

Dear Editor,

We would like to thank both of the referees for their comments on our manuscript. For once it was really easy to address the referee comments:

Referee 1 did not explicitly ask or imply that any changes should be made to the manuscript, and therefore we made no changes in response to Referee 1.

Referee 2 did not explicitly ask for any changes, but we acknowledge that future maps would be much improved if they included regionally-specific forest management methods, including coppicing with standards, continuous cover management, and swidden. Therefore, we added an extra point under "Ways forward" to address this issue. The relevant paragraph now reads (copied from the tex document):

*"It is well known that forest management strategies other than coppicing and high-stand management were used historically in Europe (Kuusela, 1994). Hence, using regional information could help to refine and expand the management strategies currently distinguished. Such a regional approach would likely result in the addition of continuous cover management (central Europe) (Pommerening and Murphy, 2004), coppice with standards (central, southern Europe and the U.K.) (Coppini and Hermanin, 2007; Rotherham, 2007; Emanuelsson, 2009) and swidden (northern Europe) (Wallenius et al., 2007; Emanuelsson, 2009)."*

In addition, we made several minor typographical corrections to improve the readability of the manuscript including a rewrite of the abstract (see abstract).

Between the initial submission and the publication in BGD, the typesetting team renamed our figures. Because the manuscript was prepared as a Latex file, I can no longer compile the document and produce a pdf with the figures (unless I rename them again). Given that none of the figures were changed during the revision process, I thought it was more convenient for the typesetting team if I prepared a pdf without figures. If my reasoning was, however, wrong, please, let me know and after renaming I can easily upload a single pdf file.

Kind regards,  
Sebastiaan Luyssaert, on behalf of the author team.