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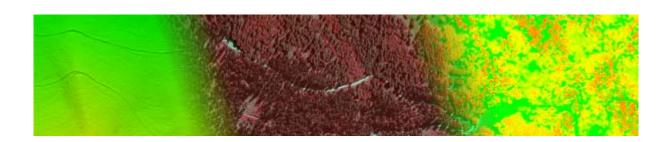
English Glossary for Estimating the Costs of Cable Crane Operations with "HeProMo", the Wood Harvesting Productivity Model from WSL

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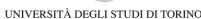






















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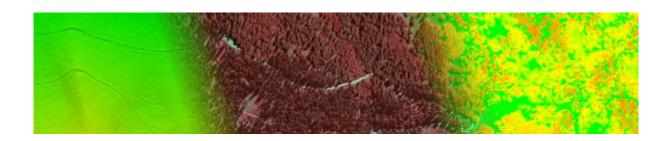


1 ABSTRACT

With the "HeProMo" computer model the time and cost for the motor manual harvesting can be calculated. It is possible to calculate the time and the cost of each timber shock. The control of the software was given only in German language. For international user, a translation in the form of an English Glossary was made.







2 A SYNTHETIC OVERVIEW OF THE INTERREG ALPINE SPACE PROJECT NEWFOR

2.1 THE CONTEXT

Although forests represent a key resource of mountain environments, their valorization is hampered by accessibility constraints that prevent an efficient mapping, management, harvesting and transport of wood products.

Forests fulfil multiple functions in mountainous areas. They have an ecological function as host of many habitats and species. They also are a leisure area for social activities such as hiking, skiing... From the economical perspective, the production of renewable resources like timber and fuelwood has positive effects both at global scale, with climate change mitigation, and local scale with rural employment and the development of a regional value chain. The objective of preserving and improving the development of mountain forests is a point of public interest. However, managing forests in mountain territories is a difficult task as topography and climate set strong constraints inside a complex socio-economical framework.

In particular, a precise mapping of forest biomass characteristics and mobilization conditions (harvesting and accessibility) is a prerequisite for the implementation of an efficient supply chain for the wood industry. The available information is currently insufficient to provide, at reasonable costs, the required guarantees on the wood supply and on its sustainability. With the recent development of new remote sensing technologies and modelling tools, major improvements regarding the evaluation of the forest growing stock and accessibility are now possible. Upon this highly valuable information, decision-making tools must be build to optimize the investments in forest infrastructures required for a cost-effective wood supply while securing the sustainable management of forests, and to support the implementation of an efficient European policy for mountain forest management.

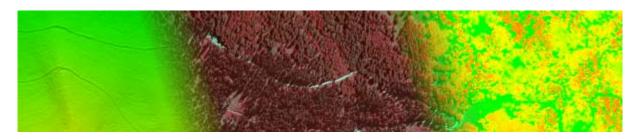
2.2 OBJECTIVES OF THE PROJECT

According to this context and based on the use of new technologies (LiDAR: light detection and ranging, Unmanned Aerial Vehicle,...) for forest and topography characterization, the project NEWFOR is dedicated to enhance and develop tools and adapted policies for decision making in the field of a sustainable and adaptive mountain forest resources management facing the sustainability of mountain forest ecosystems services.

So, the main objective of the NEWFOR project is the improvement of mountain forest accessibility for a better economical efficiency of wood harvesting and transport in a context of sustainable forest management and wood industry in changing climate.







The 14 partners involved in the project consortium tackle this objective within five thematic workpackages (wp):

Forest resources and LiDAR

Recent developments in LiDAR technology, combined to other available data sources (aerial photographs, aerial photo series by UAVs, ...), are now allowing a precise and fine mountain forest resource quantification, qualification and mapping. Integrating this technology will provide an innovative response to the challenges of a precise and robust knowledge on the available growing stocks. The project aims at testing and developing tools that will help forestry end-users to benefit from this technological advance.

Forest accessibility

After the identification of forest resources, the second step of an efficient forest management is to evaluate the accessibility to these resources. In mountain areas, topography is the main constraint to a technical and economically efficient exploitation. The project demonstrated how to use topographic LiDAR data coupled with geographic information systems (GIS) for an optimal planning of forest harvesting and logging while taking current and scheduled accessibility of forest resources into account.

Forest and industry connectivity

Once the forest resources and accessibility are characterized, then remains the issue of the connectivity between wood piles in the forests and wood yard of mills. This link is often neglected but is crucial for a comprehensive assessment of the wood supply efficiency.

• Costs and benefits evaluation

NEWFOR aims at developing decision-making tools dedicated to the definition of strategies for sustainable mountain wood supply chain. To fulfil this objective, tools for identifying forest resources, their accessibility and connectivity to the wood market are first considered separately. In order to achieve the demarche, and to choose the optimal strategy, it is necessary to evaluate the whole workflow from the economical aspect by comparing the costs and benefits of each possible strategy.

Logistical planning strategy

There is a need to frequently adjust the planning of forest management to new economical evidence as well as to unforeseeable developments. Such an adaptive management needs to balance ecological, social and economic factors. The final objective was to provide forest managers and decision makers with reliable information for the evaluation of technical and economical conditions for their decision-making on timber supply chain logistical planning and land use strategies.







3 WP 7 - COSTS AND BENEFITS EVALUATION

3.1 HEPROMO – HARVESTING PRODUCTIVITY MODEL

3.1.1 GENERAL DESCRIPTION -USABILITY OF THE TOOL

The timber harvesting productivity model "HeProMo" is used to calculate the need of time and costs of different harvesting operations. The modular construction allows both the calculation of individual works or entire work chains.

"HeProMo" is a computerized internet based model for the calculation of the time and cost of the main timber harvesting operations and individual harvesting chains. It is aimed at forestry companies, loggers, forestry administrations and training institutes as well as developers of software for forestry applications.

With "HeProMo" pre-calculations could be performed and variants could be tested. For this reason it is also suitable for the derivation of standard local fees, e.g. as a basis for forest services agreements.

"HeProMo" helps entrepreneurs to create quotes and allows forest companies and forest owners to check entrepreneur offers critical.

By means of sensitivity analysis, it is possible to estimate the influence of individual input variables on the outcome.

"HeProMo" is also ideal for education and training and for use in schools and courses. With its modules, it also supports the re-use in other applications such as simulation models and information systems.

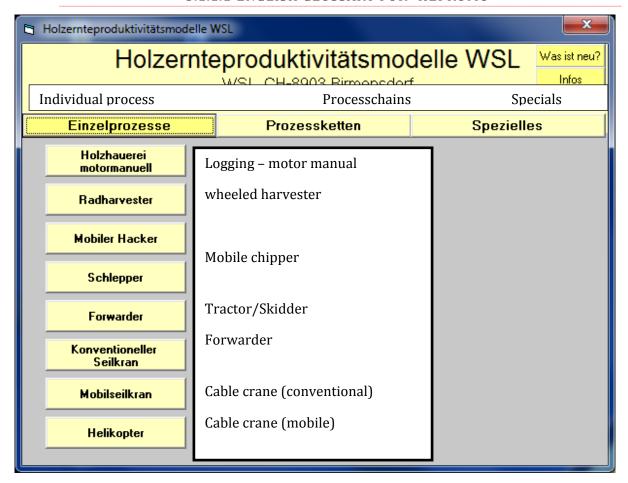
"HeProMo" was developed as part of the WSL research program "Management of sustainable forest management" and is a Windows software (up from Win 95) with user-friendly menu navigation. Available to the model are a ReadMe file with information on installation and use, so as also comprehensive documentation and user help for the individual models of "HeProMo".







3.1.1.1 ENGLISH GLOSSARY FOR "HEPROMO"



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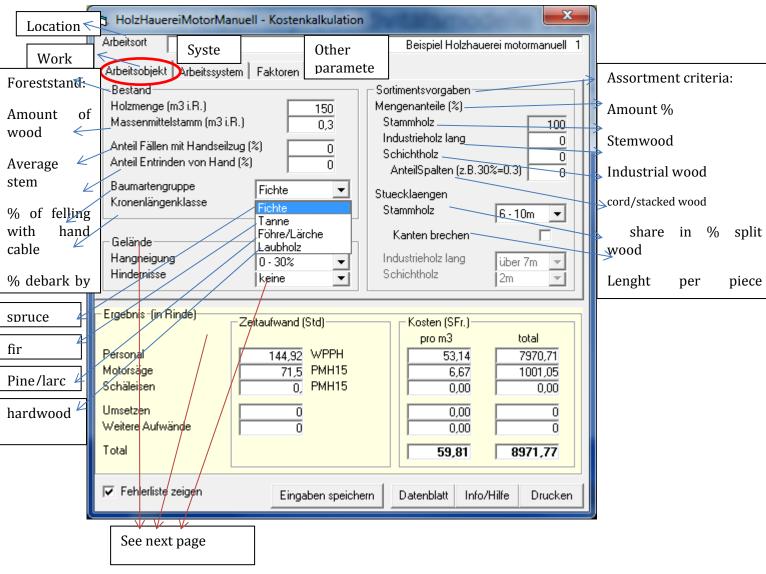


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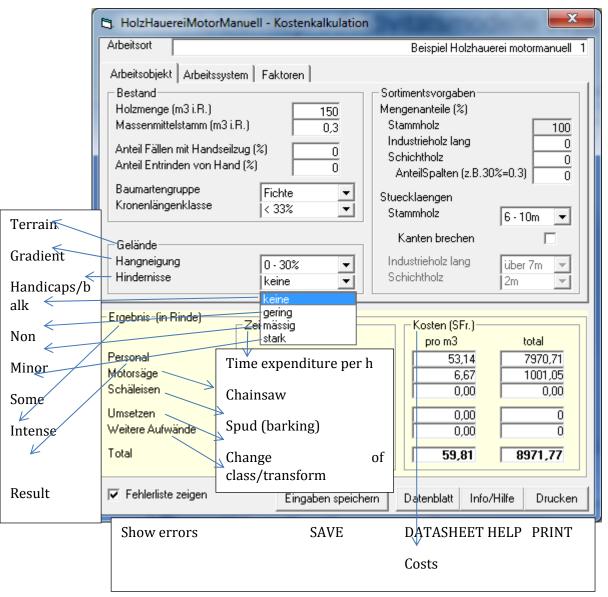








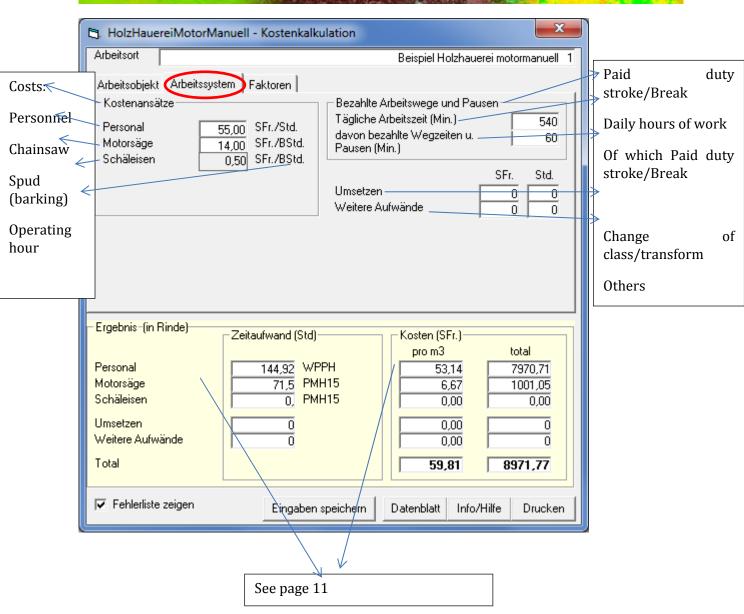








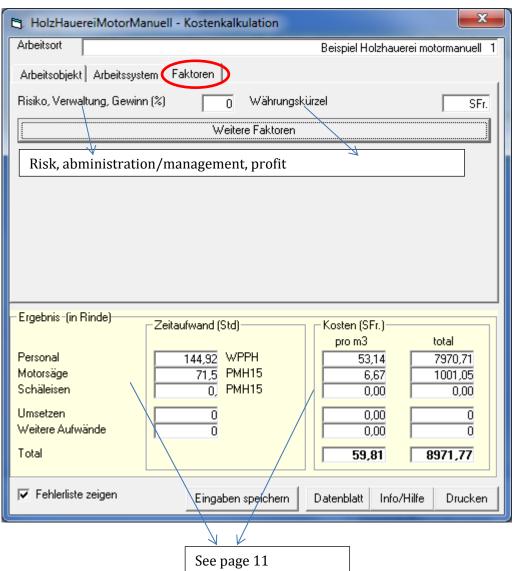








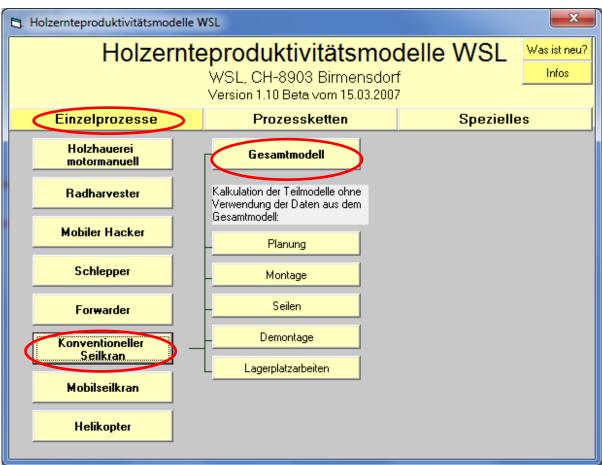






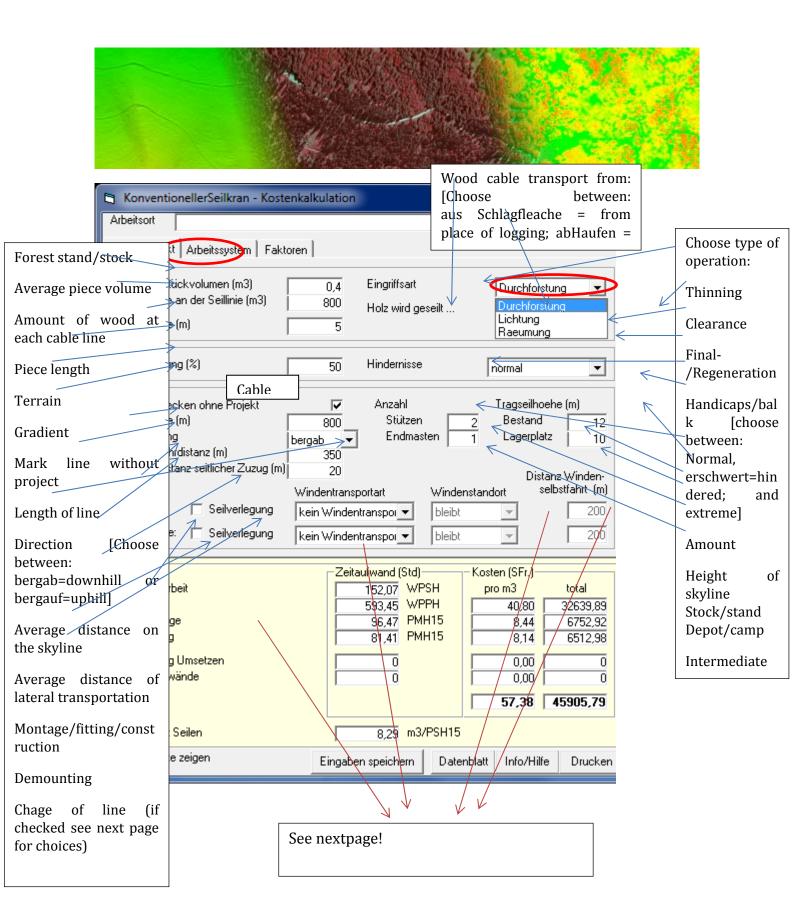








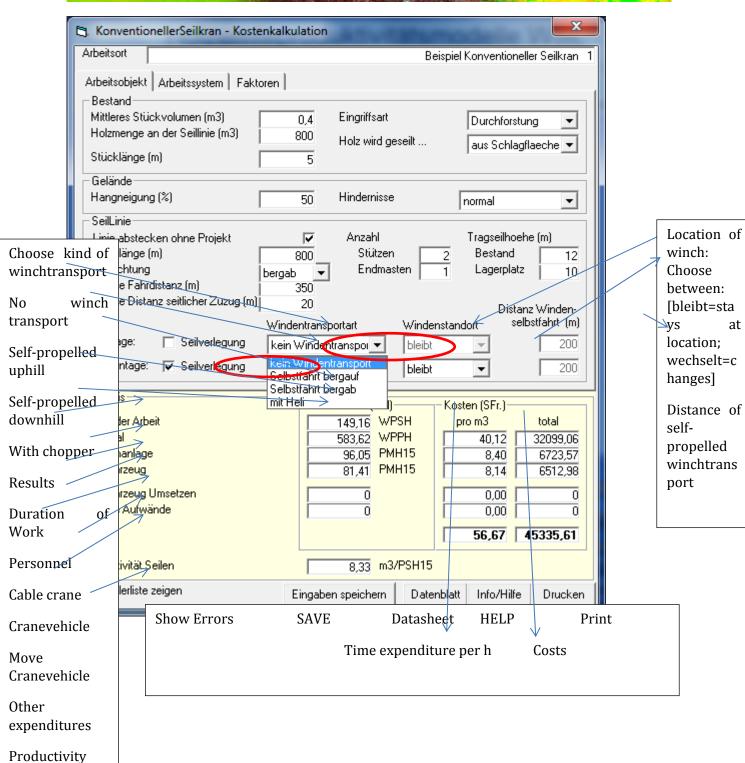






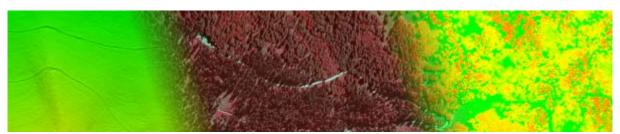


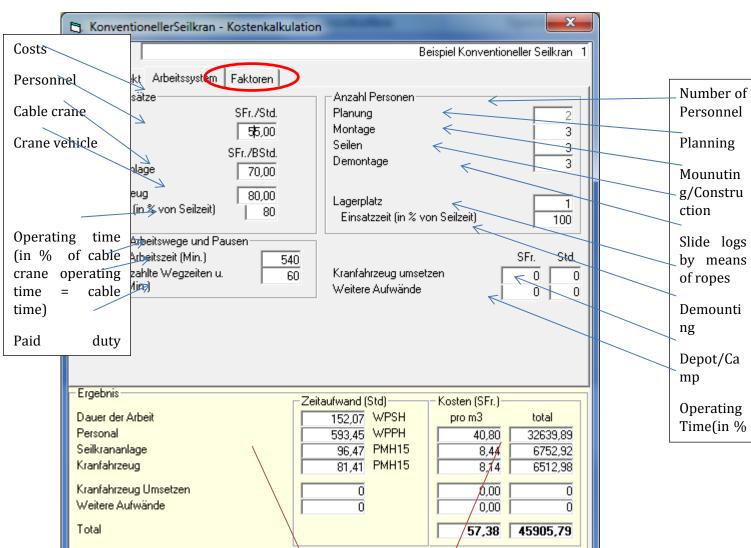












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