

## Continuous cover forestry, selective cutting in practice.



Here you could see selective cutting in practice, south Sweden. This continuous cover forestry gives the forest owner good economy and in the same time we get an ecological sustainable forest - a careful use of the ecological forest system without consuming.

To reach our national environmental objectives “Sustainable Forests”, “a Non Toxic Environment” and “a Rich Diversity of Plant and Animal Life”, we have to diminish the today common clear cut forestry and start with selective cutting, continuous cover forestry.

In comparison with clear cutting, selective cutting in the long run gives the forest owner both better economy and a forest left with high ecological values. It is important to emphasize that no cutting should be done in classified areas with very high nature values.

The better economy with selective cutting can mostly be explained by no costs for plantation, more income by harvesting big trees and in the long run better timber quality. In selective cutting we also create forests which are more resistant to stormy weather.

FOEI Sweden is a board member of FSC Sweden. We believe that we could get a much better standard than today. In our opinion FSC Sweden today are not preventing the ongoing ecological impoverishing. Several common forest species are declining and levels of damage caused by our clear cut forestry to ancient monuments and other cultural heritage assets in Sweden’s forests are unacceptably high. Selective cutting could be a very important tool to change our ecological impoverishing and damages on cultural heritage. FOEI Sweden are convinced that more careful use of our forests will gain both long run economy, the ecological system and the remaining cultural monuments.

When more and more private forest owners and hopefully our big state company Sveaskog will be in practice and start using selective cutting methods and in the same time bigger areas than today will be untouched we probably will reach our environmental objectives. We will never reach them without doing this, continuing the today impoverishing clear cut forestry. Unfortunately the Swedish forestry today is not good enough to export.

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