

Socio-economic characteristics of private forest owners in coppice forests in Serbia

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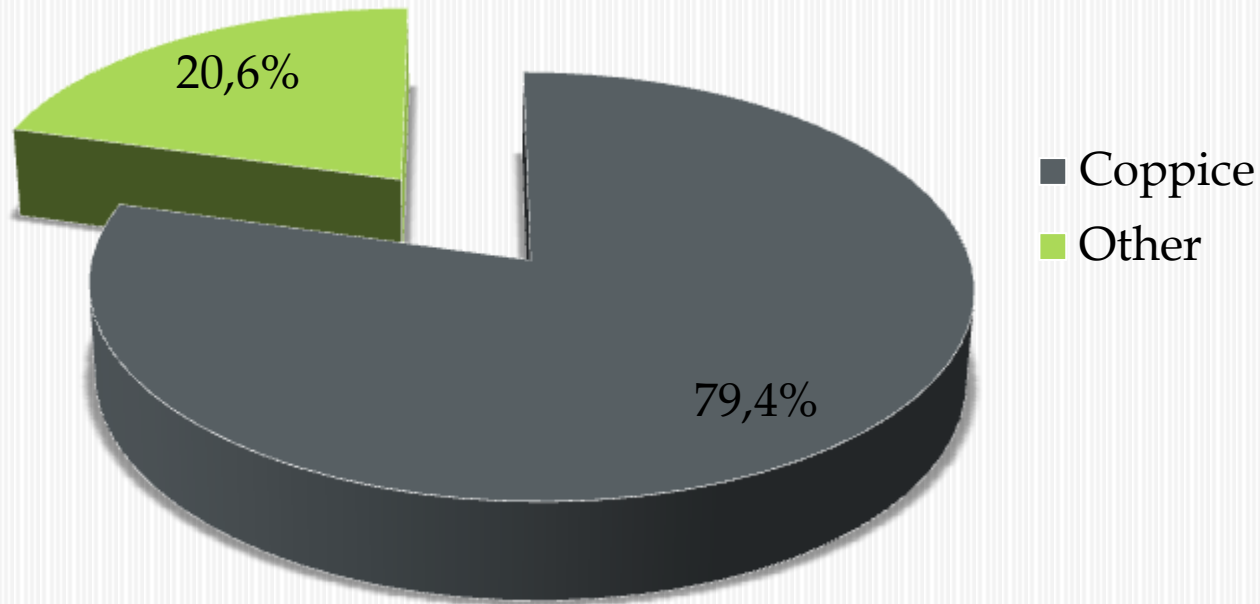
Starting point

- Serbia is a medium forested country – 29,1% (NFI, 2009)
- State 53%, private 47%
- Characteristics of private forests (*PRIFORT*):
 - Small property size – *1,27 ha per owner*
 - High fragmentation – *3.900.000 parcels*
 - High number of owners – *estimated 900.000*

Coppice covers around 1.400.000 ha

Coppice forests

Private forests



Almost 80% of private forests

Methodology

- Research done in 2012 - “National inventory of private forests”
- Three selected districts: Zlatiborski, Moravički and Kolubarski
- Sample – 1213 PFOs
- Semi structured interview
- Literature review:
 - Legal acts
 - Scientific papers





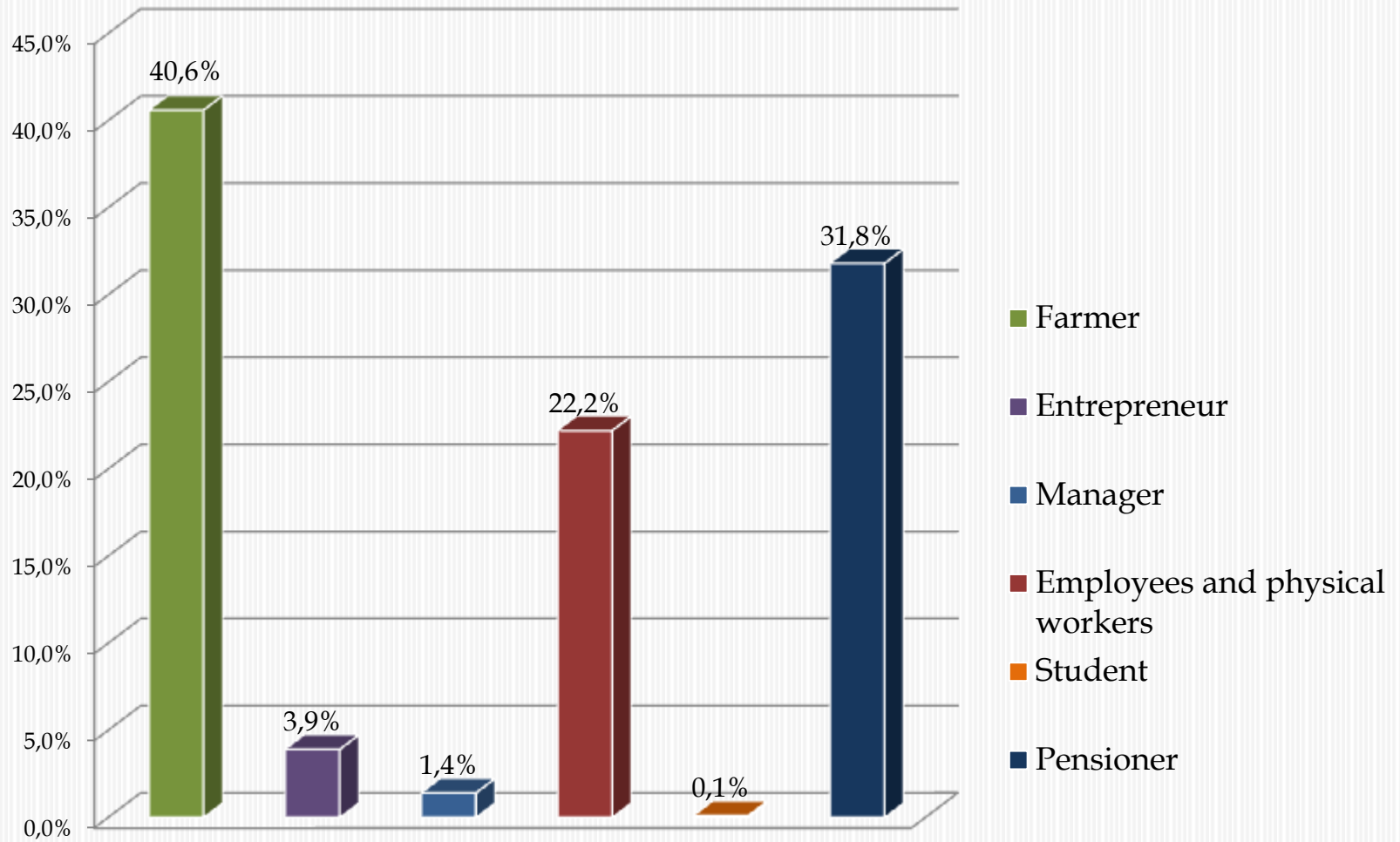
Socioeconomic characteristics

- 82,4% male
- 25,8% old from 51-60 years

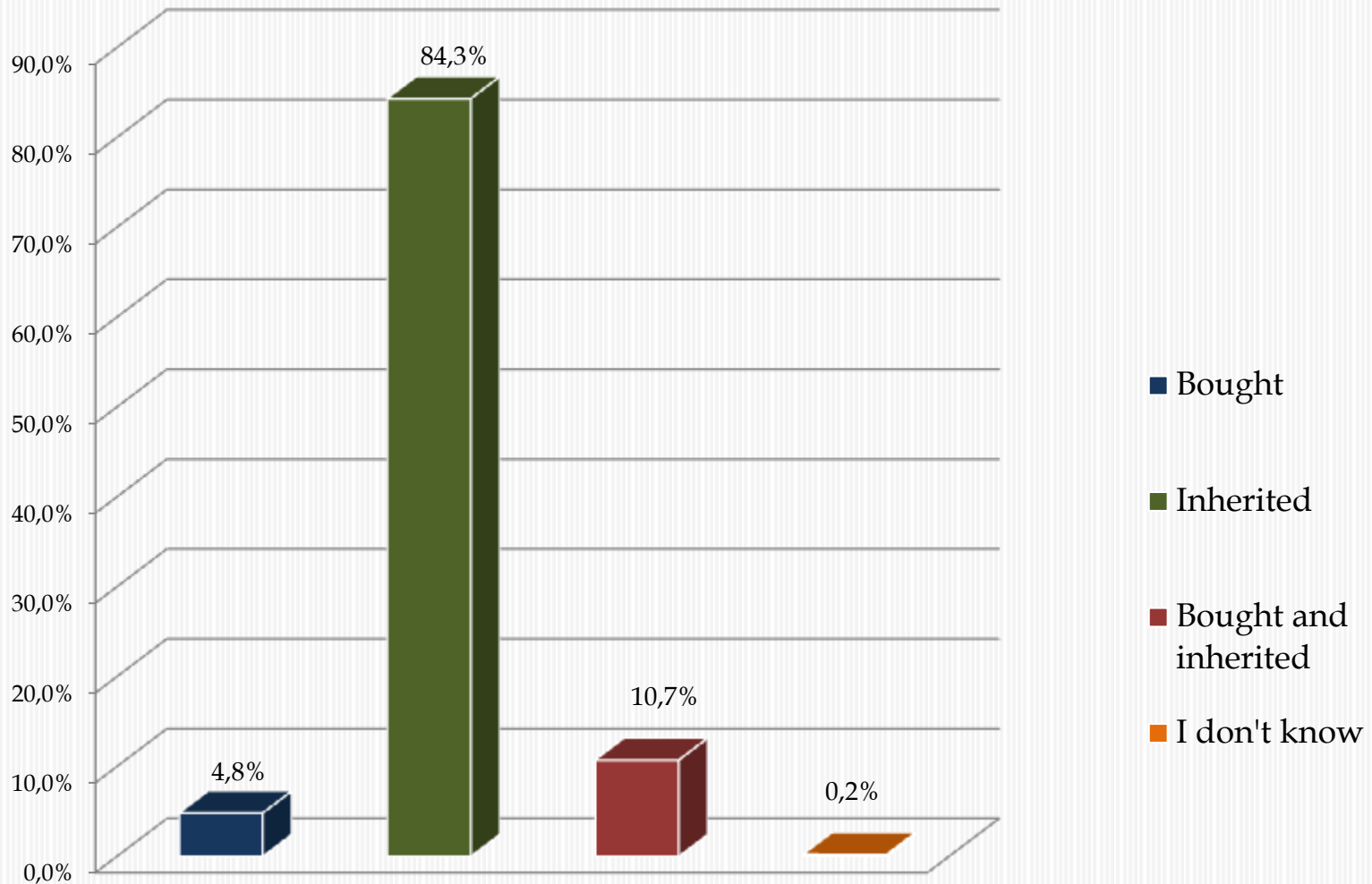
Property size

Minimum	Average	Maximum
0.05 ha	2,35 ha	40,0 ha

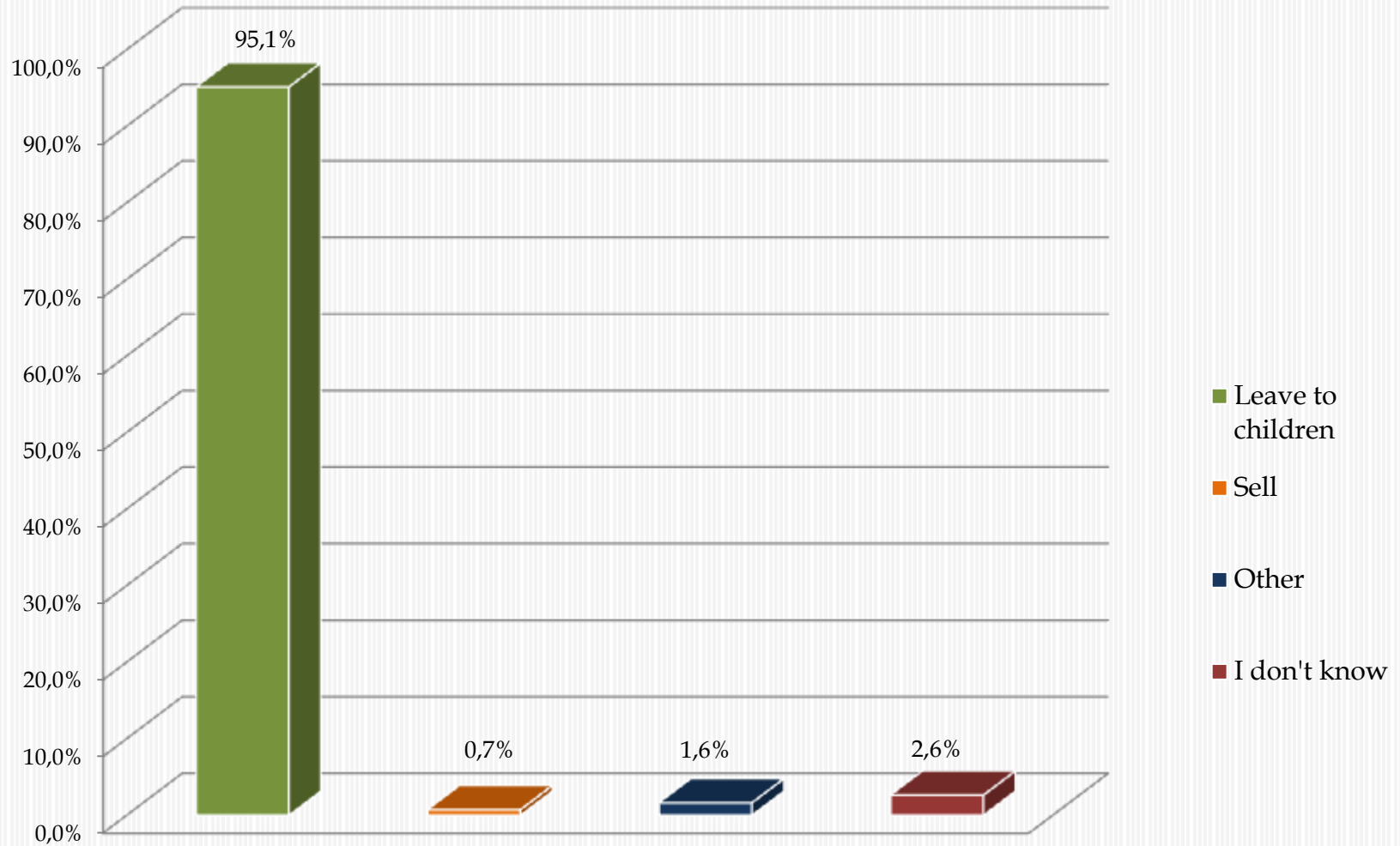
Occupation



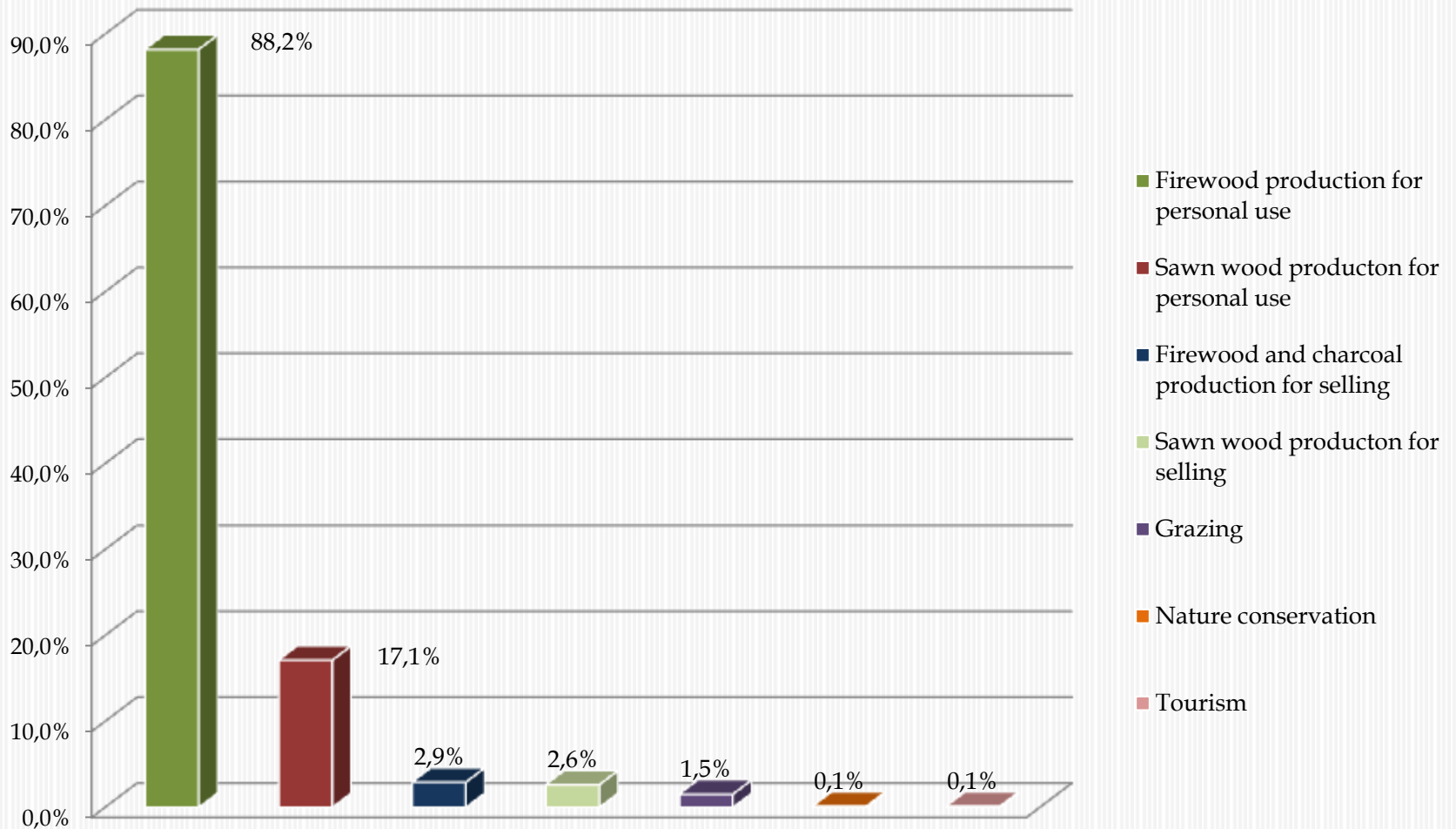
Origin of property



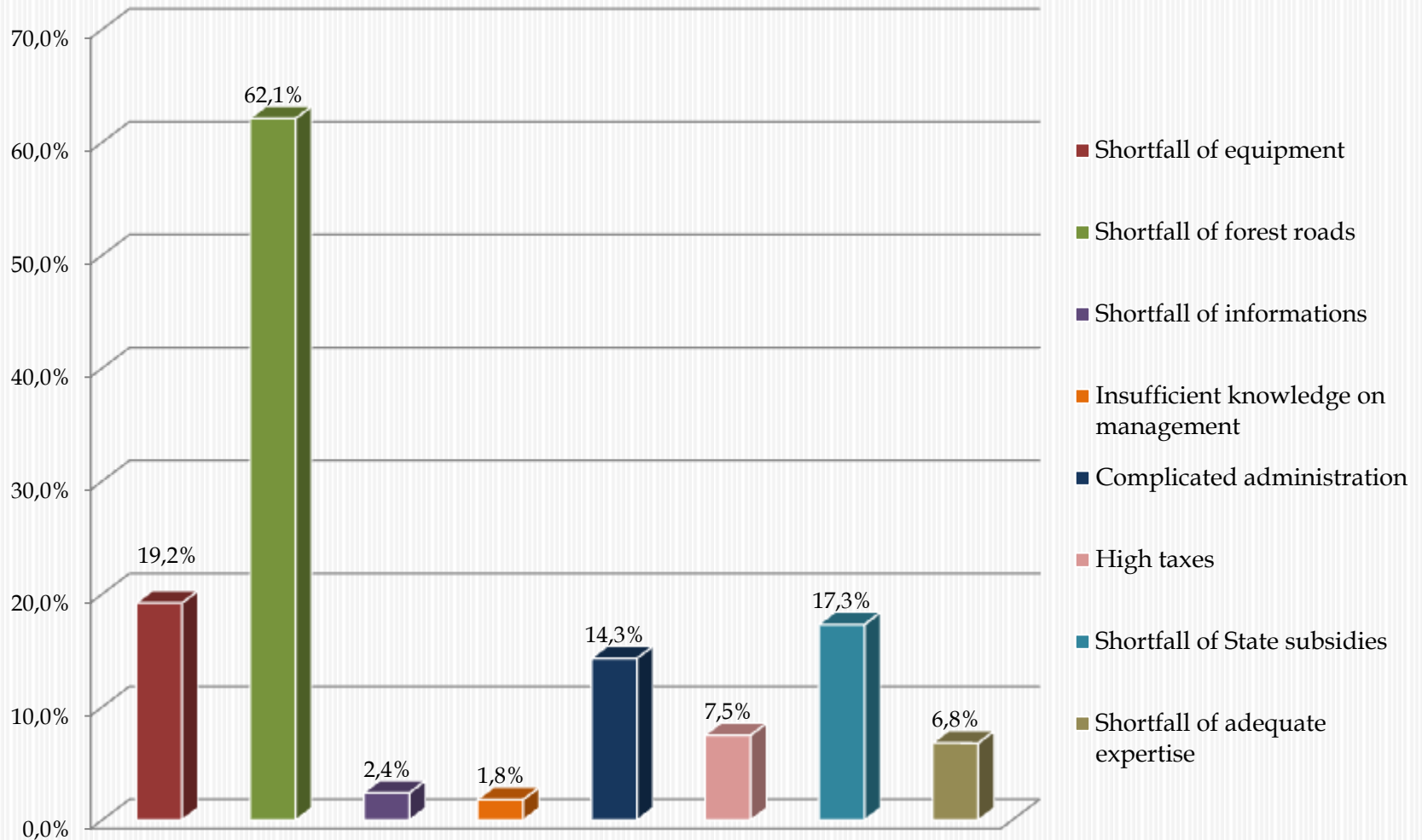
Future of property



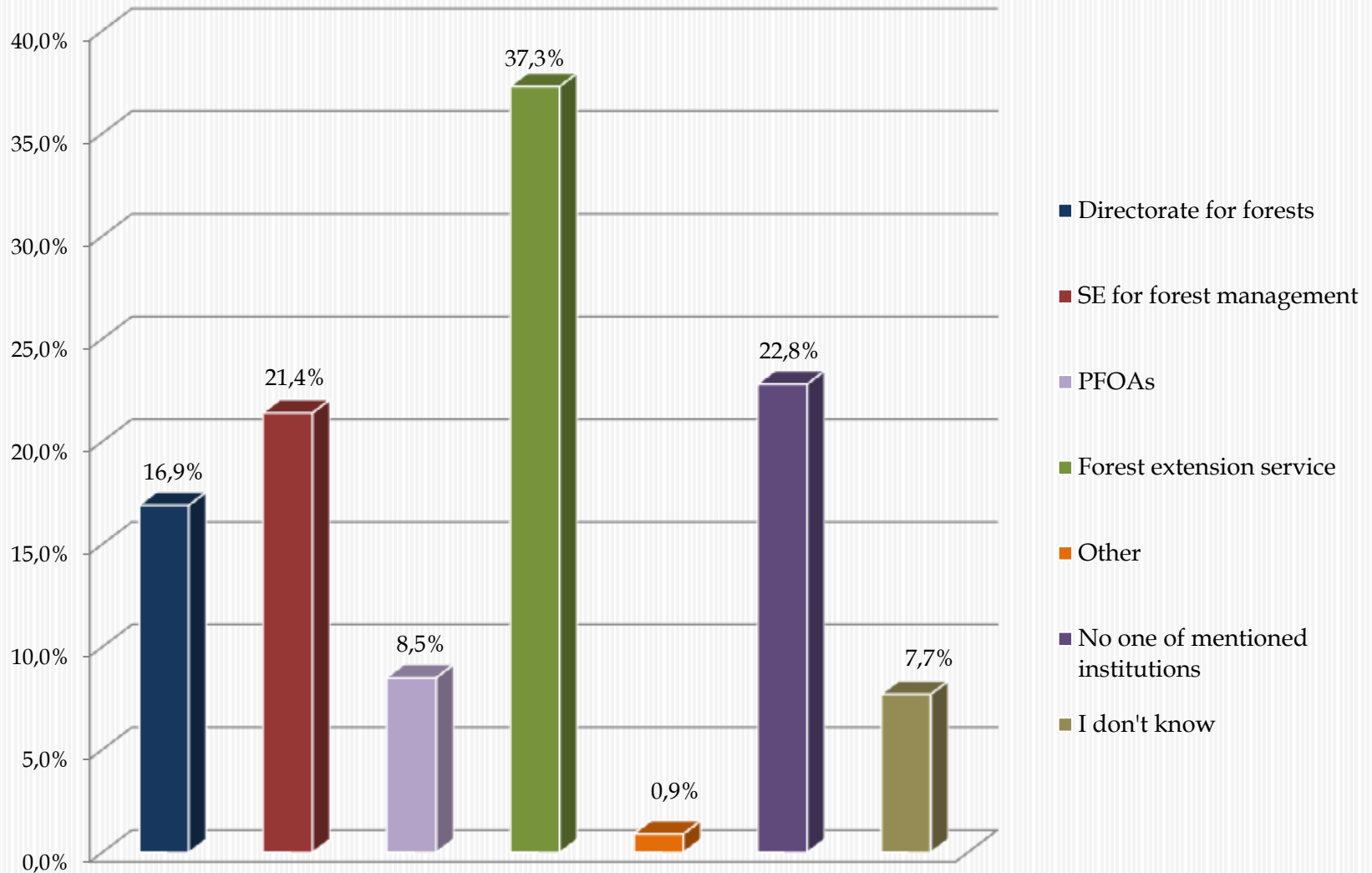
Usage of forest



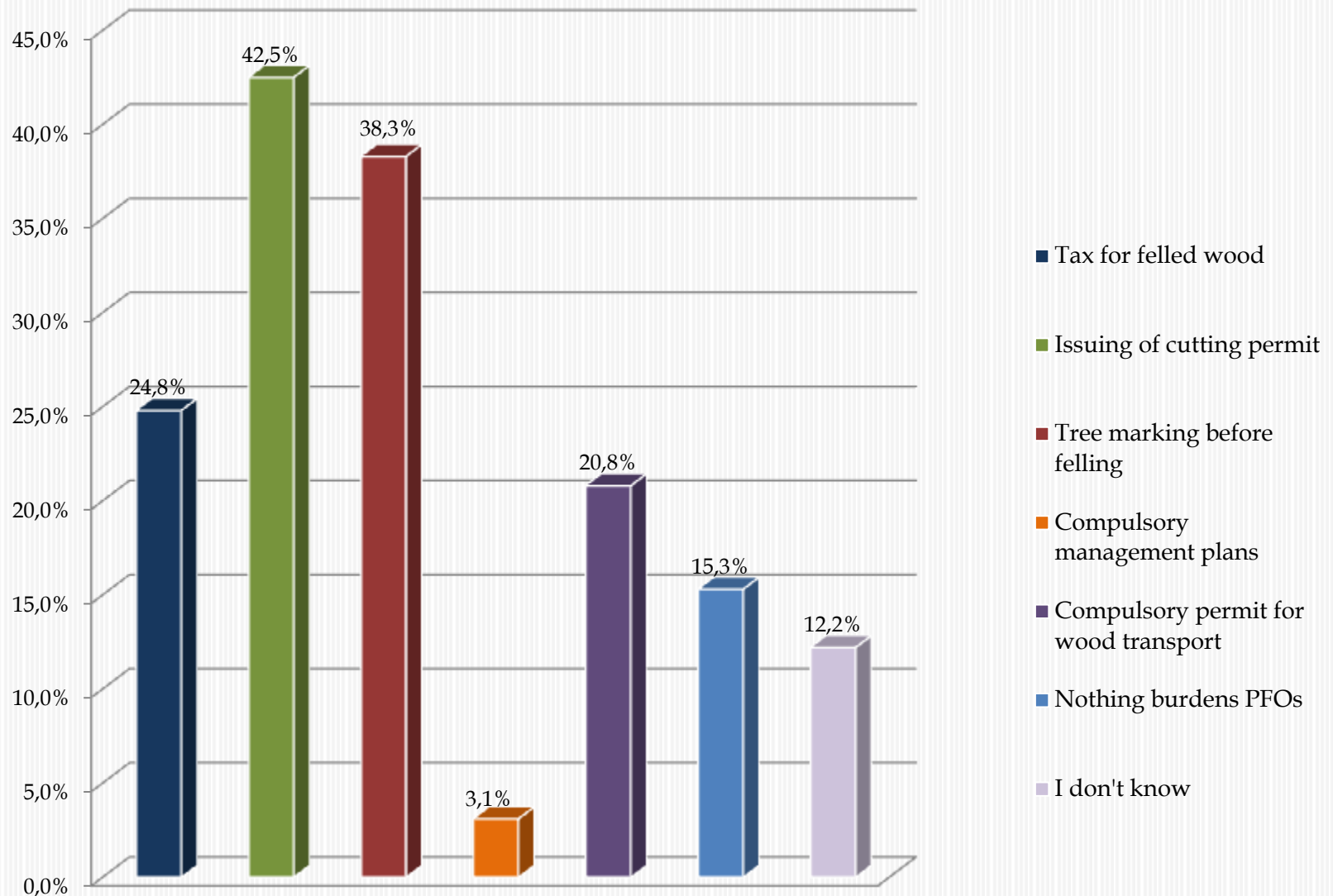
Management problems



Institutions for help in management



Legal prescriptions that burdens PFOs



Characteristics of coppice forests

On the best way
satisfies regular needs
of PFOs in fuel wood

Plays important role in
everyday life of PFOs
(i.e. source of income)

Great potential in wood
for different purposes
(wood industry,
wood for energy)

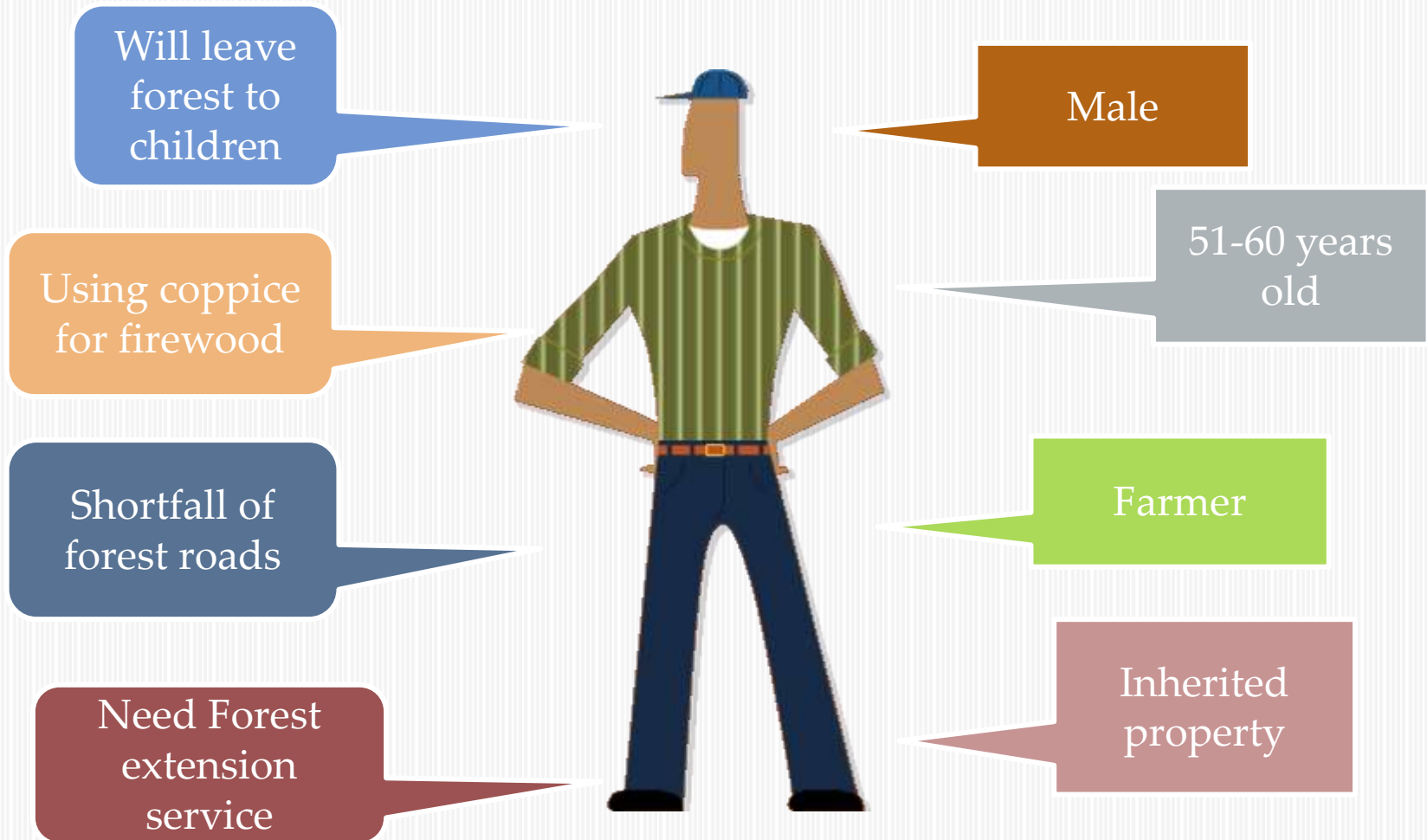
Potential of wood is
not being sufficiently
exploited

Conclusions

- Biomass market is growing – an opportunity to take a part
- PFOAs/Cooperatives/New innovative approach for different PFO categories – as a good precondition for trade on wood market
- Private coppice forests are very important - significant potentials in production of wood and non-wood forests products, carbon storage, and biodiversity protection.
- Socio economics characteristic of PFOs and their opinion regarding future management option – very important to follow aiming to adjust existing forest policy instruments



Characteristics of PCFO in Serbia



Recommendations

- Establishing of Forest extension service
- Simplify the administrative procedures
- Land consolidation/ purchase of land/land fund
- Improve the condition of forest roads
- Adjust existing instruments of forest policy – toward forest owners and their demands
- “Throwing of money” - adjust “financial instruments”



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