



***Adaptation in Swedish forestry:
The case of private individual forest
owners***

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Adaptation to climate change

2000: “...adjustments in ecological-socio-economic systems in response to actual or expected climatic stimuli, their effects or impacts”
(Smit et al. p. 225)

2006: “...local or community-based adjustments to deal with changing conditions within the constraints of the broader economic–social–political arrangements”
(Smit and Wandel, p. 289).

Smit, B., Burton, I., Klein, R.J.T., Wandel, J., 2000. An anatomy of climate change and variability. *Climatic Change* 45, 223–251.

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An aerial photograph of a vast, rolling Swedish forest landscape. The terrain is covered in dense green and brown trees, with a large lake visible in the upper left quadrant. The sky is bright and clear.

The Swedish forest

A national resource with
354 323 forest owners
and 238 862 forest estates

50% of the forest land
owned by private
individuals

Forest Statistical Year Book of Sweden 2004

Photo: Mattias Carlsson

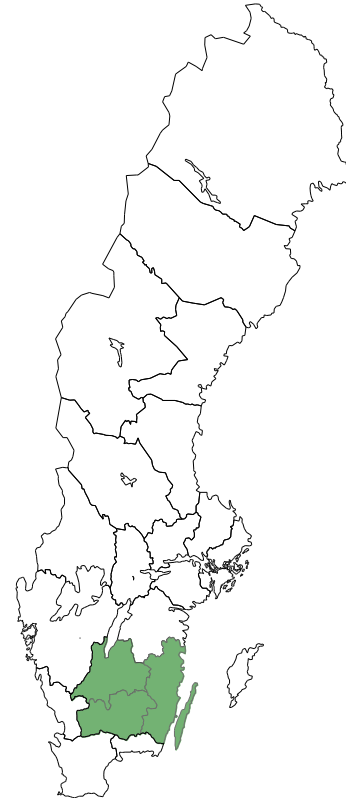
Has adapted forest management to climate change

1999

11%

2004

21%



Blennow & Sallnäs (2002) *Scandinavian J. Forest Research* 17: 472–479.
Blennow, *submitted*.



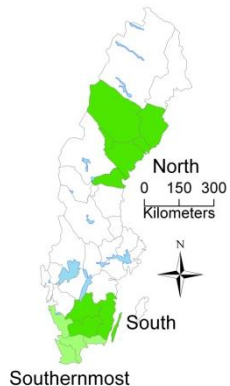
2004

*Has the
climate
change
debate
affected your
forest
management
?*

Yes (n=204)

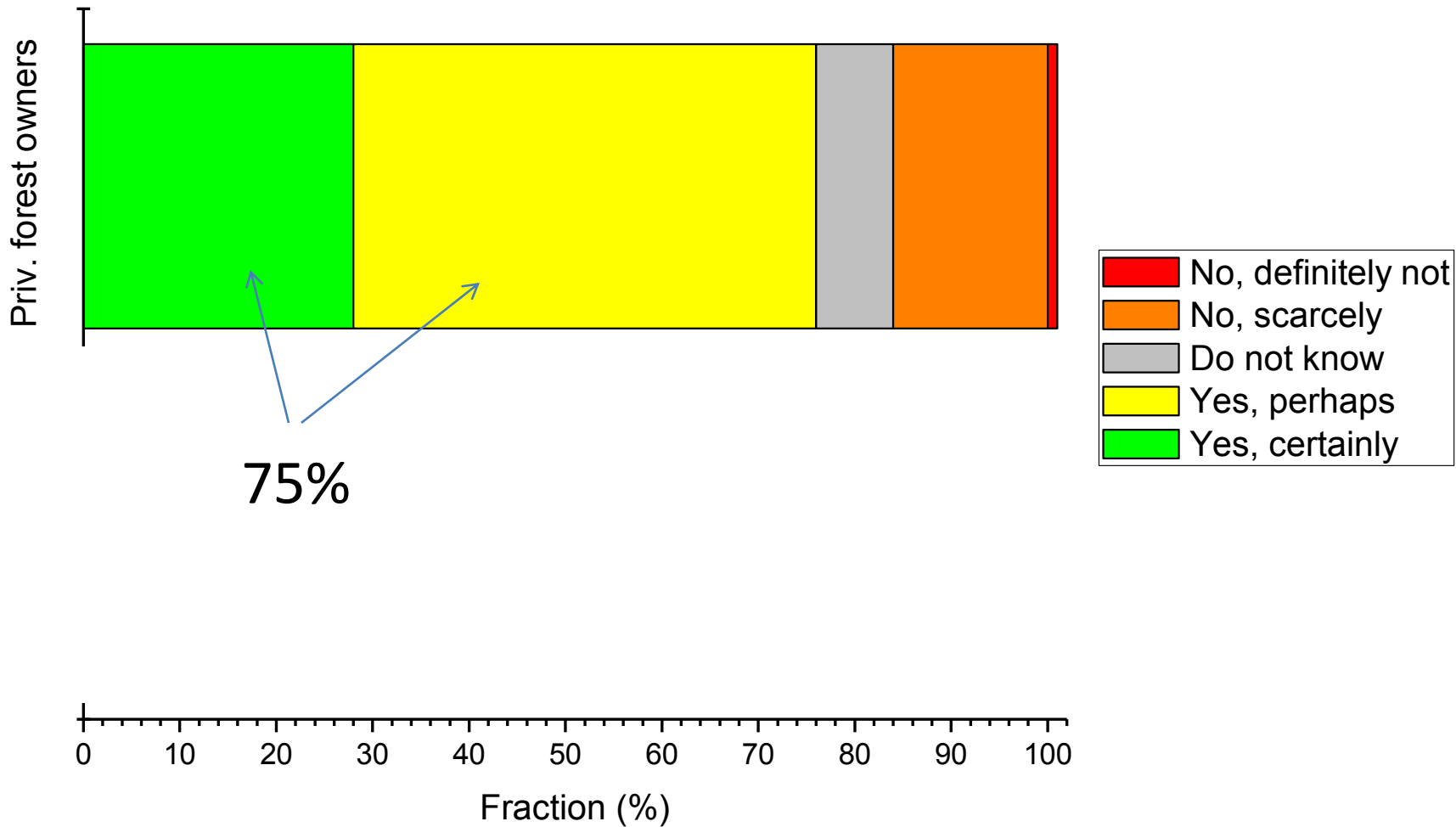
No (n=875)

*Total
(n=1079)*



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2004 strength of belief in climate change

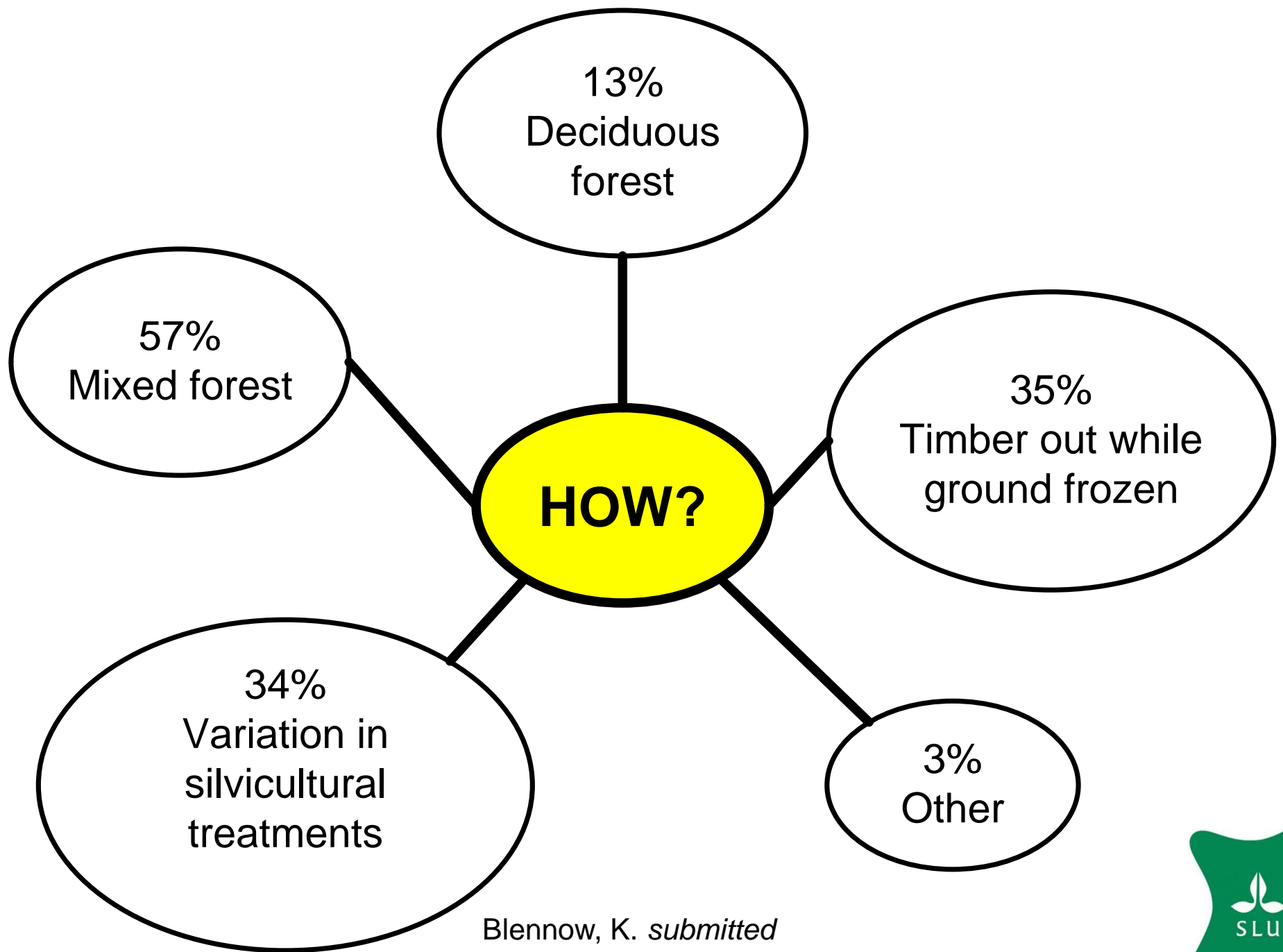


Swedish Environmental Protection Agency (2005)

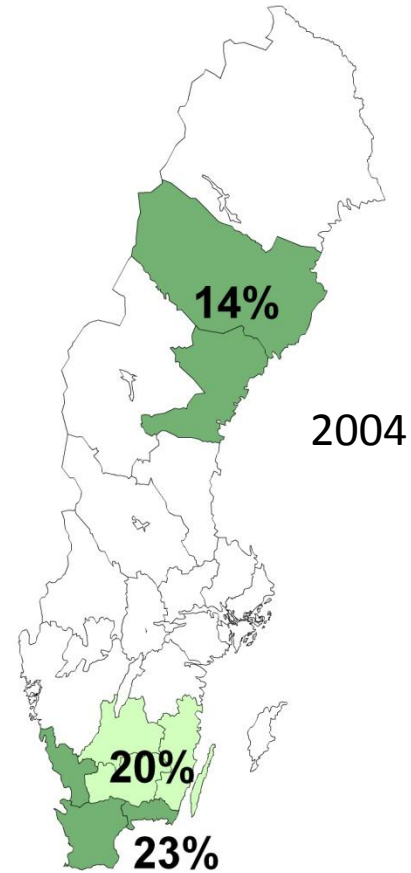
Allmanhetens kunskaper och attityder till vaxthuseffekten, 21 pp.

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<i>Why has not the climate change debate affected your forest management?</i>	<i>Do you believe that the climate is changing to such an extent that it will substantially affect the forest?</i>				
	<i>No, definitely not (%) n=13</i>	<i>No, scarcely (%) n=147</i>	<i>Don't know (%) n=65</i>	<i>Yes, perhaps (%) n=388</i>	<i>Yes, certainly (%) n=147</i>
I do not believe that the climate is changing (n=71)	77	22	11	6	0
Too much uncertainty as to whether the climate is changing (n=175)	15	33	18	25	10
I have not thought about climate change and my own forest management (n=174)	8	22	35	23	18
Too much uncertainty as to what management measures reduce negative consequences of climate change (n=153)	0	11	14	19	36
I don't know how to modify my forest management (n=187)	0	12	22	26	36
<i>Total (n=760)</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>100</i>



Has adapted forest management to climate change in 2004



- Why do private forest owners less strongly believe in climate change than Swedish citizens in general?
- What explains regional variation in adaptation?
- How do private forest owners learn about climate change and options for adaptation?
- Similarities and differences between EU countries and influence of CC on forest owners life-style values

addressed in
EU 7th FP MOTIVE
(Models for adaptive
management)



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Thank you!

