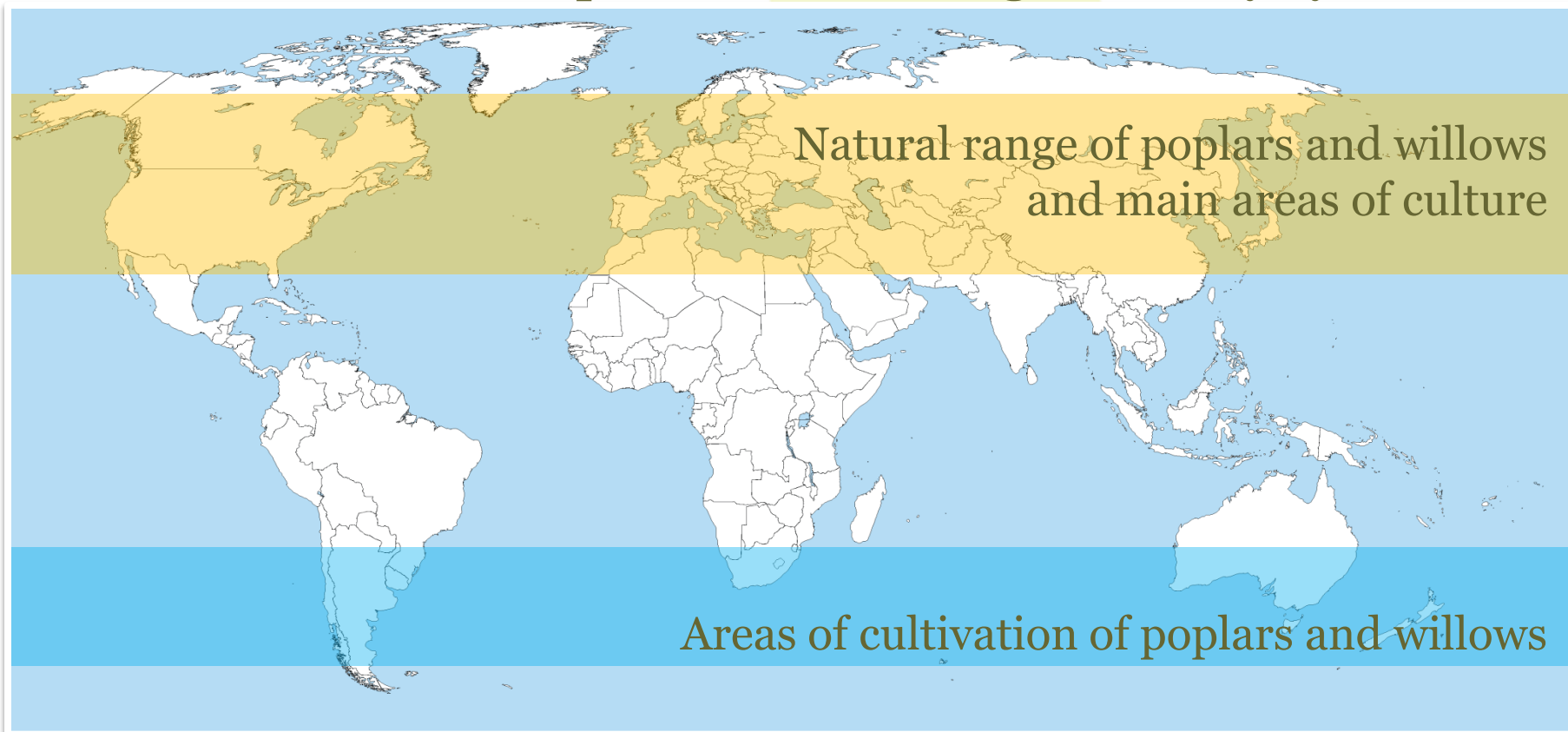


International Poplar Commission an Article XIV statutory body of FAO



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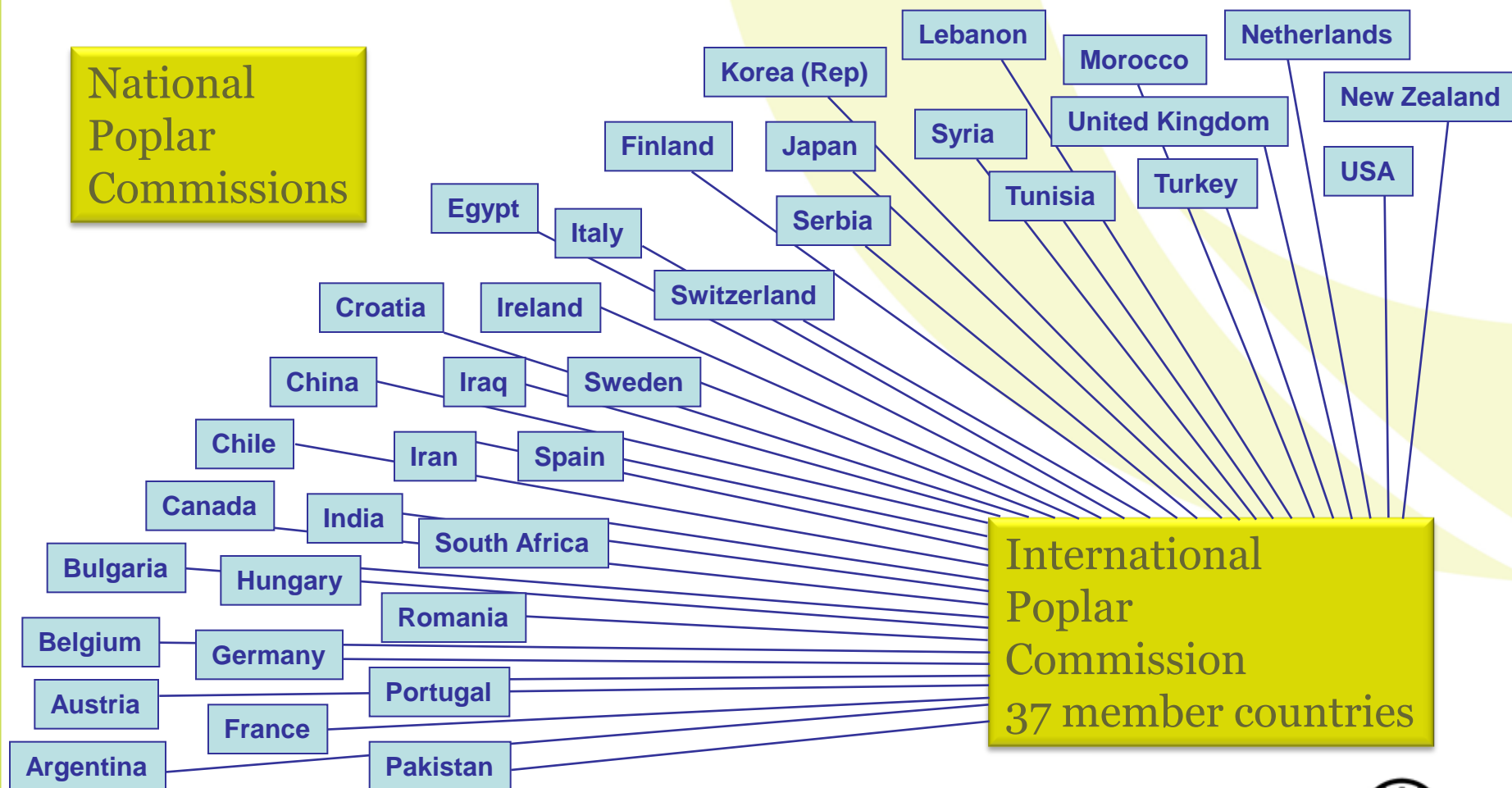
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Poplars and willows provide a broad range of goods and services

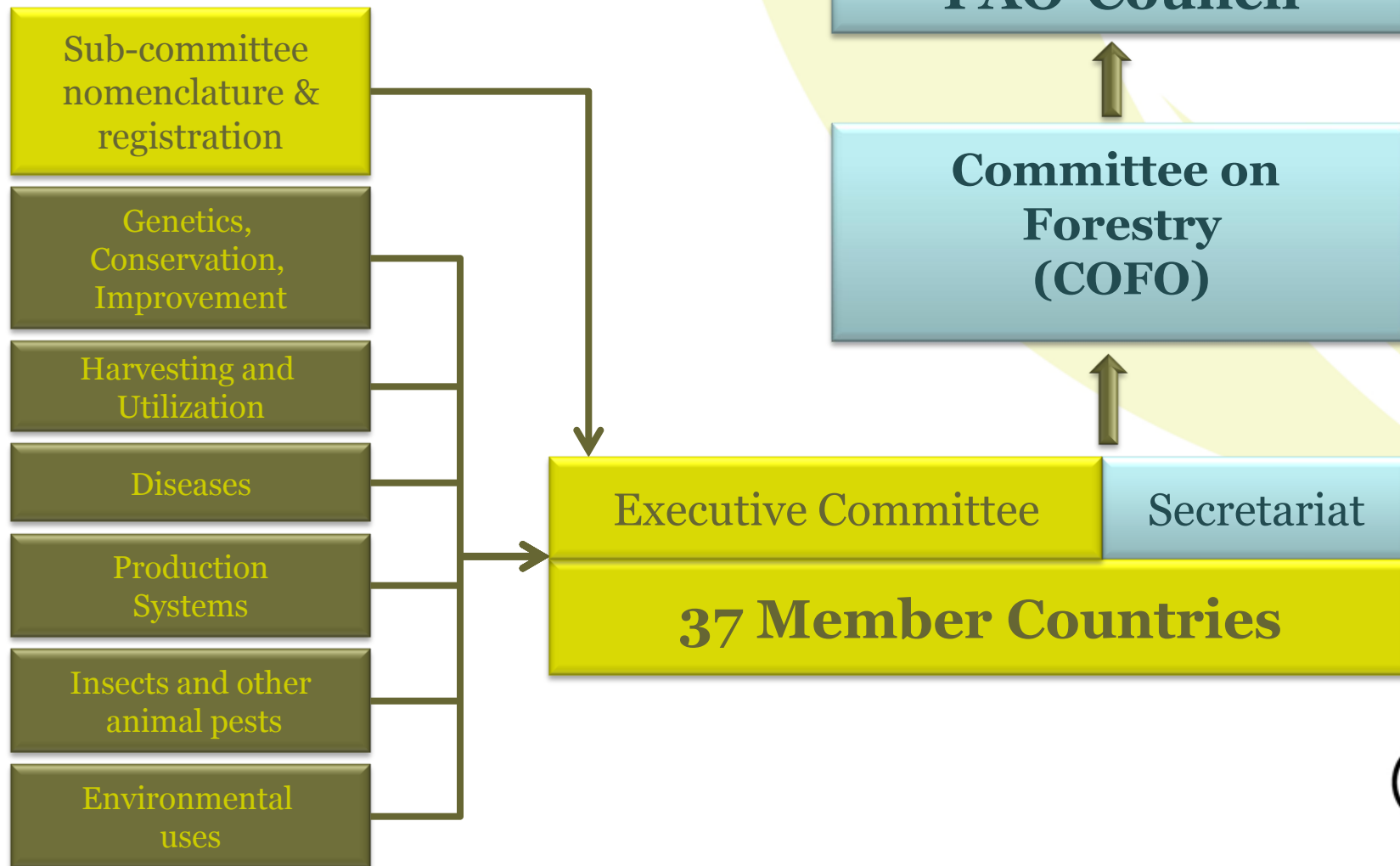


National Poplar Commissions



- **Goal:** to enhance well-being and rural livelihoods in developing countries through the transfer of knowledge and technology
- **Mandate:** to promote the cultivation, conservation and utilization of poplars and willows: 95 million ha worldwide

Working Parties



Current Situation

- Strong interest by poplar and willow specialists around the globe
- Membership stagnant due to institutional complexities
- Developing countries are the minority as members
- Narrow geographic and technical focus
- Difficult to attract donor and international programme interest and funding
- Lack of resources
- Links with FAO mandate not always apparent

Key points

- Expand the thematic scope to include other genera/species of high socio-economic or ecological significance
- Focus on rural communities
- Seamless integration of agriculture and wood production
- Support of sustainable land-use and livelihoods, including food security and poverty alleviation
- Environmental priorities