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Metla also offers its services in electronic form for customers using the Internet. Metla's WWW-server pages contain everything presented in this brochure plus information in English and Finnish on current research results, events, publications and directories. All this can be readily located using the Internet's retrieval service.

<http://www.metla.fi/>

Publication activities

Together with the Finnish Society of Forest Science, Metla publishes three peer-reviewed series:

Silva Fennica

This is a forestry journal aimed at the international audience. Its research articles and reviews and current affairs articles are published in English.

Acta Forestalia Fennica

This is a monograph series published in English and accommodating research articles and comprehensive review articles.

Folia Forestalia

Folia Forestalia is a series comprising research articles and reviews in Finnish and Swedish. The series also addresses issues of current interest. Four issues are published annually.

Metla also publishes in the series **Metsäntutkimuslaitoksen tiedonantoja** results of research of current interest and also proceedings of scientific meetings. The language of the series is generally Finnish. Numerous **bulletins** and **brochures** are also produced through the year.

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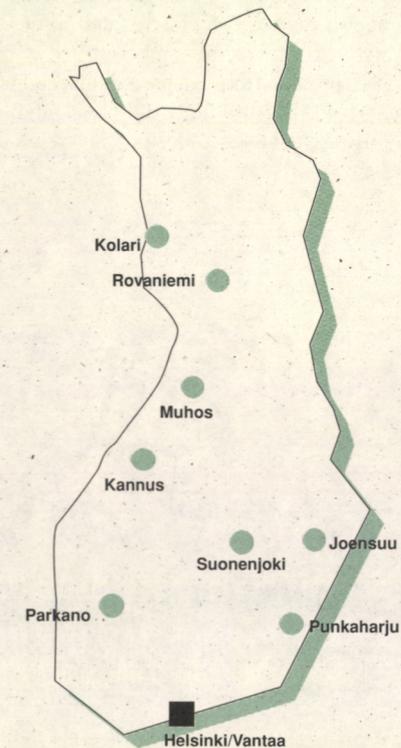
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FINNISH FOREST RESEARCH INSTITUTE — METLA

— solves forest-related problems through scientific research —

Founded in 1917, the Finnish Forest Research Institute (acronym Metla) is Finland's leading forest research organisation. Metla is an impartial state research institute which, in accordance with its remit, solves forest-related problems through scientific research. Research work at Metla is carried out at ten units: at the Helsinki and Vantaa research centres and at eight regional research stations. Metla's area of activity covers research, research forests, customer-funded research and support services.

Metla has a staff of 700 people, 200 of these being researchers. About half of the staff are based at the two centres within the capital metropolitan area and the other half at the regional research stations. In addition to these personnel resources, Metla's research projects engage the services of eighty or so external researchers. Most of the funding for Metla's activities is provided through the national budget; for the year 1997 this amounts to FIM 170 million. Additional funding is obtained from various ministries, the forest industries, and research foundations.



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Research

Research work at Metla has been organised into 120 problem-centred projects. A number of projects have been combined to form multi-disciplinary research programmes to address specific contemporary problems:

- Possibilities for utilising the country's wood resources
- Biodiversity of forest ecosystems
- Reconciling different forest uses
- Environmental impact of forestry

Research activities also include laboratory services, field trials, library and information services, publication activities, information systems serving research, and international activities.

Research forests

Metla's own research forests enable a versatile, long-term execution of field trials. There are altogether 148 500 hectares of such forests, of which 68 000 hectares are conservation areas. 4500 hectares are used by forestry schools for instruction.

Currently, Metla has stewardship over three national parks and five strict nature reserves. These and numerous smaller conservation areas, e.g. herb-rich forests, old-growth forests, peatland reserves, serve the needs of conservation, research and public recreation.



Customer-funded activities

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Metla's customer-funded services (ART) were created for the purpose of addressing special problems in the field of forestry. The staff at ART are engaged in marketing Metla's expertise at home and abroad in the form of:

- commissioned studies
- forestry statistics services (METINFO)
- statements by experts, training, consultancy
- forest damage assessments
- laboratory services
- guide and extension services within Metla's conservation areas
- library information services
- research publications

Official tasks

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Metla's official remit demands that it

- conducts the national forest inventories
- monitors forest health
- inspects chemical pesticides and weedicides
- provides an information service for forest taxation
- clarifies the bases of forest taxation
- fulfils duties connected to the Timber Measurement Act
- maintains forest genetic register

