Forest Certification-
Do governments have a role?

- Sweden´s experience

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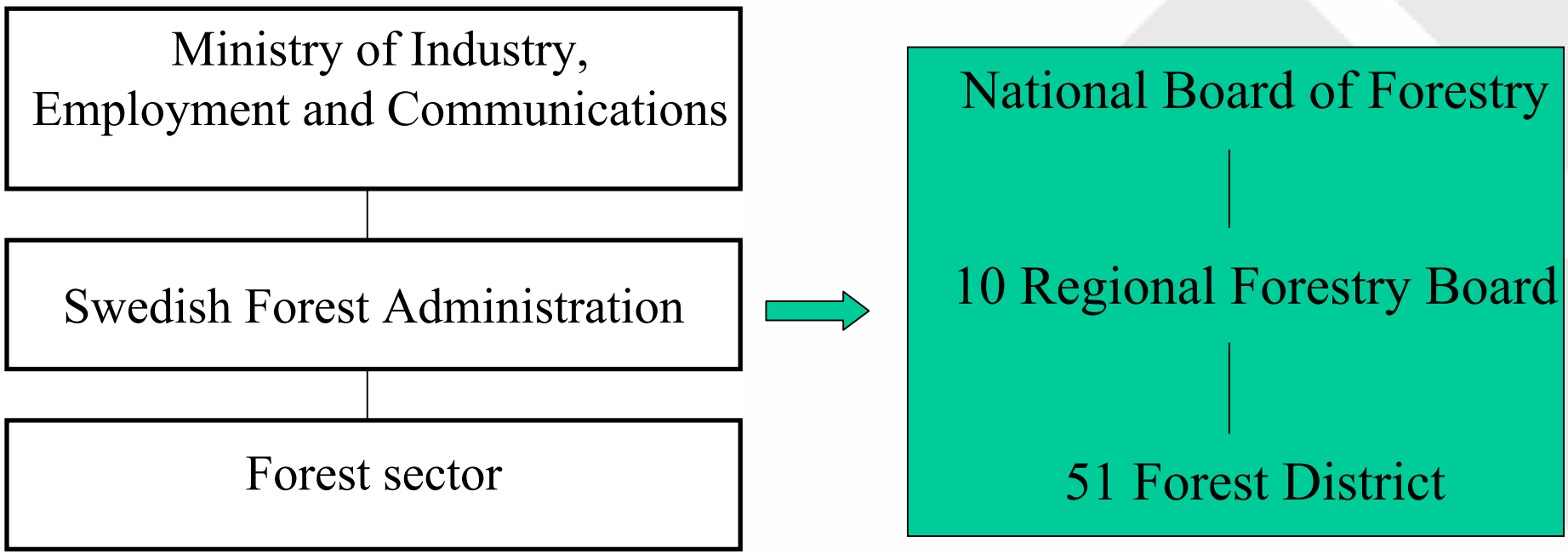
The Forest Administration

Shall work for development of the forestry sector in line with the forest policy decided by the Government and the Parliament



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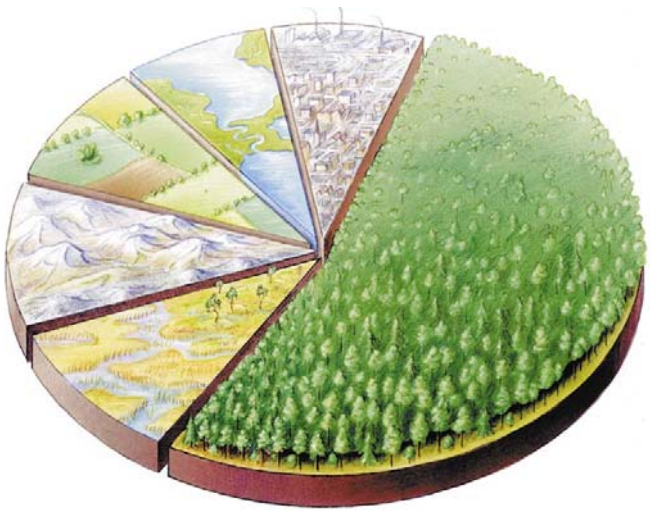
Certified forest in Sweden



Forestland: 22,7 milj ha

- FSC: 10 milj ha
- PEFC: 6,6 milj ha
- Certified forest: 13,1 milj (58 %)

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Forest Certification- Does the Swedish government have a role?

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Forest certification is a voluntary, market-based instrument to promote sustainable forest management

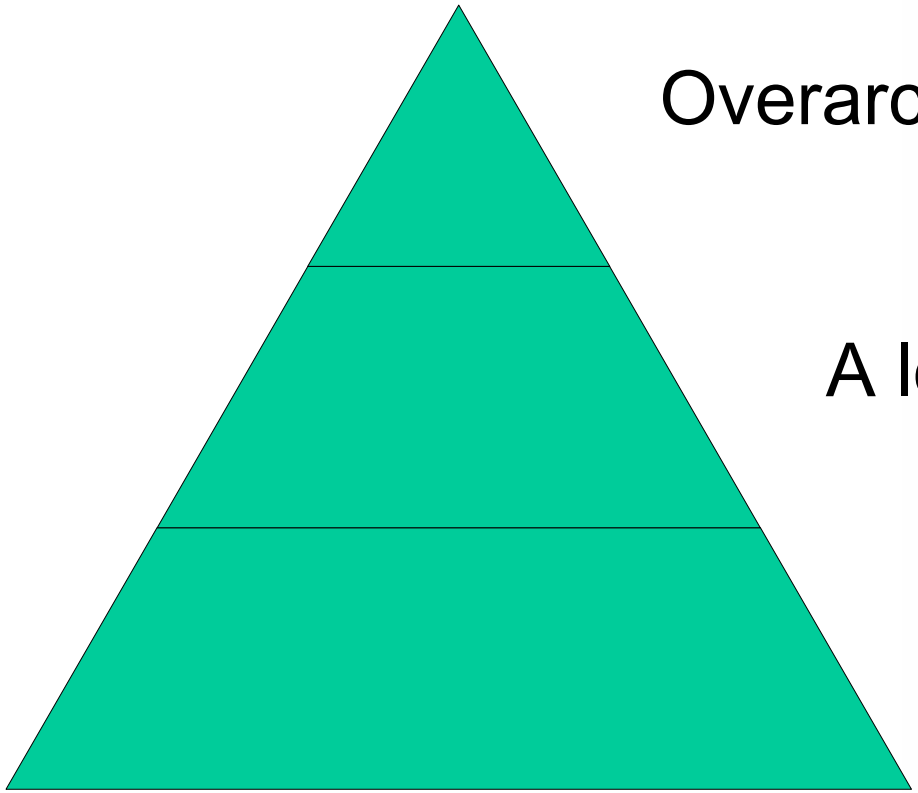
Governmental work in Sweden

- **New forest policy and law, 1993**
  - Timber production and environmental aspects are equally emphasised
  - Less regulating forest law
  - Freedom with Responsibility
  - Reduction of subsidies

Governmental work in Sweden

- **National Forest Process**
  - Implementing the forest policy
  - Develop targets for forests sector
  - 2005, third generation of targets
  - Involve all stakeholders- the National sector council

National Forest Process



Overarching political objectives

A long term target frame

Interim targets 2005-2010,

- Forest production
- Environmental values
- Multiple-use and social values

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National Forest Process

- Precise targets and matching indicators

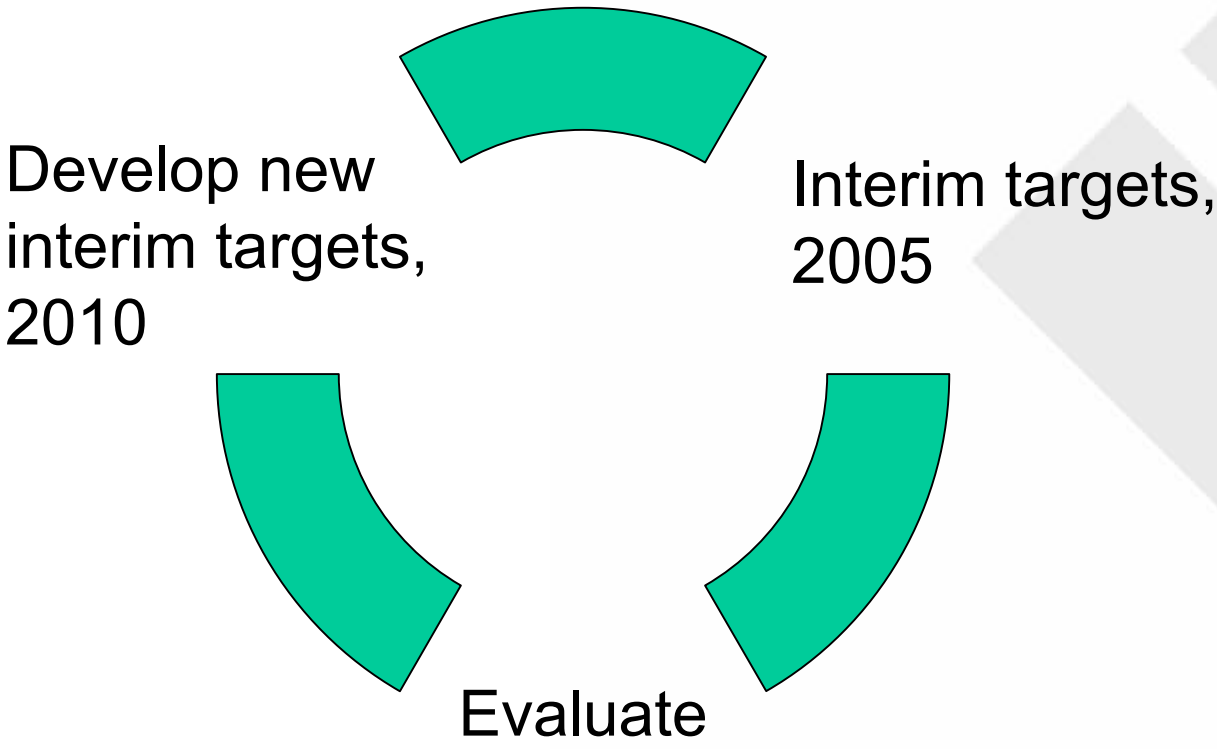
Pre commercial thinnings

By the year 2010 the area with an acute need for pre-commercial thinnings in the country should be less than 700 000 ha.

Long term protection of forest land

A further 900 000 hectares of forest land of high conservation value will be excluded from forest production by the year 2010

National Forest Process



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Conclusion

- Forest certification- a voluntary and market based process
- National forest process- our way of implementing the forest policy
- Sweden's national forest process is parallel to the certification process
- Interactions between the processes