

Appendix 2. Consequences of adopting the legally obliged ‘stand still principle’ for the calculation of the total area (in hectares) for two scenarios of potential wetland.

	Adoption of the stand still principle	Potential wetlands (open landscape)	Potential wetlands (forested landscape)
Actual forested wetlands	yes	-	Area ‘as is’
Actual open wetlands	yes	Area ‘as is’	-
Actual forested areas with nature value and wetland potential	yes	-	Area ‘as is’ (but sites will become wetter)
Actual open areas with nature value and wetland potential	yes	Area ‘as is’ (but sites will become wetter)	-
Actual forested areas with low nature value and wetland potential (production forests)	no	Total area becomes open landscape wetland	Total area becomes forested wetland
Actual open areas with low nature value, and wetland potential (arable land, species-poor grasslands)	no	Total area becomes open landscape wetland	Total area becomes forested wetland