Northern ToSIA

Assessing sustainability of forest based activities in rural areas of the Northern Periphery



Case study in Finland

Forest use for bioenergy in North Karelia





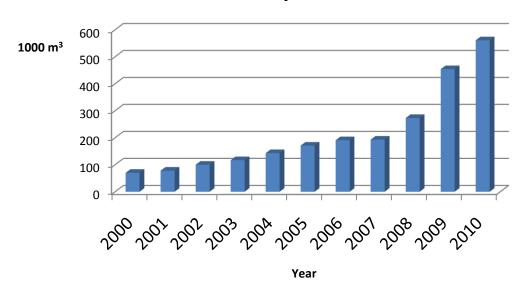


Forest use for bio-energy in North Karelia

North Karelia is a pioneer in forest bio-energy utilization in Finland

- nearly 90 % of the land area is forested land
- wood is the main energy source in the region

Use of forest wood chips in North Karelia













How we used ToSIA in North Karelia?

- To assess impacts of increasing production and use of forest wood chips for heating
- Comparison of heat production in small and medium scale heating plants
- Scenario "Heating oil free North Karelia"
- Multi-criteria-analysis (MCA): to support the Regional Forestry Council to choose suitable option for using forests of North Karelia





Heat production in small and medium scale

- Two example cases of forest bio-energy utilization for heating
 - Tuupovaara Energy Co-operative small scale district heating plant
 - Outokumpu Energy
 medium scale district heating plant

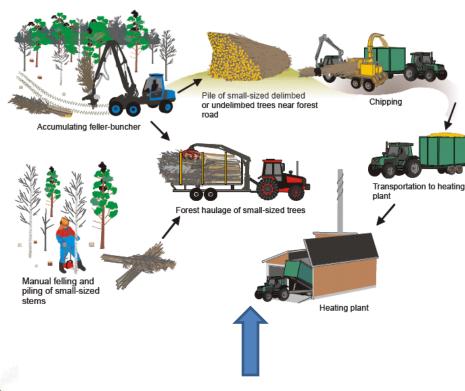






Forest fuel supply chains

Medium scale heating plant
Outokumpu



Small scale heating plant Tuupovaara

Kallio & Leinonen 2005

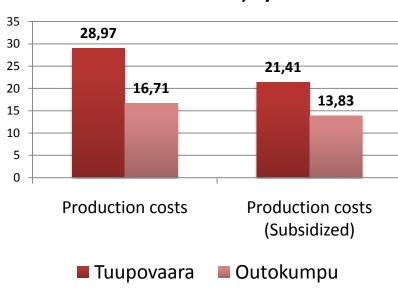




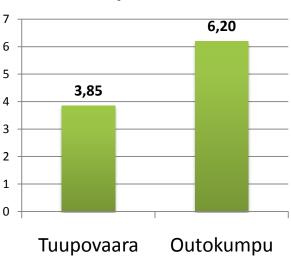


Results

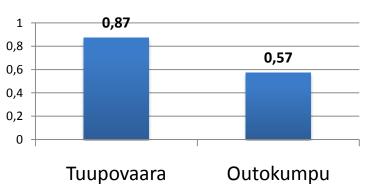
Production costs, €/MWh



GHG emissions from machinery, kg CO₂ eq./MWh



Employment, person a/1000 MWh



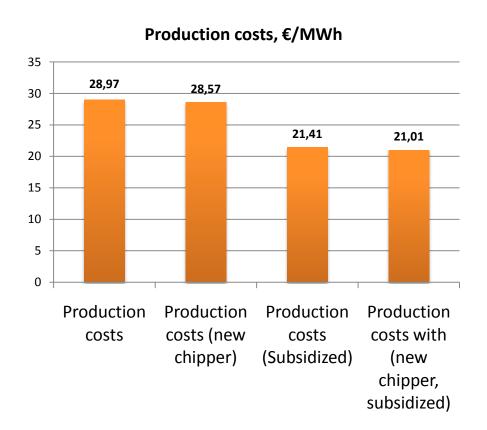




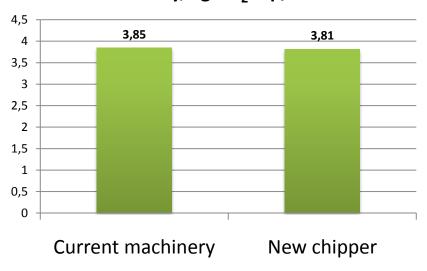


Scenario of the small heating plant

What if we have more efficient chipper?



Greenhouse gas emissions from machinery, kg CO₂ eq./MWh





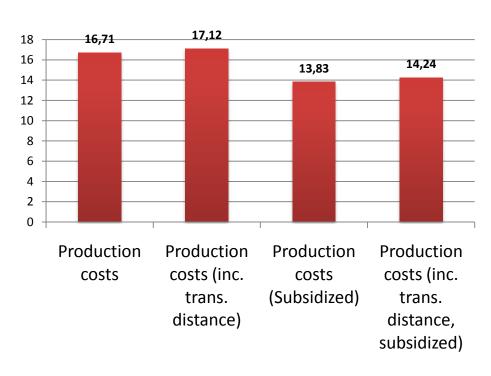




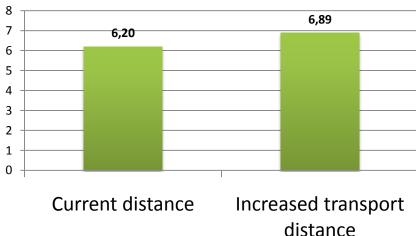
Scenario for medium scale heating plant

What if we need to increase transport distance?

Production costs, €/MWh



GHG emissions from machinery, kg CO₂ eq./MWh









The frame of the regional development strategies

International environmental conventions

UN Framework Convention on Climate Change and Kyoto Protocol

European Union

Strategy on Climate Change

Lisbon strategy

National programmes and strategies (Finland)

National Forest Programme

Long-term Climate and Energy Strategy

Regional programmes and strategies (North Karelia)

Regional Plan

Regional Strategic Programme

Regional Forest Programme

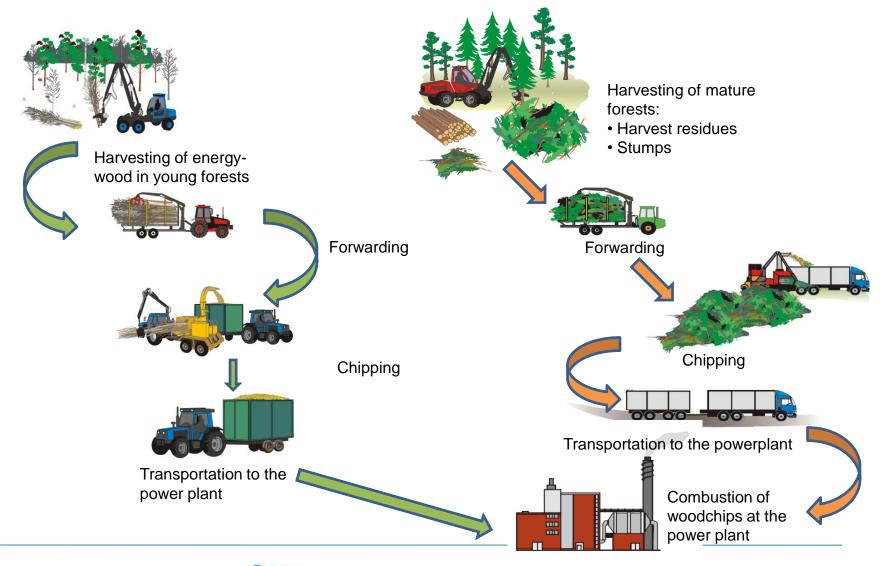
Climate and Energy Programme







Forest wood chip production in North Karelia











Regional Forest Programme

Define strategy for forestry, utilisation and protection of forests in the Forestry Centre territory

Regional Forestry Council (RFC)

- Developing sustainable forestry in the region
- Participating in the preparation of the regional forest programme and monitoring its implementation
- Consist of key forest sector actors and stakeholders fine possibility for multi-stakeholder dialogue







ToSIA application with RFC

- To compare the scenario alternatives in terms of six indicators
- Three future alternatives for the use of North Karelian forests were evaluated (cutting levels) with multi-criteria-analysis
- The scenario aiming for the max economic profit received the highest score among the stakeholders









ToSIA application with RFC

Results triggered an active debate about methodological and technical issues of ToSIA and MCA

Critical points were scenario setup and available indicator information









Regional Climate and Energy Programme

- Programme started 2010, will be finished and published autumn 2011
- Energy includes renewable energy production and use as well as energy effectiveness and savings
- Participatory open process 2010 2011 in programme planning
 - Steering group
 - 4 Working groups together with 50 experts
 - One group was Energy production and use & Forestry
 - SOVA group handling (impact assessment group)

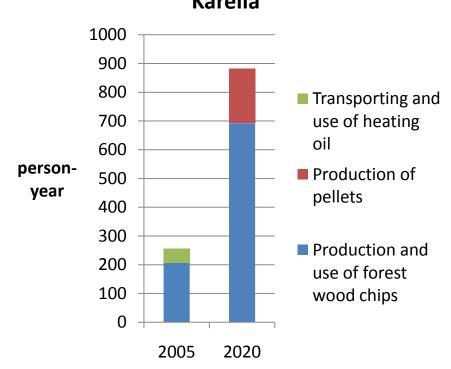




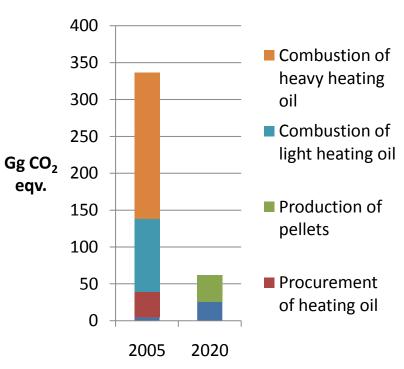


Heating oil free region – what it means?

Impact on employment in North Karelia



Impact on greenhouse gas emissions of fossil fuels











Conclusions

- Transparency and the structured framework as such were seen to be positive and useful.
- The discussion process and better understanding of different perspectives on forest-wood-chain sustainability between stakeholders were positive lessons learnt.
- FWC and indicator data make research knowledge visible to regional decision making.





Thank you!







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