

International forestry

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A summary of statistics about woodland and forestry

Forestry Facts & Figures 2011

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Forest cover: international comparisons 2010

Country	Forest area (million ha)	Total land area (million ha)	Forest as % of land area
United Kingdom	3	24	12
Finland	22	30	73
France	16	55	29
Germany	11	35	32
Italy	9	29	31
Spain	18	50	36
Sweden	28	41	69
Other EU	49	154	32
Total EU-27	157	419	37
Russian Federation	809	1638	49
Total Europe	1005	2215	45
Africa	674	2974	23
Asia	593	3091	19
North & Central America	705	2135	33
Oceania	191	849	23
South America	864	1746	49
World	4033	13011	31

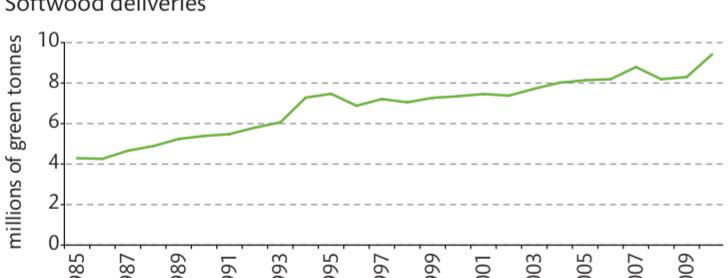
Source: FAO Global Forest Resources Assessment 2010 (not National Statistics). Cyprus is included in EU-27 total but is part of FAO's Asia region.

Softwood deliveries (thousands of green tonnes)

Year	Saw-mills	Pulp-mills	Wood-based panels	Fencing	Wood-fuel	Other	Round-wood exports	Total
2006	5210	481	1365	274	100	114	643	8187
2007	5565	472	1362	319	200	113	759	8790
2008	4933	515	1219	359	300	128	733	8187
2009	5133	511	1135	367	650	160	347	8304
2010	5616	428	1375	349	1050	135	467	9419

Figures are based on processing industries' purchases of softwood grown in the UK and estimates for woodfuel. Woodfuel reported here is derived from stemwood, and from 2007 includes estimated roundwood use for biomass energy. Other includes shavings and poles.

Softwood deliveries



Area of woodland 2011 (thousands of hectares)

FC/FS	England	Wales	Scotland	Northern Ireland	Total woodland	
					(to 31/3)	FC/FS
England	155	59	214			
Wales	98	16	114			
Scotland	447	33	481			
Northern Ireland	55	6	61			
UK	755	114	870			
Other	256	827	1083			
England	69	121	190			
Scotland	633	276	909			
Northern Ireland	10	17	27			
UK	968	1240	2209			
All woodland	411	886	1297			
England	167	137	304			
Scotland	1081	309	1390			
Northern Ireland	66	22	88			
UK	1724	1355	3078			

Areas as of 31 March, 2011.

Forest area changes: international comparisons (annual change)

Region	1990–2000		2000–2010	
	(000 ha)	(%)	(000 ha)	(%)
UK	18	0.68	9	0.31
EU-27	732	0.51	517	0.34
Total Europe	877	0.09	676	0.07
Africa	-4067	-0.56	-3414	-0.49
Asia	-595	-0.10	2235	0.39
North & Central America	-289	-0.04	-10	0.00
Oceania	-36	-0.02	-700	-0.36
South America	-4213	-0.45	-3997	-0.45
World	-8323	-0.20	-5211	-0.13

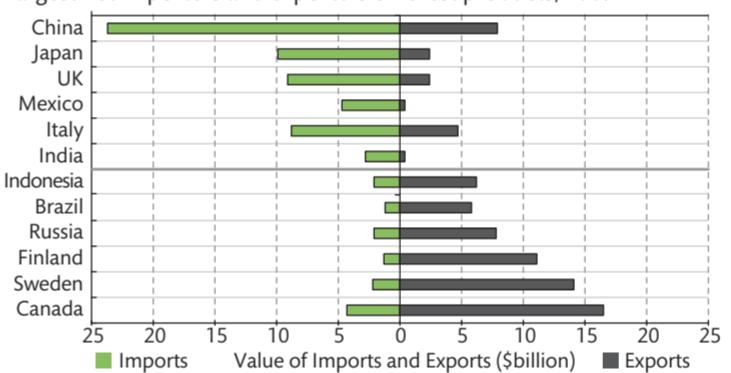
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Wood removals: international comparisons 2009

Region	Industrial roundwood (million m³)	Woodfuel (million m³)	Total roundwood (million m³)
UK	8	1	8
EU-27	310	83	393
Total Europe	455	141	596
Africa	72	602	674
Asia	240	771	1011
North & Central America	421	127	548
Oceania	50	11	61
South America	187	198	385
World	1424	1851	3275

Source: FAO (not National Statistics). Cyprus is included in EU-27 total but is part of FAO's Asia region.

Largest net importers and exporters of forest products, 2009



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Import and export volumes

Year	Imports			Exports		
	Sawn-wood	Other wood	Wood-based panels	Pulp & paper	Wood (sawn & other)	Wood-based panels
	(000 m³)	(000 t)	(000 m³)			

Distribution of woodland in the UK

Woodland cover in the UK is now around 3 million hectares, equivalent to 13% of the total land area.

The public forest estate makes up almost 30% of total forest area. This map shows the distribution of woodland over 2 hectares in the UK.

The information on woodland area presented here uses 2010 data from the GB National Forest Inventory, adjusted for new planting, and data supplied by Forest Service in Northern Ireland.

Find out more about the National Forest Inventory at: www.forestry.gov.uk/inventory

