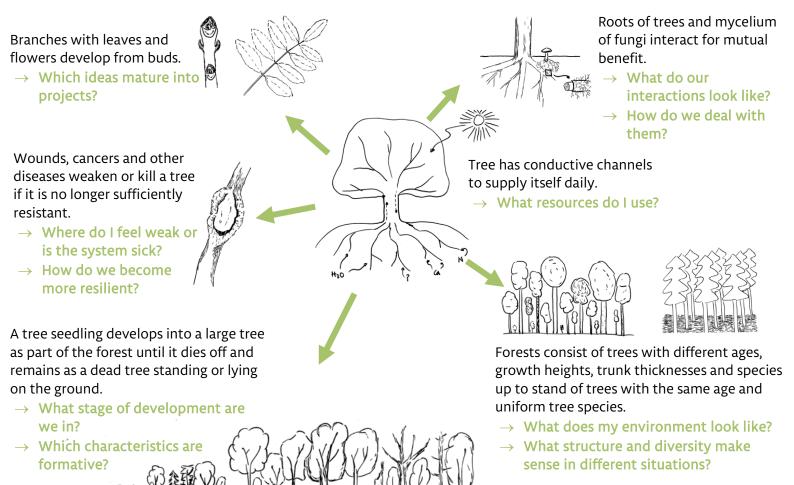
## Forest as a metaphor



How do we anchor what we have experienced in the forest?

By connecting perceptions and experiences in the forest with oneself and one's environment in everyday life. In similar situations, they come back into one's own subconscious.



## Mental models and effective handling of the subconscious mind

«One reflects on one's inner images of the world, strives to continuously clarify and improve them, and recognises how they influence one's actions and decisions.» (translated; Senge et al., 2008: 7)

«Metaphors and mental images are a successful method of focusing the subconscious mind on a point. World-class swimmers, for example, have found that they swim faster when they imagine that their hands are twice as big as they really are and that their feet have webbed feet. ... But in the end, the effectiveness of all these methods depends on knowing what is most important to you. ... Finally, the most important thing in developing the subconscious rapport, ..., is the genuine interest in a desired outcome, the deep conviction that one is striving for the "right" goal.» (translated; Senge 2011: 183f)

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