WHAT IS THE DFV?

The German Forest Society (Deutscher Forstverein, DFV) was founded in 1899 and is the oldest professional organization representing the different interests of German foresters and forest owners. Counting about 6,000 members, the DFV is one of the biggest professional platforms of the forest sector in Germany. The DFV's main focus is on the promotion of close-to-nature and sustainable multi-functional forestry. The DFV operates on the forest policy level and continuously offers training to its members.

WHAT IS THE NIWA?

The Network for International Sustainable Forest Management (Netzwerk für internationale nachhaltige Waldbewirtschaftung, NIWA) is part of the DFV and was founded in 1973 as a meeting platform for international forestry cooperation. The main objectives of the NIWA are to build a network of people interested in international forestry issues and to promote German forestry worldwide.
WHAT IS THE FOREST EXPERT PROGRAM?

The “Forest Expert Program” aims at increasing the professional exchange of forest management related experience among forest experts and thus at building capacity and transferring knowledge in the field of sustainable forest management worldwide. The German Forest Society as the responsible organization has a large network of forestry related members that are interested in global issues of forestry, called the NIWA (Netzwerk für nachhaltige international Waldwirtschaft). Based on this network and funded by the Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture, the programme offers traineeships in order to train skills in sustainable forest management in Germany. State and private forest enterprises, ministries and associations of the German forestry sector are participating institutions. Forest experts from abroad are invited to apply. The traineeship will be adapted to the individual needs, interests and fields of experience of the trainee.

INTERESTED IN APPLYING?

- Download our application form and find further information at www.forestexperts.de
- Provide a motivation letter, certification showing your educational achievements, proof of language skills for English (or German), recommendations from your employer and a German Partner Institution
- Dates for calls and deadlines will be announced online

REQUIREMENTS AND ASSESSMENT

All applications will be evaluated by a steering committee (members of NIWA). The steering committee will select scholars by focusing on the forestry related background of the applicant, their multiplier function, their main interests and their country of origin.

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