CAMPAIGN "SAVE THE OLD-GROWTH FORESTS"

The support initiative of the partners **JCDecaux**, together with the printing house **Flexpro**, was an outdoor advertising campaign in 5 major Lithuanian cities that lasted for more than 8 months and gave the foundation great visibility.



Business support initiatives(3)

„ŽMONĖS CINEMA“ SUPPORT INITIATIVE “SUBSCRIBE TO THE FOREST”

A campaign invited people to stay subscribed to online cinema platform during the summer of 2021, and this way to contribute to the preservation of old-growth forests.

The initiative has helped to raise enough funds to preserve around 2 ha of the forests.



Business support initiatives(3)

BID2GIVE AUCTION ORGANISED BY DANSKE BANK'S PROACTIVE EMPLOYEES

A group of proactive employees of Danske Bank organised the Bid2Give auction, where employees could buy second-hand office furniture and items, with all the proceeds going to one of the three selected NGOs.

The nearly EUR 15k donation raised in this way will save around 1.5-3 hectares of the most valuable old-growth forests – home to thousands of organisms of all kinds.



Support by Lithuanians around the world



Dana Gedviliene

Thanks to Gabrielius Gedvila, a lawyer living in the USA, and a former Chief of Staff of President Valdas Adamkus, who founded the Dana Gedvila Fund in memory of his late wife, for the generous donation of USD 20k to purchase a 4.5 hectares forest plot in Balbieriškis Oak Botanical Reserve. The forest is named "Dana Gedvila Grove".

"I believe that this donation will be an incentive for other foreign Lithuanians to contribute to the preservation of Lithuania's forests, which are the future of all of us," said G. Gedvila.

Strong support from other foreign Lithuanians is meaningful and useful for the Foundation – the ambassadorship of Vaiva Rykštaitė, a writer and author living in Hawaii, the support of Adamas Paltanavičius, living in the UK, to join the global Benevity donation platform, and many others.

Global partners

In 2021, thanks to our community members, we became partners of two international organisations:



1% for the Planet – an international network of business and environmental organisations and individual members focused on the planet's major environmental issues. As part of this network, we receive support from business organisations and individuals that commit to donate to the planet.

<https://directories.onepercentfortheplanet.org/profile/sengires-fondas-the-ancient-woods-foundation>

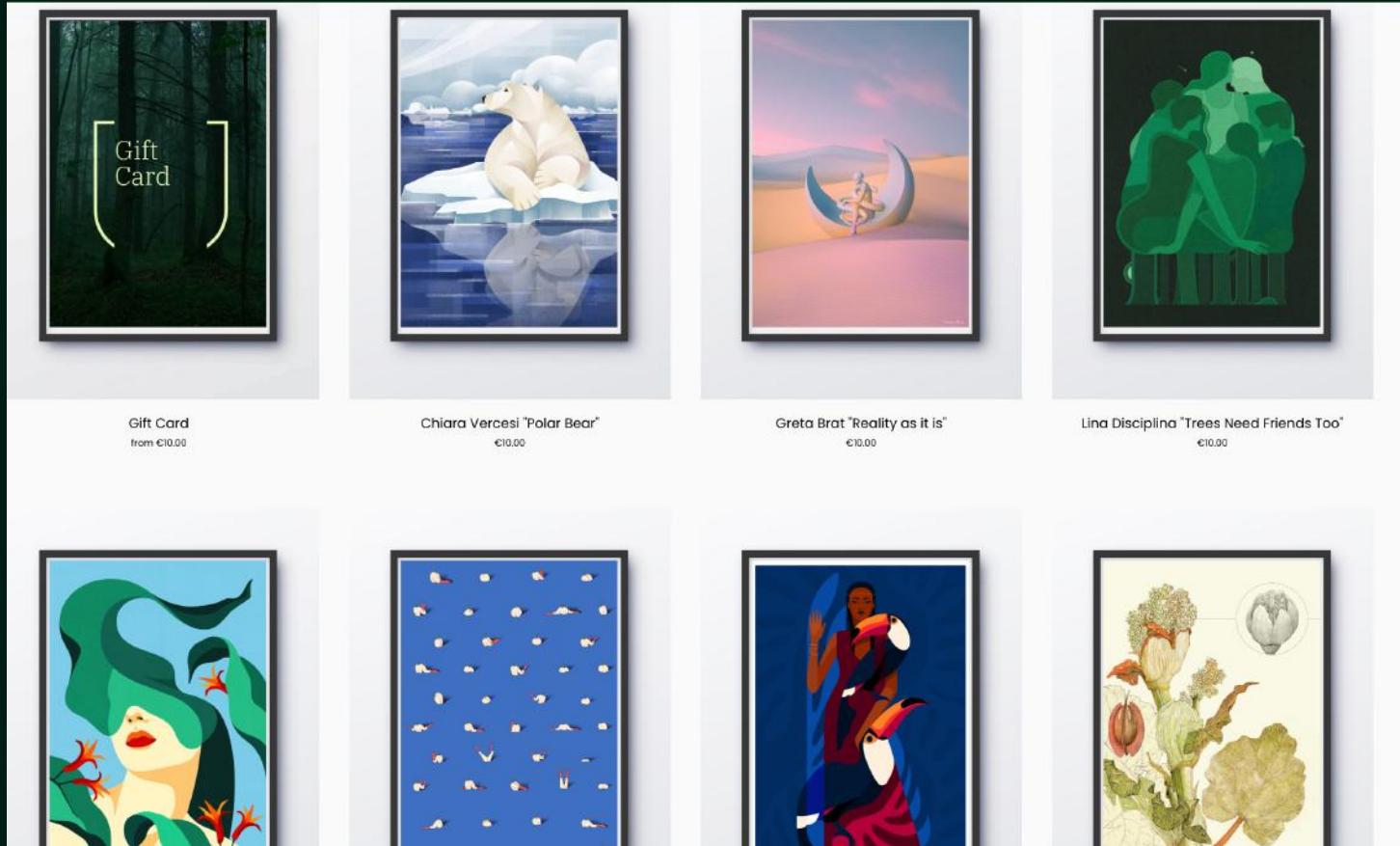


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<https://causes.benevity.org/content/sengires-fondas>

Artists Saving Forests

For the second year, illustrator Eglė Plytnikaitė has organised support initiative Artists Saving Forests – an online platform where artists' donated works can be purchased in digital format, with all funds going to the foundation.



Artists Saving Forests

Results of the second year.

The platform was open:
November 2021-January 2022

45 artists
from 15+ countries
have donated
60 artworks

484 people
purchased
607 artworks

EUR 6070
raised for the
Ancient Woods
Foundation

Support initiative by schoolchildren

The second-graders of the Mars class at Saulės Gojus school in Vilnius organised a Christmas raffle in their school to raise funds for the forests.

They raised as much as EUR 340 – enough to preserve an area of old-growth forest the size of a schoolyard!

Meeting the second-graders gave much delight because of their great enthusiasm. It was surprising how much they know.

We are proud of this growing generation of children!



The team is the strength!

More than **70** active people from different parts of the world – from forests in Lithuania to Indonesia and Hawaii – contribute to the preservation of old-growth forests and to the Foundation's activities with their professional knowledge and experience, their time and energy, their scientific insights, their creations, their ideas and their voice.



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Author and main initiator of the foundation, documentary filmmaker



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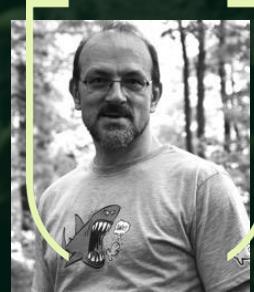
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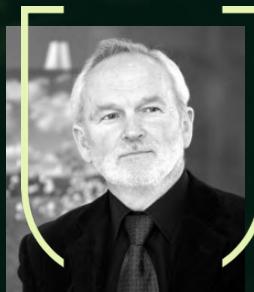
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On 5 June 2021, one of the initiators of the Foundation, Mindaugas Survila, was awarded the Environmental Prize of the President Valdas Adamkus Library Museum and the Dana Gedvila Fund.

The prize was awarded for the movie "Ancient Woods" and other activities which draw the public attention to the urgent need to preserve old-growth forests.

According to the laureate, Lithuanians still have fragments of really unique and valuable forests that can be preserved.

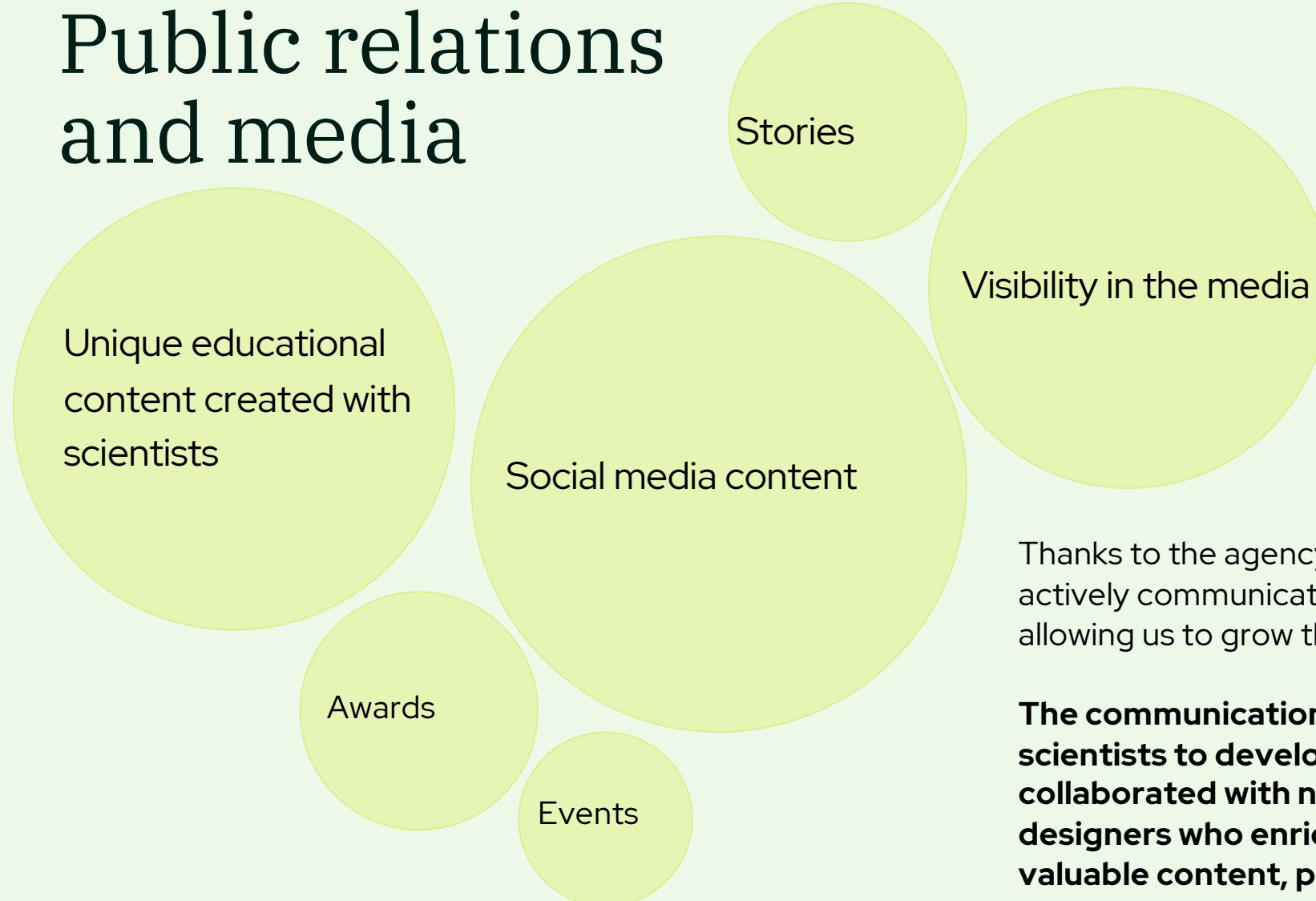
Half of the prize was dedicated for the purchase of a unique forest parcel with a castle mound.



Foundation communication



Public relations and media



Thanks to the agency, the Foundation and its partners actively communicated all throughout 2021, therefore allowing us to grow the audience and pursue our aim.

The communications team actively engaged the scientists to develop unique educational content and collaborated with nature photographers, artists and designers who enriched the communication with valuable content, photos and design.

Media

60

Articles,
mentions in the press

+5%
(from 2020)

The press releases which attracted the most attention were about the V. Adamkus Environmental Prize, the acquisition of the Foundation's forest plots and the support initiative Artists Saving Forests.

In 2021 we started communicating abroad – interviews with a Reuters journalist in Lithuania, also dr. B. Galdikas' interview with Gazeta Wyborcza, a major Polish news portal, and a wide global communication related to Artists Saving Forest.

Thanks to media partners!

LRT, Delfi, 15min, Bernardinai, Žmonės, Lrytas, Kauno Diena, Žinių Radijas, Etaplius, BNS, Elta, Adamkus Library, NARA, Vakarų Ekspresas, Technologijos, 370 Diena, Made in Vilnius, We Love Lithuania, Tavo Gyvūnas, Nykščiai, Alytaus naujienos, ANA, Skraštas, Utenis, Klaipėdos Žinios, Alkas.lt, Santarvė, Švietimo Naujienos, Šilalės Artojas, Kauno Žinios, Žaliasis Pasaulis, Menų faktūra, Vilnis, LKI Journal, Botanikos sodai, Kvitrina, Voruta, Klaipedos Balsas, Vilniaus Balsas, Miškininkas.eu ir tt.

Social media

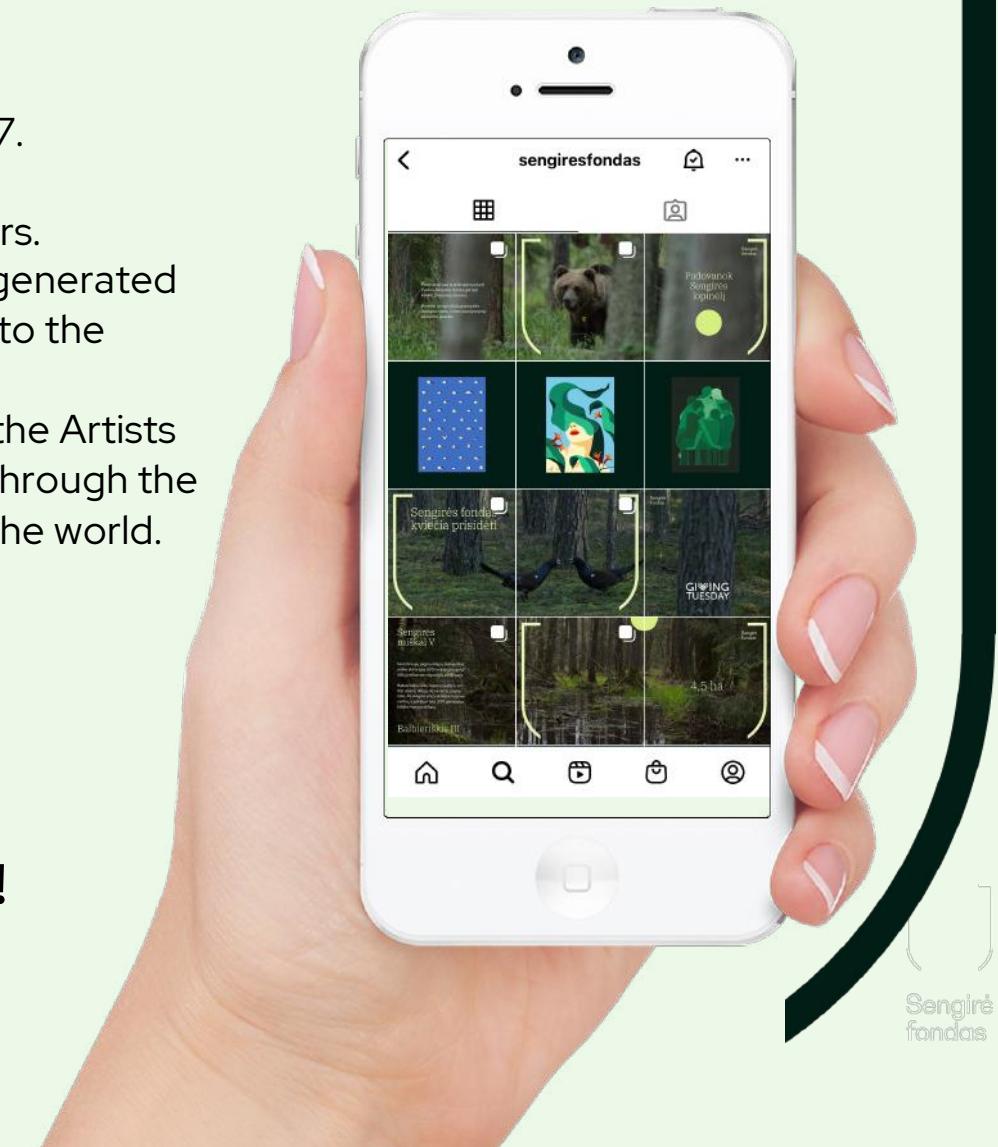
Facebook

- Audience reached – 293 608.
- 20.7% increase in the number of visits.
- High organic content engagement.
- Educational content was the most popular.
- Top posts reach as many as 80k organic views.
- Many followers from abroad: USA, UK, Germany, Norway.

Instagram

- Audience reached – 3 397.
- 157.3 % increase in visits.
- 105.3% increase in followers.
- High public engagement generated through asking questions to the Foundation's scientists.
- Wide and global reach of the Artists Saving Forests message through the profiles of artists all over the world.

THANK YOU to everyone who shares our stories – together we are spreading the word about the importance of old-growth forests and the foundation!



Top news by foundation

The most popular non-educational posts on social media:

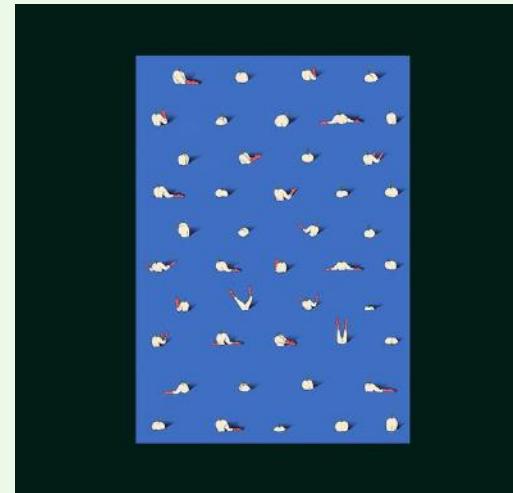


Artists Saving Forest initiative
is coming back.



dr. Birutė
Galdikas

Dr. Birute Galdikas becomes
the patron of the foundation.



Giving Tuesday initiative.



Online presentation of annual
impact report 2020.

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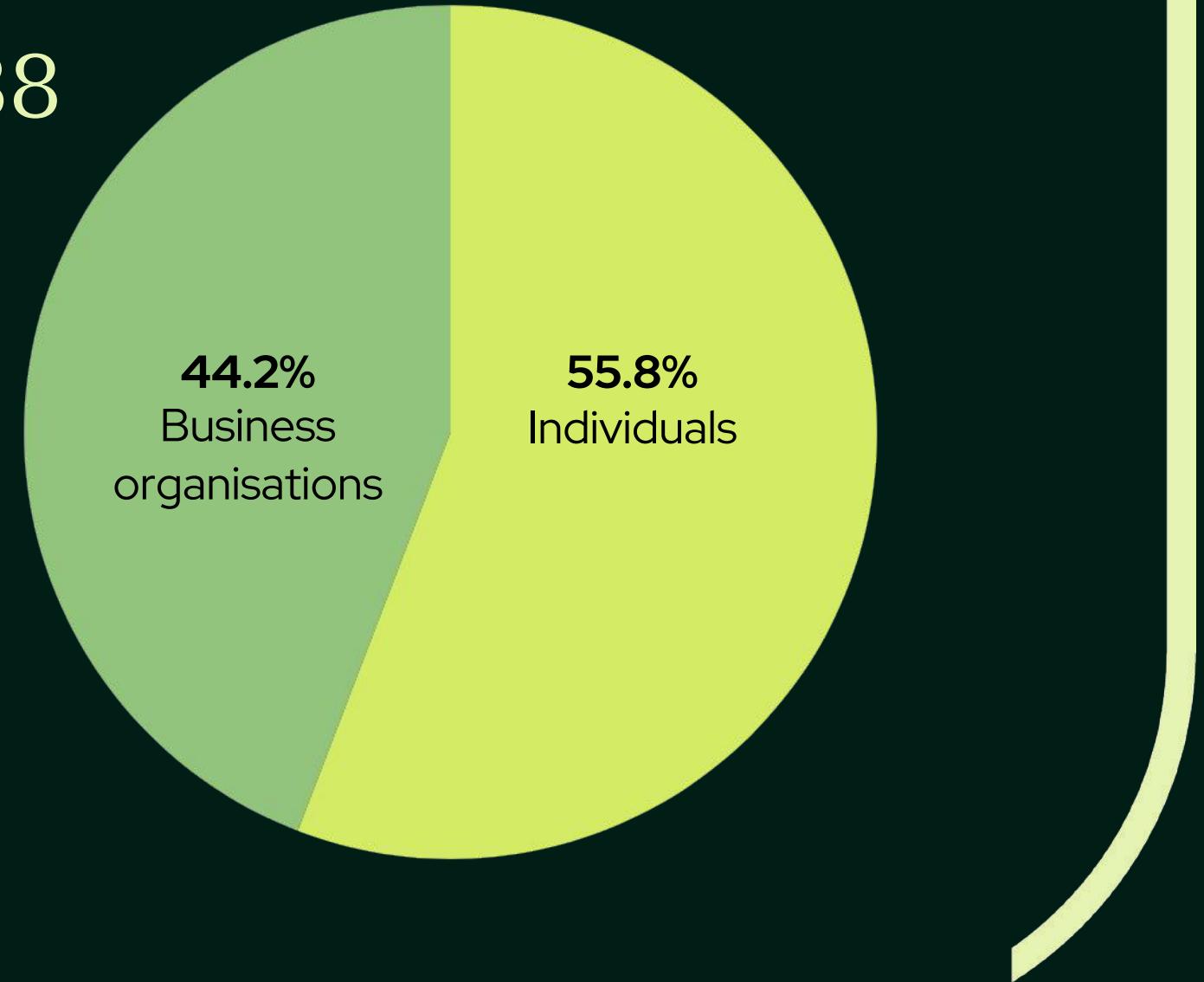
Financial report: 2021



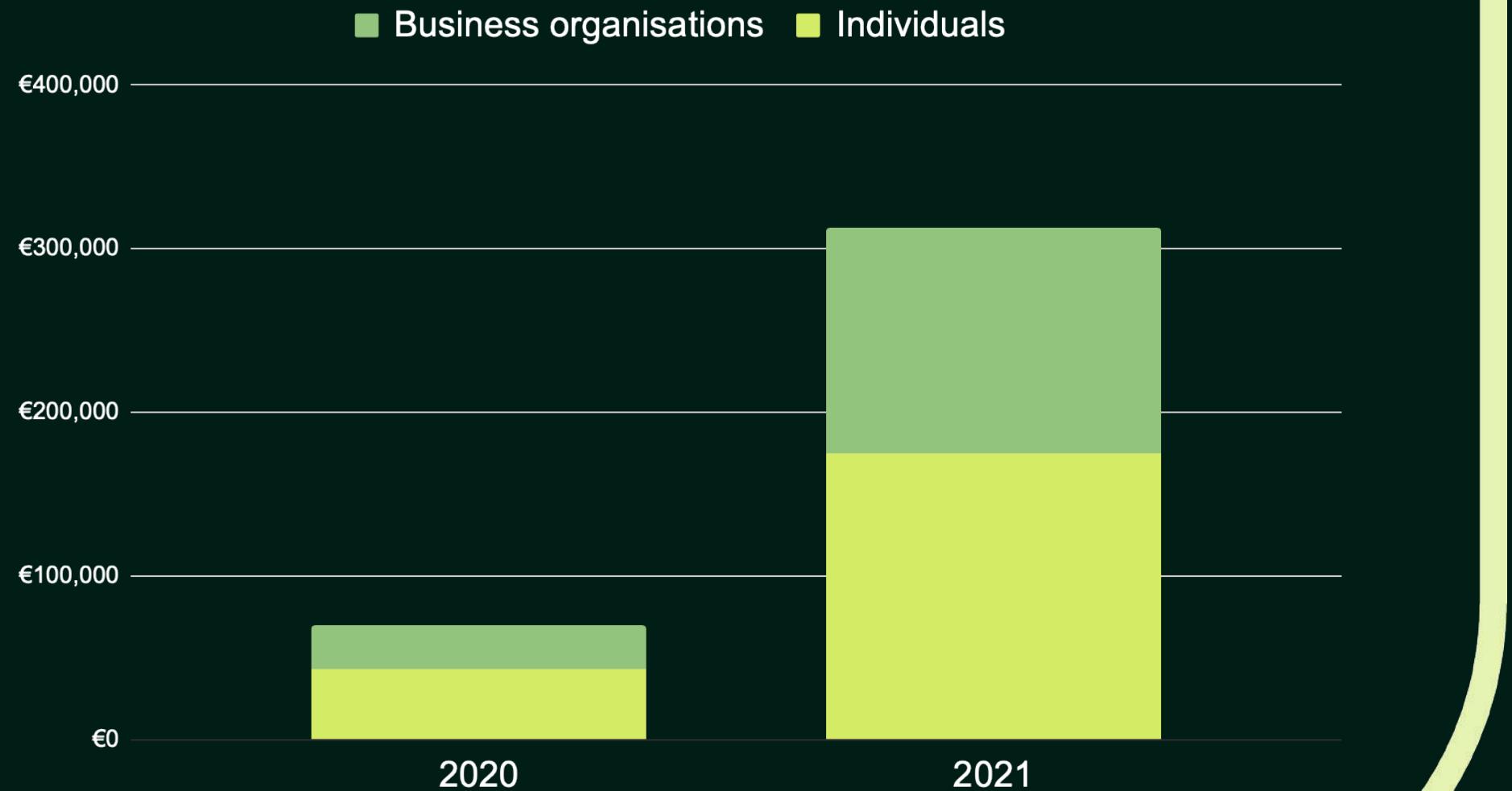
In 2021 the foundation received donations worth EUR 313,054.88

This is four times more support than in 2020.

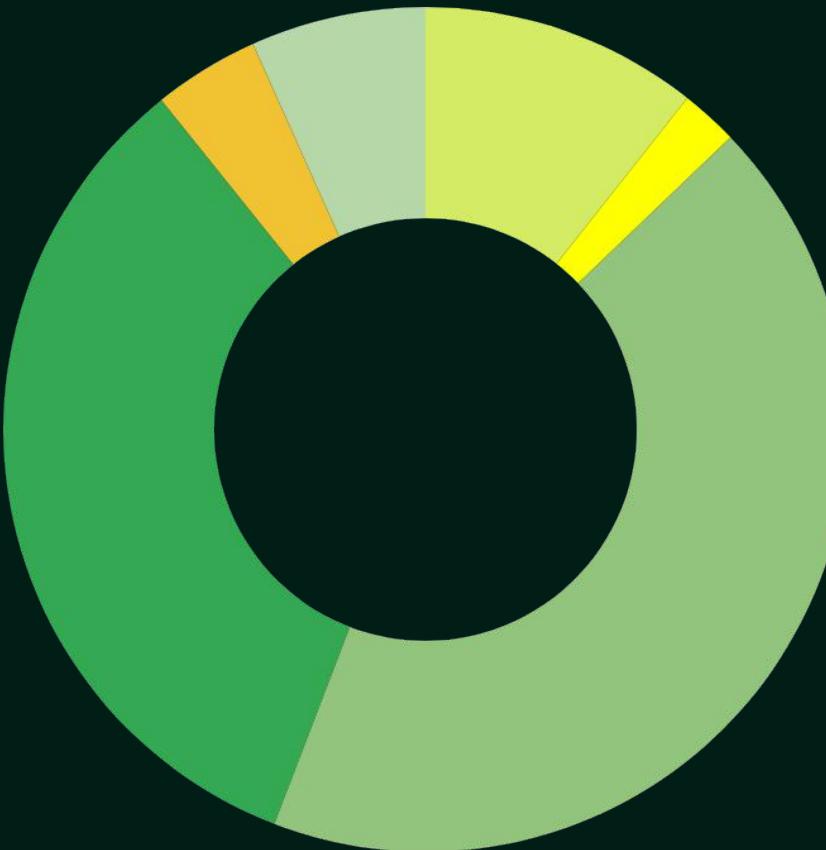
Significant increase in regular support – more than **115** individuals and organisations support the foundation on a regular basis.



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2021 support in detail



Support from businesses:

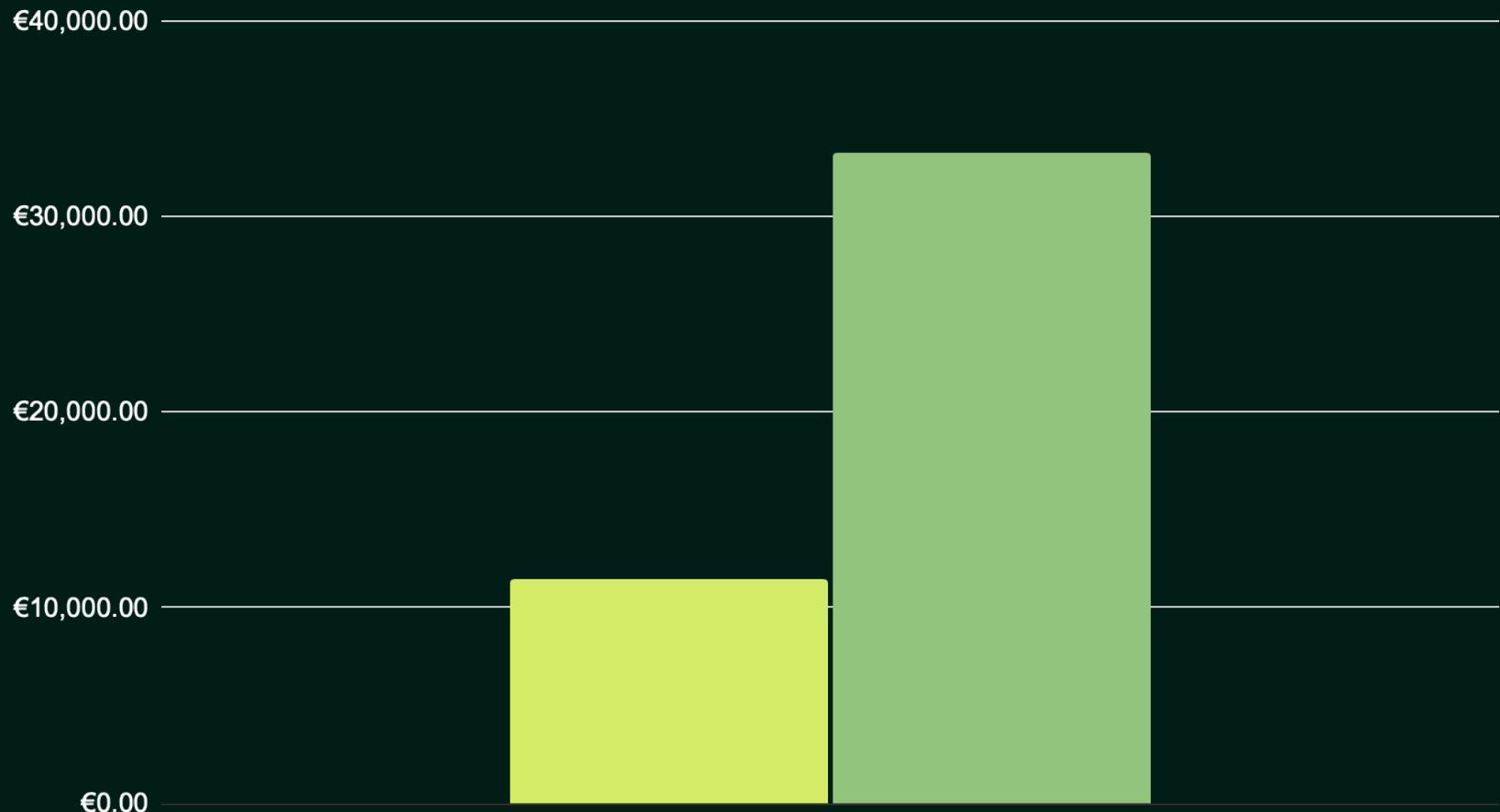
- Fin. support from abroad – EUR 21,000
- Support through services – EUR 12,719
- Financial support – EUR 104,410

Support from individuals:

- From personal income taxes – EUR 33,331
- Donated forests – EUR 6,904
- Financial support – EUR 134,691

Personal income tax

■ 2020 ■ 2021



The number of Lithuanians contributing their share of the personal income tax increased from 275 in 2020 to 710 in 2021.

Donations received in 2021 were used to purchase the Moniškis forest – the largest forest under the foundation's care to date!

Fund costs and purchases in 2021

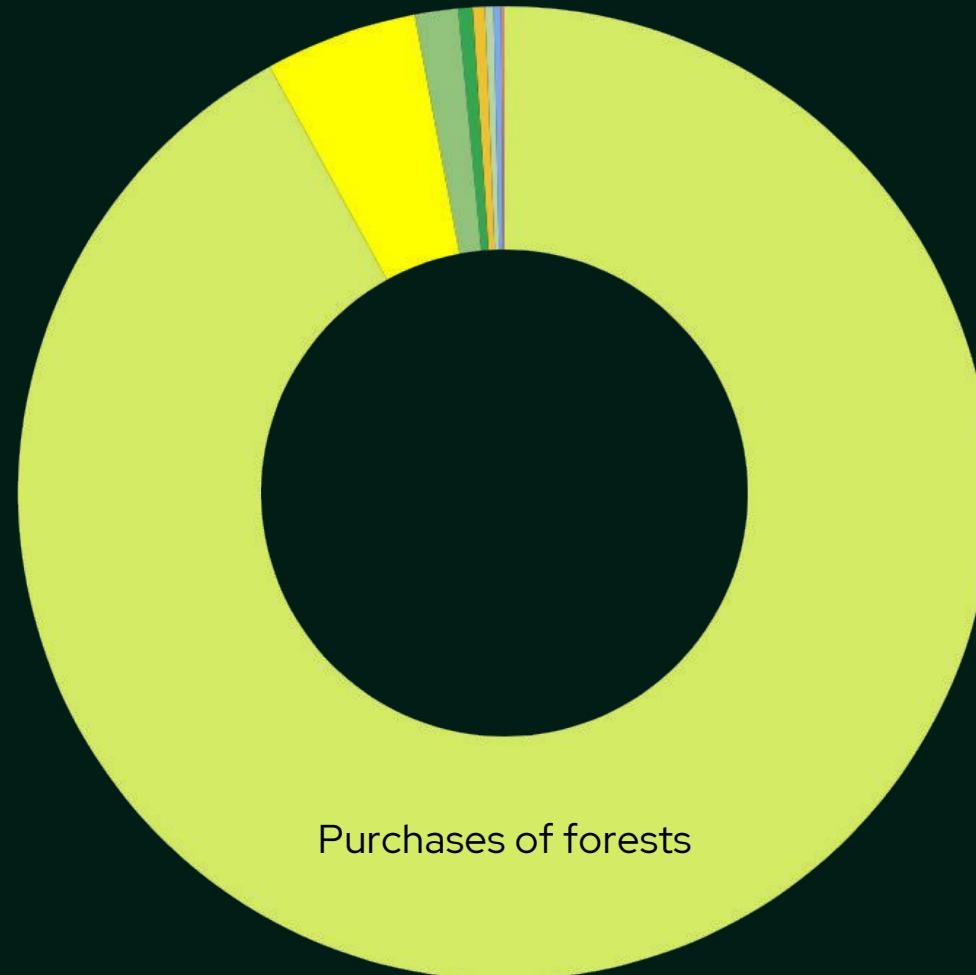


Administrative costs – **EUR 15,706.**

Purchases of forest land – **EUR 180,050.**

The full amount of the purchases, plus a part (10%) of the administrative costs, were used for the acquisition of forests.

- Purchases of forest plots – EUR 180,050
- Project coordination (support in services) – EUR 9,908
- Outdoor advertising costs (support in services) – EUR 2,811
- Notary services (for purchase of plots) – EUR 934
- Accounting services – EUR 793
- Bank commission – EUR 562
- Costs at the Registry Centre (owner search) – EUR 479
- NLS fee (consents to purchase forest plots) – EUR 148
- Salary – EUR 70
- Taxes for Social Security – EUR 1



Goals for 2022



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1. To select and acquire another 20-30 hectares of the most valuable old-growth forests;
2. To continue monitoring the forests already under protection and to initiate biological research in them;
3. To continue public education;
4. To seek cooperation with businesses, Lithuanian diaspora, and nature conservation organisations.

Future old-growth forests

By the end of 2020, 1.58 ha / 4 ac of old-growth forests had been protected.

By the end of 2021, 46.19 ha / 114.14 ac of old-growth forests had been protected.

With the help of corporate and individual donations, we hope to increase the area of future old-growth forests by another 20-30 ha / 50–75 ac by the end of 2022.



What can we achieve together?

1. If you own a forest – let it grow naturally. Or donate it to the Ancient Woods Foundation.
2. Spread the word about the importance of old-growth forests and biodiversity.
3. Contribute financially.
4. Join the team!

Thank you!

Photo credentials go to nature photographers:
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Romualdas Barauskas, Eugenijus Kavaliauskas,
also – other team members.





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