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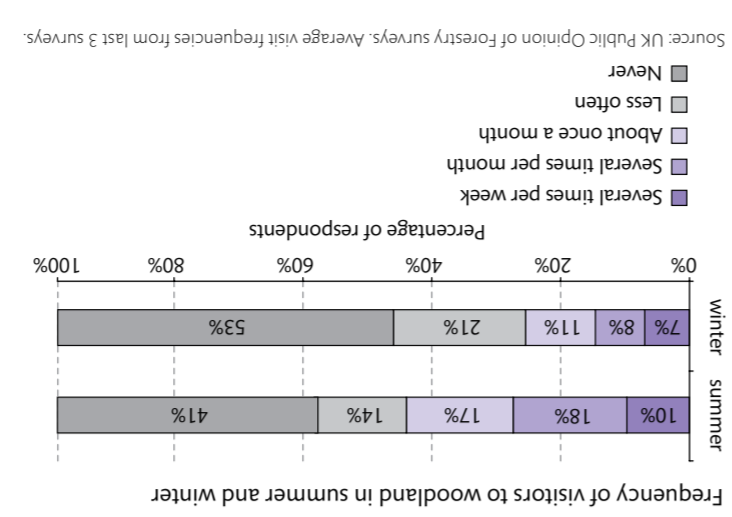
Woodland area

A summary of statistics about woodland and forestry in the UK

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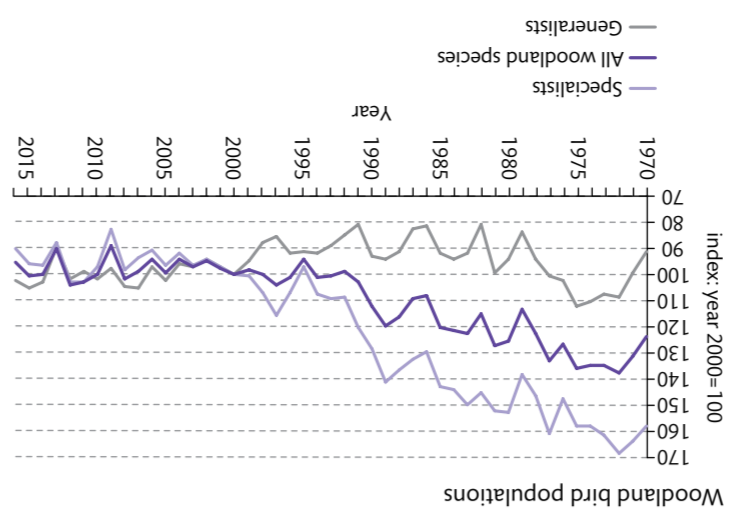


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Source: UK Public Opinion of Forestry surveys. These figures are not National Statistics.

Table with 5 columns: Year, Aged 16-34, Aged 35-54, Aged 55 and over, Total. Rows show visiting woodland percentages from 2009 to 2017.



Source: British Trust for Ornithology (BTO), Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA), Joint Nature Conservation Committee (JNCC), Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB). Based on data in Wild Bird Populations in the UK (statistical release (Delta), November 2017).

Table with 5 columns: Year, All woodland species, Woodland generalists, Woodland specialists, Woodland specialists. Rows show woodland bird populations from 2012 to 2016.

Forest cover: international comparisons 2015

Table with 4 columns: Country, Forest area (million ha), Total land area (million ha), Forest as % of land area. Rows include Europe, United Kingdom, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Spain, Sweden, Other EU, Total EU-28, Russian Federation, Total Europe, Africa, Asia, North & Central America, Oceania, South America, World.

Source: FAO Global Forest Resources Assessment 2015. Cyprus is included in EU-28 total but is part of FAO's Asia region. These figures are outside the scope of National Statistics.

Annual changes in forest area: international comparisons

Table with 6 columns: Region, 1990-2000, 2000-2010, 2010-2015. Rows include UK, EU-28, Total Europe, Africa, Asia, North & Central America, Oceania, South America, World.

Source: FAO Global Forest Resources Assessment 2015. Cyprus is included in EU-28 total but is part of FAO's Asia region. These figures are outside the scope of National Statistics.

Wood removals: international comparisons 2016

Table with 4 columns: Region, Industrial roundwood (million m³), Woodfuel (million m³), Total roundwood (million m³). Rows include UK, EU-28, Total Europe, Africa, Asia, North & Central America, Oceania, South America, World.

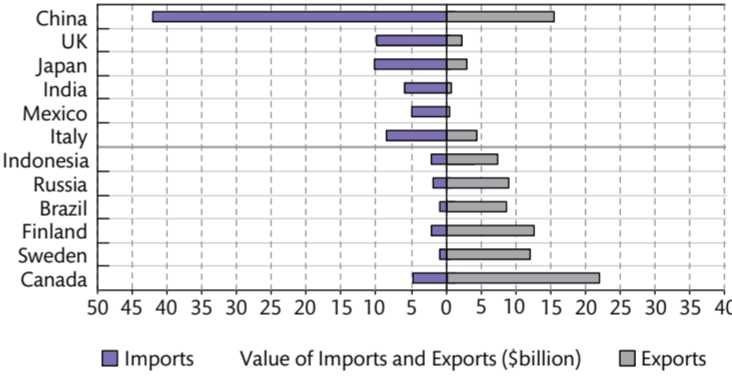
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Wood products: international comparisons 2016

Table with 7 columns: Region, Sawmwood (million m³), Woodbased panels (million m³), Paper & paperboard (million tonnes). Rows include UK, EU-28, Total Europe, Africa, Asia, North & Central America, Oceania, South America, World.

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Largest net importers and exporters of forest products 2015



Softwood deliveries (thousands of green tonnes)

Table with 9 columns: Year, Sawmills, Pulpmills, Woodbased panels, Fencing, Woodfuel, Other, Roundwood exports, Total. Rows show data from 2013 to 2017.

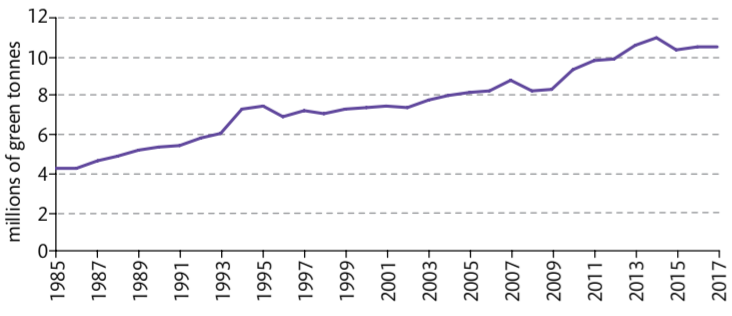
Figures are based on processing industries' purchases of softwood grown in the UK and estimates for woodfuel. Woodfuel reported here is derived from stemwood and includes estimated roundwood use for biomass energy. Other includes shavings and poles.

Hardwood deliveries (thousands of green tonnes)

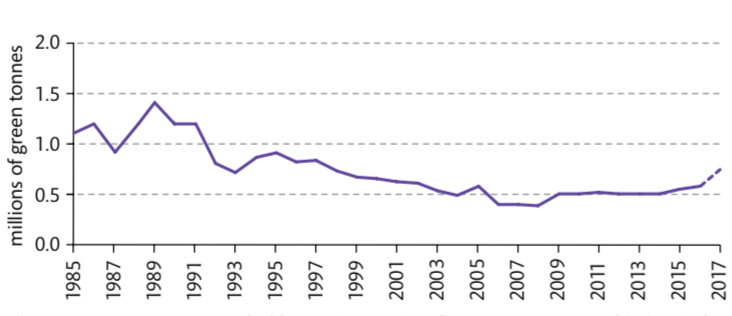
Table with 8 columns: Year, Sawmills, Pulpmills, Woodbased panels, Woodfuel, Other, Total. Rows show data from 2013 to 2017.

Figures are based on processing industries' purchases of hardwood grown in the UK and estimates for woodfuel and other uses. Woodfuel reported here is derived from stemwood and includes estimated roundwood use for biomass energy. Other includes round fencing and roundwood exports.

Softwood deliveries



Hardwood deliveries



The apparent increase in woodfuel from 2016 to 2017 reflects a new estimate of the level of hardwood deliveries for woodfuel and should not be interpreted as an increase in a single year. This figure is currently under review.

Area of woodland 2018 (thousands of hectares)

Table with 4 columns: FC/NRW/FS, Private sector, Total woodland. Rows show data for England, Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland, UK.

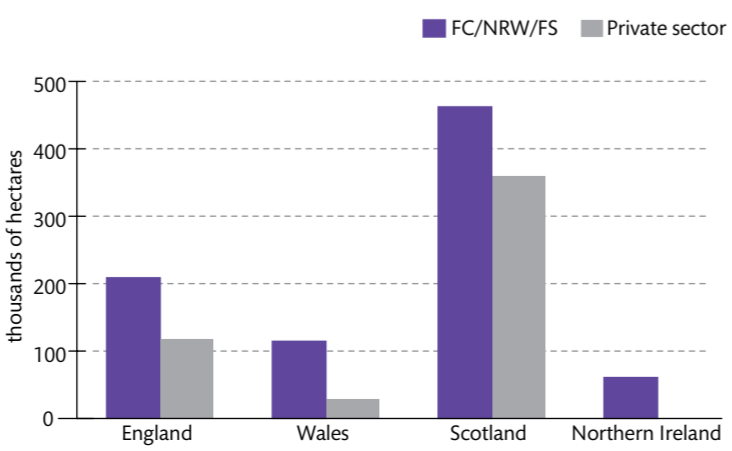
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Areas as of 31 March, 2018.

Area of certified woodland 2018 (thousands of hectares)

Table with 4 columns: FC/NRW/FS, Private sector, Total woodland area certified. Rows show data for England, Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland, UK.



Import and export volumes

Table with 8 columns: Year, Imports (Sawmwood, Other wood, Wood-based panels, Pulp & paper), Exports (Wood (sawn & other), Wood-based panels, Pulp & paper). Rows show data from 2013 to 2017.

Import and export values (£ million)

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'Other wood' includes roundwood, wood charcoal, chips, particles, residues and wood pellets. 'Pulp & paper' includes paperboard and recovered waste paper. Woodbased panels include veneer sheets. Sawmwood includes sleepers from 2017.

New planting (thousands of hectares)

Table with 10 columns: Year, England, Wales, Scotland, N Ireland, UK. Rows show data from 2014 to 2018.

Restocking (thousands of hectares)

Table with 10 columns: Year, England, Wales, Scotland, N Ireland, UK. Rows show data from 2014 to 2018.

Employment in forestry and primary wood processing (thousands)

Table with 6 columns: Year, Forestry, Sawmilling, Panels, Pulp & paper, Total. Rows show data from 2012 to 2016.

Excludes secondary wood processing and other wood-using industries. Source: Annual Business Survey (Office for National Statistics).

Gross value added in forestry and primary wood processing (£ million)

Table with 6 columns: Year, Forestry, Sawmilling, Panels, Pulp & paper, Total. Rows show data from 2012 to 2016.

Excludes secondary wood processing and other wood-using industries. Source: Annual Business Survey (Office for National Statistics).

Wood production (thousands of green tonnes)

Table with 7 columns: Year, Softwood (FC/NRW/FS, Private sector, Total), Hardwood (FC/NRW/FS, Private sector, Total). Rows show data from 2013 to 2017.

Production of wood products

Table with 4 columns: Year, Sawmwood, Woodbased panels, Paper & paperboard. Rows show data from 2013 to 2017.

Total production from UK mills, including products using imported material. Excludes other wood products (e.g. fuelwood and round fencing), roundwood and intermediate products (e.g. sawmill products, pulp and recovered paper).

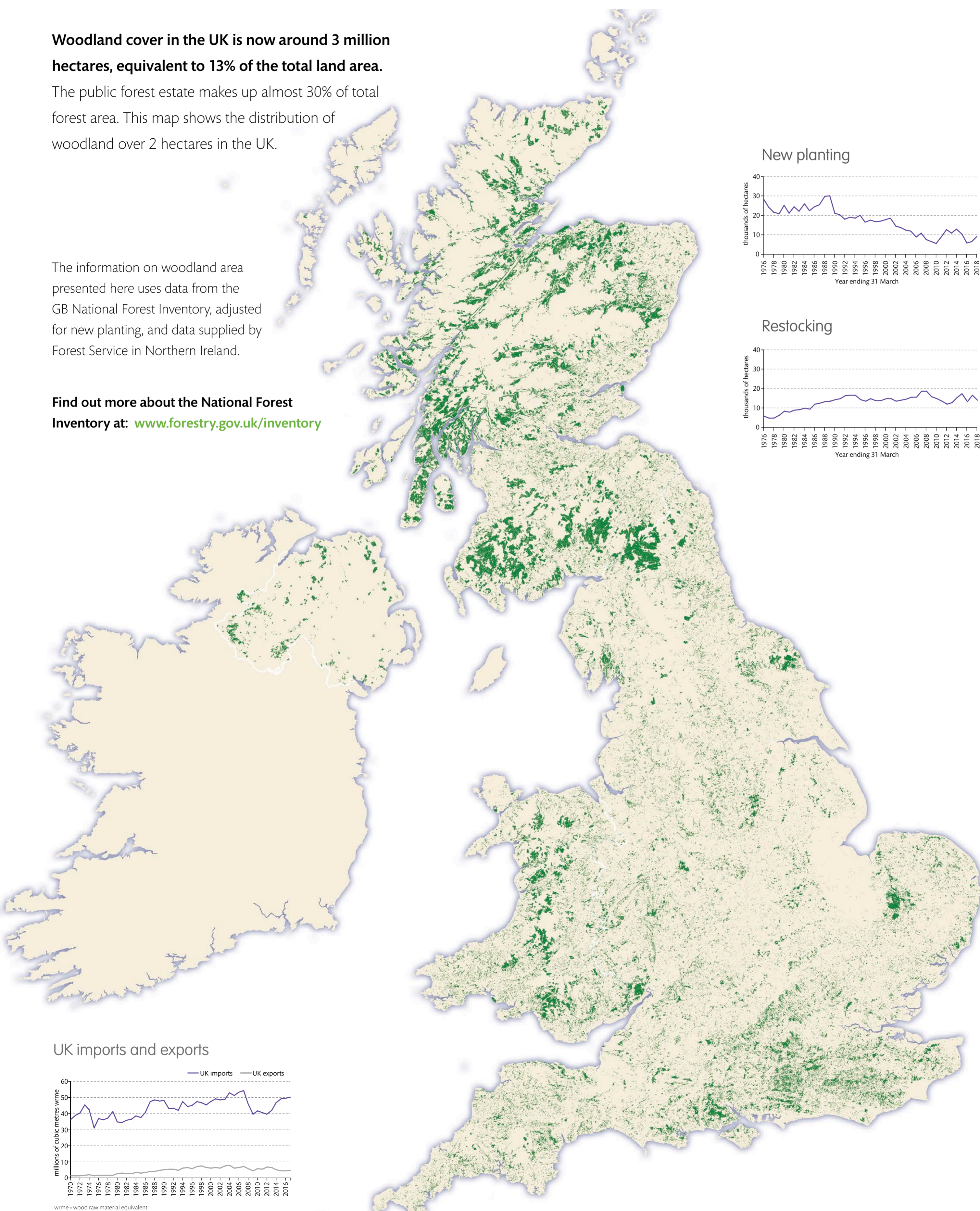
Distribution of woodland in the UK

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

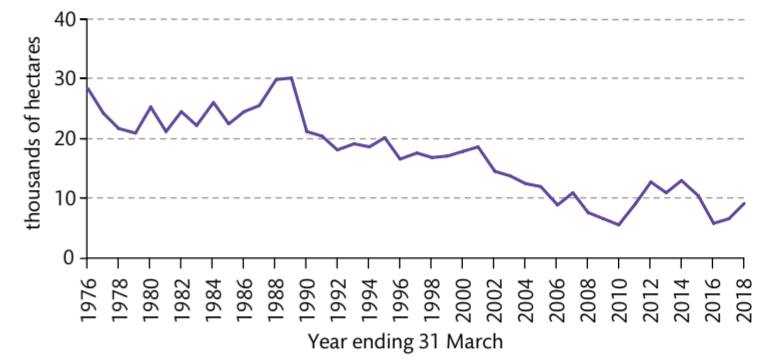
The public forest estate makes up almost 30% of total forest area. This map shows the distribution of woodland over 2 hectares in the UK.

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

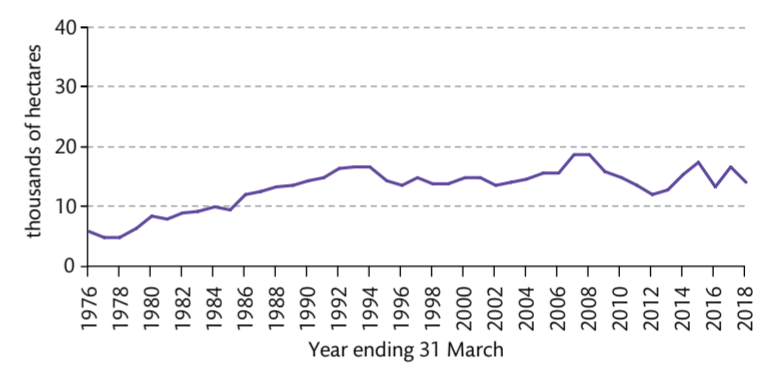
Find out more about the National Forest Inventory at: www.forestry.gov.uk/inventory



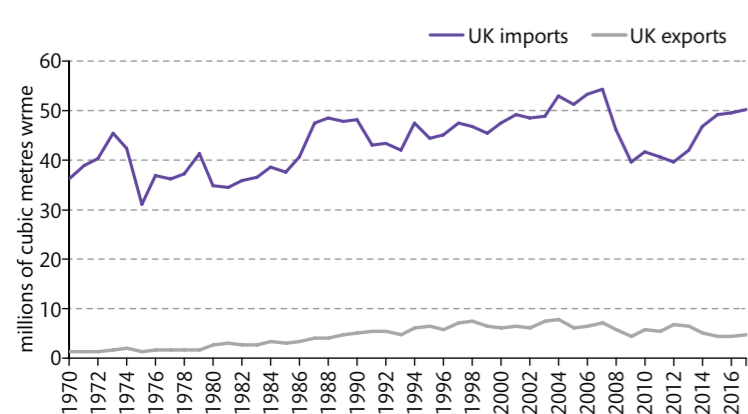
New planting



Restocking



UK imports and exports



w.r.m.e.=wood raw material equivalent