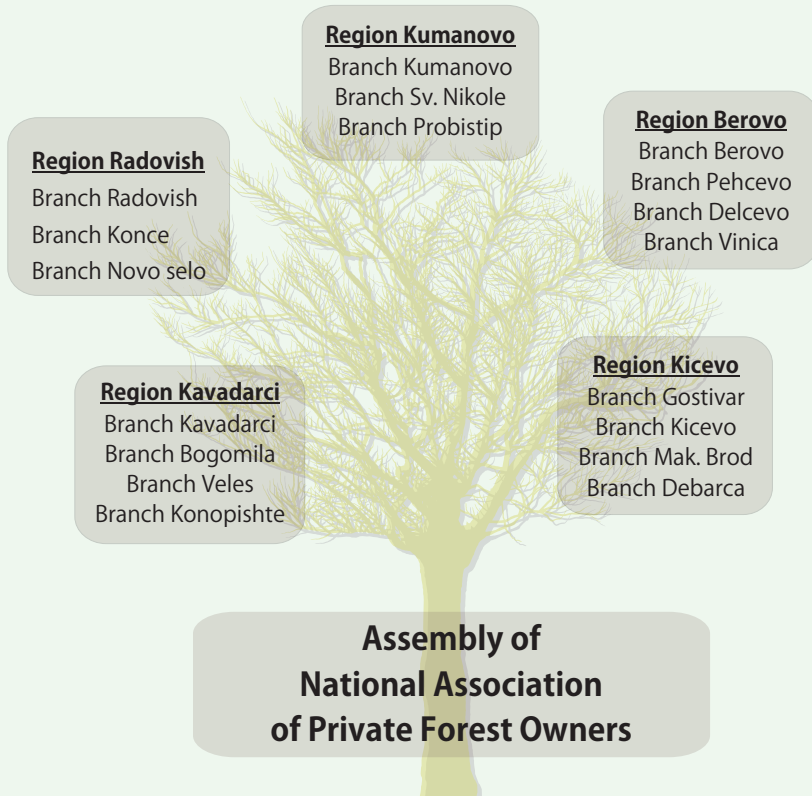


NAPFO Organizational structure

We have established 5 regions within our structure with in total 20 branches and currently over 1100 direct members



Protecting sustainable forest management and supporting the common and individual interest of private forest owners

Macedonia has a total of over 1 million hectares of forests with 10% private forests area. There are over 60.000 registered owners. Private forests are small scale with average parcel of 0,6 hectare.

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Background

- The National Association of Private Forest Owners (NAPFO) is a non-governmental and non-political organisation, established in 1997 under the name 'Association of Citizens with Private Forests'. In June 2007 we developed our organisation into NAPFO, as a national association representing Private Forest Owners in the Republic of Macedonia.
- NAPFO has a twofold role; represent private forest owners at regional and national level, and provide services towards private forest owners.

- Representation at national and regional level of private forest owners
- Lobbying & advocacy for private forestry
- Information provision on private forestry

↑ Representation

NAPFO

↓ Service provision

- Information provision to private forest owners
- Training on sustainable forest practice to private forest owners
- Service on forest operation & marketing

Goals and Strategy of the Association

In the end of the 90's private forest owners in Macedonia were very dissatisfied and had many problems and challenges to be able to manage and protect their forest. The main issues are:

1. The State has different unequal and more restricted treatment for private forests compared to state forests
2. The State Forest Enterprise 'Macedonian Forests' has a monopoly towards private forest
3. Private forest owners do not have full ownership rights regarding management and do not 'feel' owners of their property

Many of these problems and challenges still exist. To address these we have formed our private forest association.

The mission of NAPFO is:

Protect the individual and common interests of the forest owners without harming sustainable forest management. We have based on the current situation and needs elaborated this in the following strategic goals and activities:

Reach sustainable management of private forests

- Improved planning, silviculture and sustainable forest management in private forests
- Better conditions and services for management in private forests
- Monitoring of forest situation and development
- Acknowledging multiple-functions of forests including environmental services

Strengthen the capacities of APFO

- Be representative of the all private forest owners
- Efficiency of the organization, including self sustainability
- Private forestry related education and information service to members and private forest owners
- Services for members and private forest owners; forests planning, timber marking, harvesting, transportation, marketing information, legal advice etc.

Participation in Forestry legislation reform

We will contribute to the forestry reform process in Macedonia based on the government: Strategy for sustainable development of Forestry in Macedonia

Forestry legislation related issues:

- Service in private forests based on market functions
- Establishment of environmental fund for environmental functions
- Access to all forestry funds for private forests
- Equal treatment for the forests in private and state ownership
- Transformation in forestry sector giving opportunities to sustainable development, including private forests
- Finalisation of the process of Denationalization
- Proper cadastre – land tenure solutions

Decentralization in the Forest management

- Support decentralised forest management, including involvement of municipalities taking over competencies on management in state forests

Development of the partnerships and cooperation with relevant organizations and institutions in country and abroad

- Cooperation in the country with all stakeholders related to Forestry and Nature
- Cooperation and membership in international organizations related to private forestry



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