

# Portrait of community forests on public land in Canada

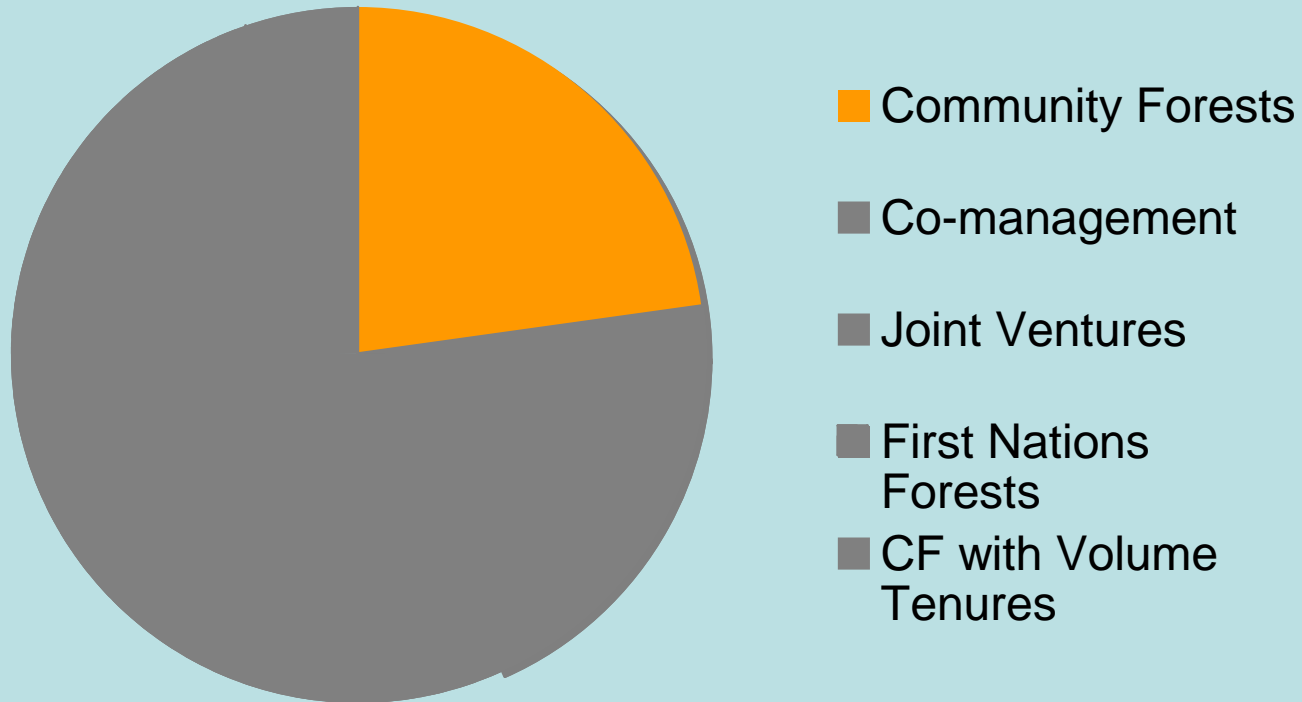
# Approach

- Based on inventory of initiatives across Canada undertaken in 2004
- Part of doctoral work of Sara Teitelbaum, Faculty of Forestry, UNB

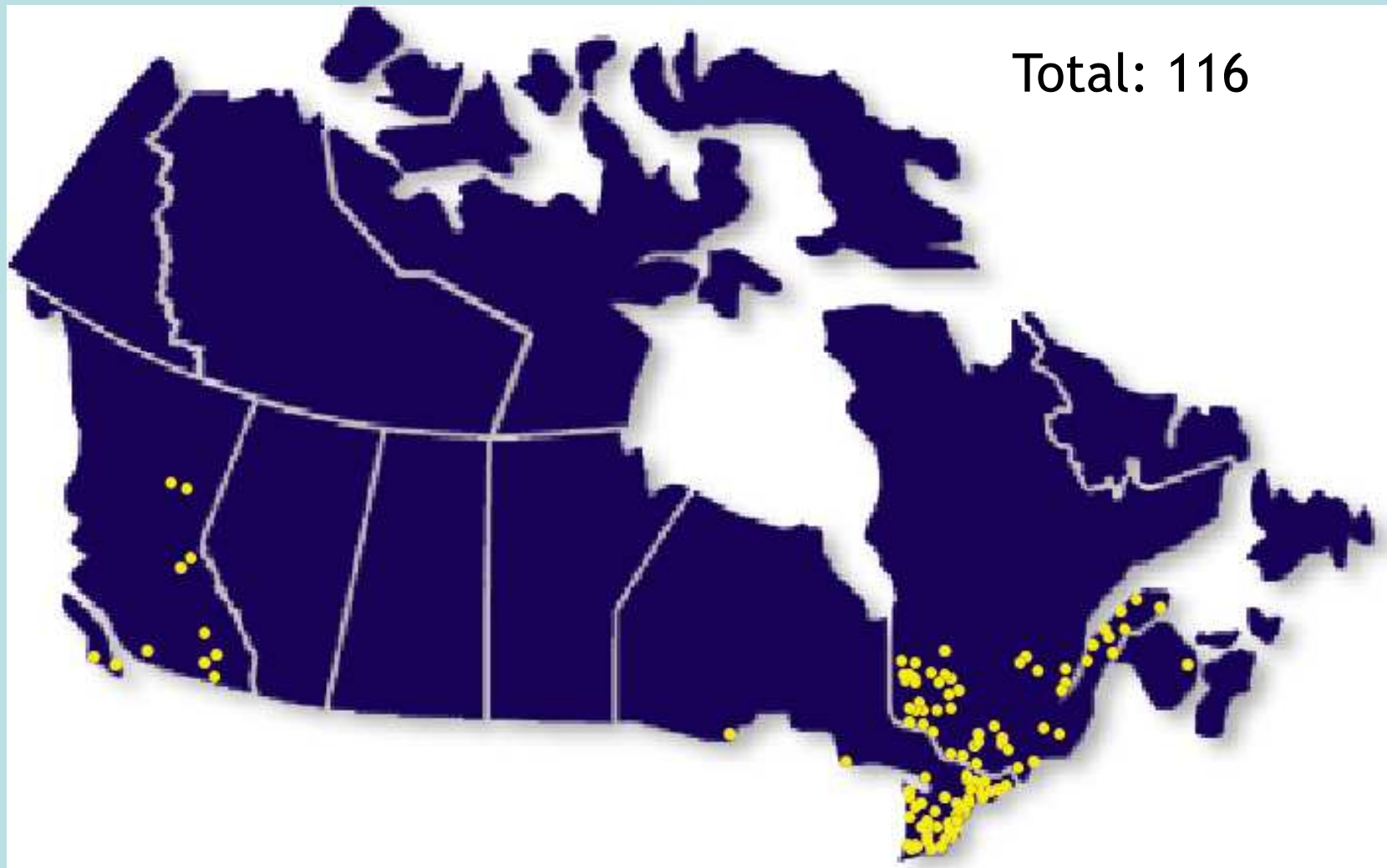
# Project definition of community forests

“A Public Forest Area Managed by the  
Community as a Working Forest for  
the Benefit of the Community”

# The umbrella of community forestry



# Portrait of Community Forests (2004)



# Provincial synopsis

# Quebec

- 53 initiatives, average size 11,000 ha
- 2 Crown land tenures:
  - 1) *Convention de gestion territoriale* (Territorial management agreement)
    - mainly held by Regional Municipalities
    - management functions often transferred to community groups
  - 2) *Convention d'aménagement forestier* (forest management contract)
    - Held by various local organizations (ex. municipalities, cooperatives, non-profits)

# Ontario

- 50 initiatives
- 2 main types are County forests (or other local governments) and Conservation Authority forests -- originally part of Agreement forest program run by MNR
- Land owned outright by organization
- Control full range of property rights
- Average size smaller (3,000 ha)
- Westwind is outlier -- 700,000 ha Sustainable Forest License

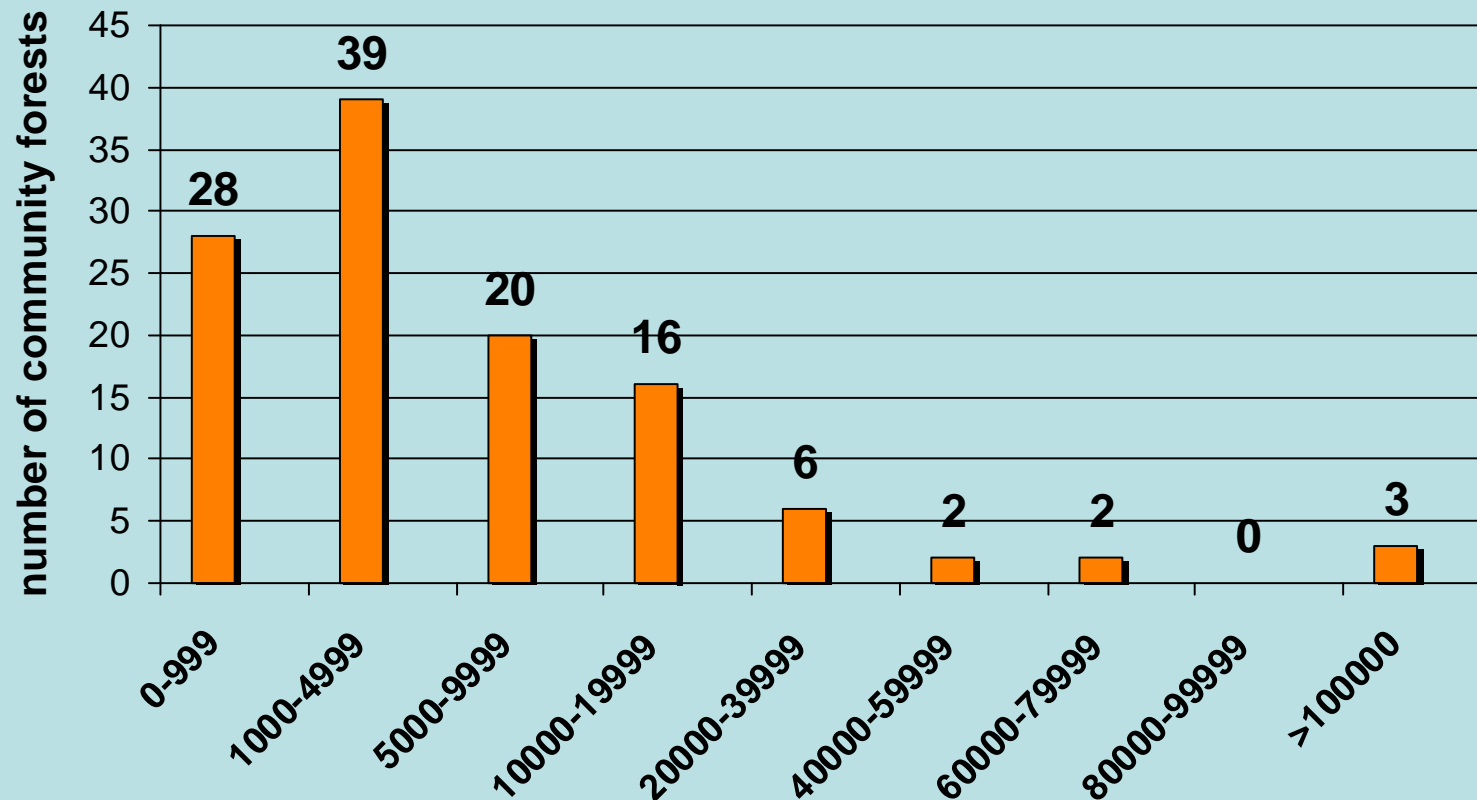


# British Columbia

- 12 initiatives (increased since survey in 2004)
- Average size 25,000 ha
- Several tenures in use
  - Community forest agreement license
  - Conventional tenures
  - Municipal forests
  - Various organizational types adopted
- BC very pro-active - have specific community forest tenure with associated legislation and regulation

# National characteristics

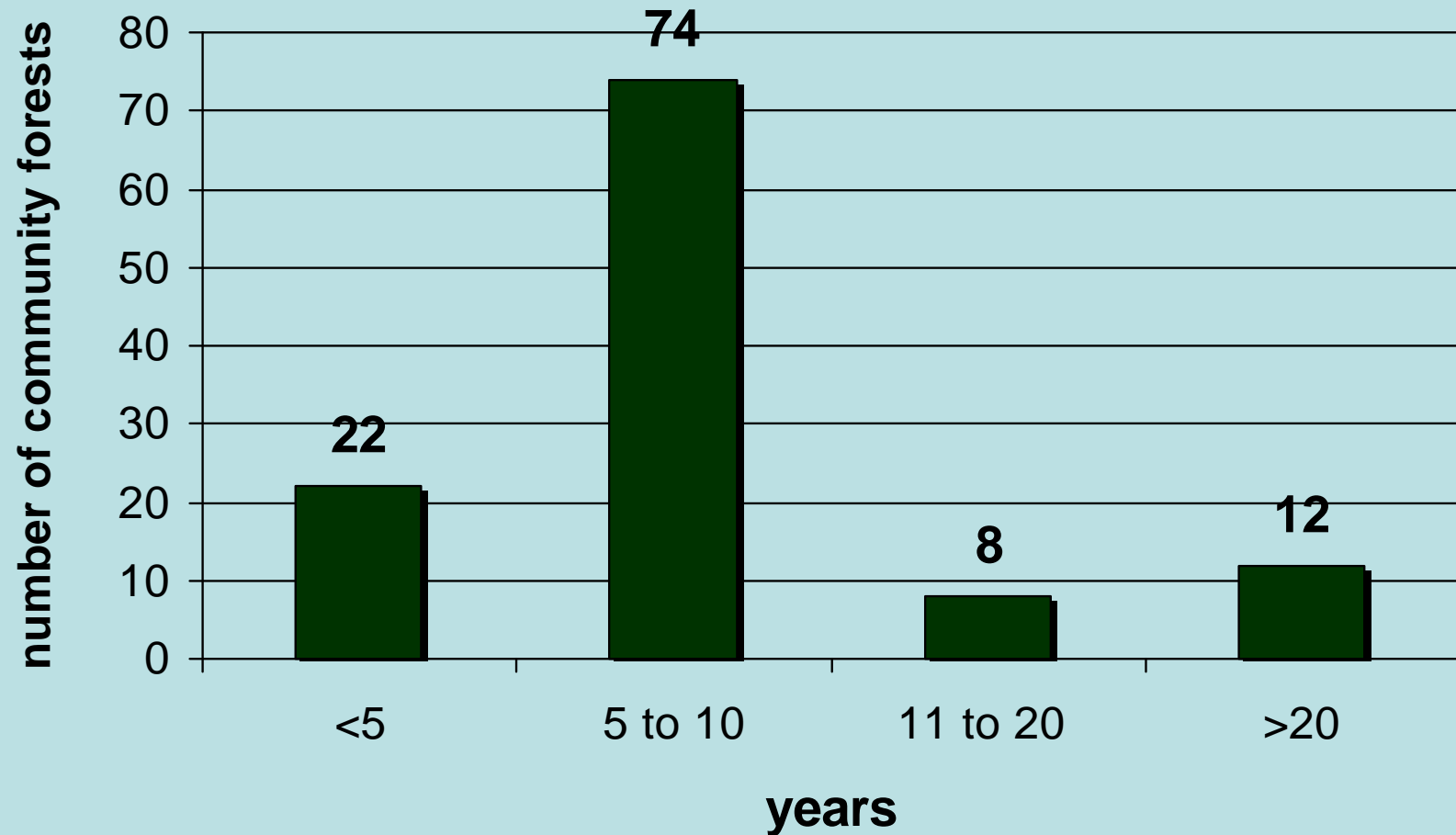
# Land managed by community forests



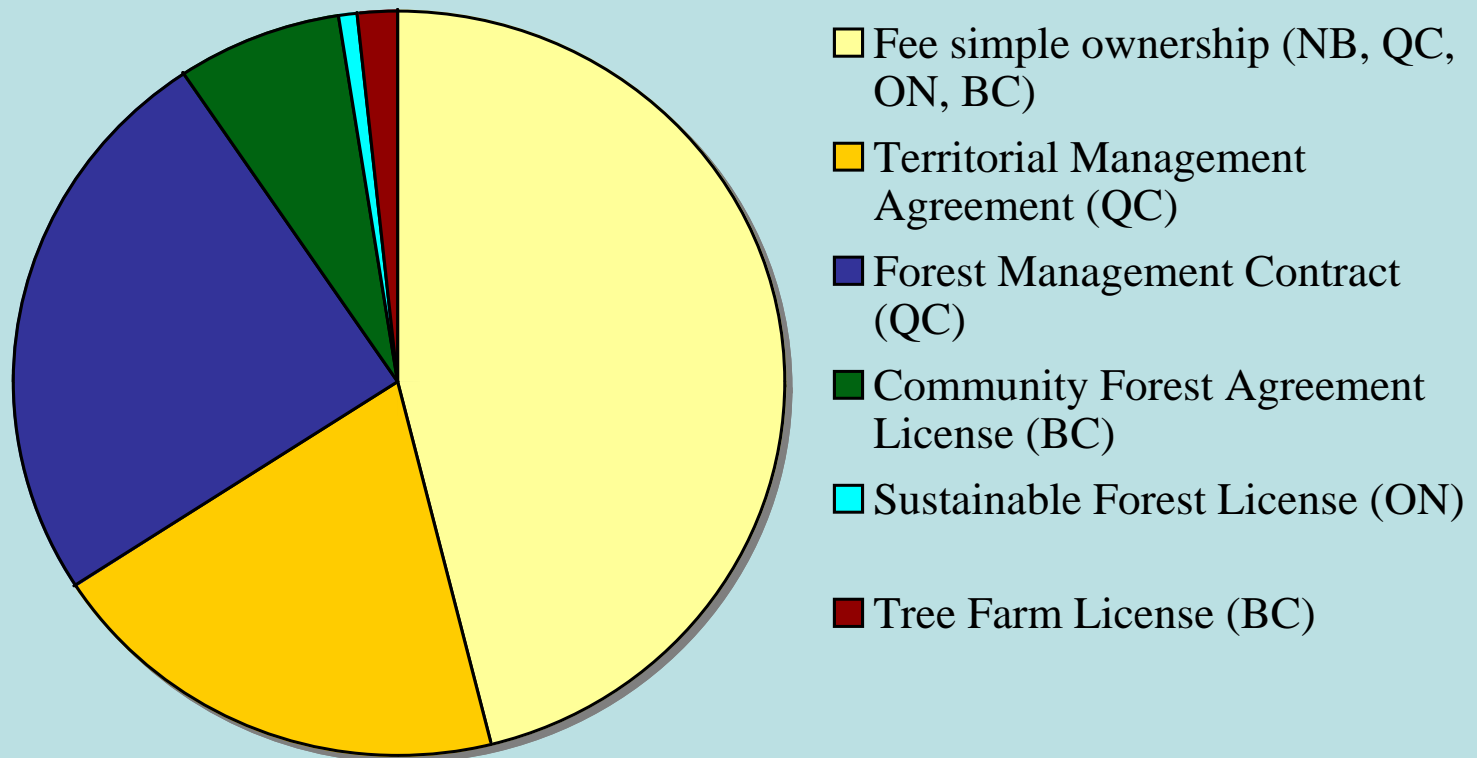
Average size: 13,000 ha,  
Median size: 4,200 ha

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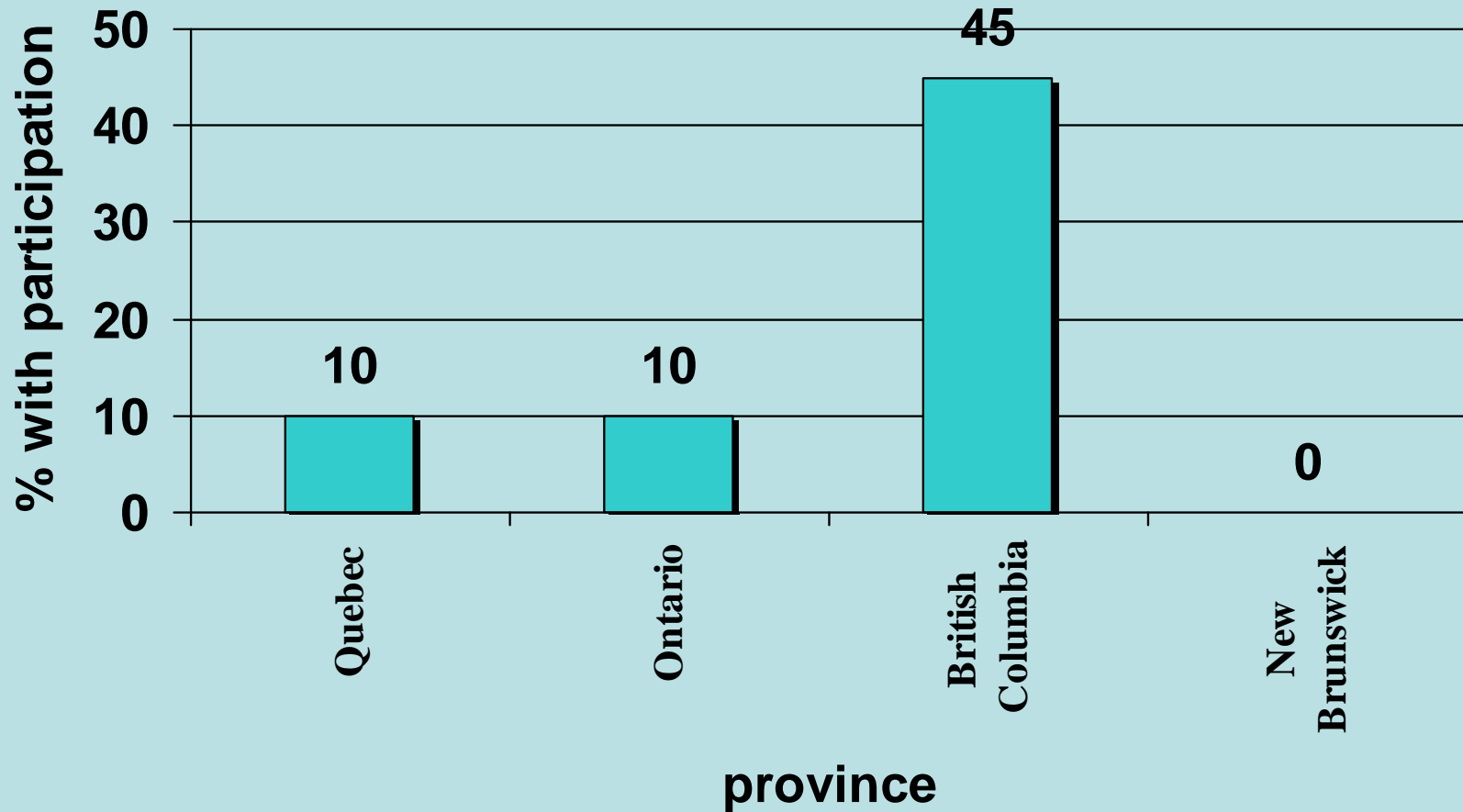
# Age of community forests



# Breakdown of tenure types across Canada



# Participation of First Nations



More information can be found in the following article:

Teitelbaum, S., Beckley, T., Nadeau, S. 2006. A National Portrait of Community Forestry on Public Land in Canada. *The Forestry Chronicle*, 82(3): 416-428.