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Forest cover: international comparisons 2015

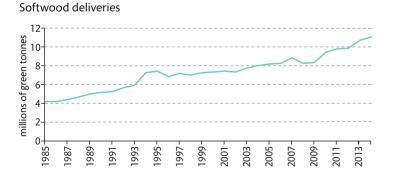
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Country	Forest area (million ha)	Total land area (million ha)	Forest as % of land area						
United Kingdom	3	24	13						
Finland	22	30	73						
France	17	55	31						
Germany	11	35	33						
Italy	9	29	32						
Spain	18	50	37						
Sweden	28	41	68						
Other EU	52	159	32						
Total EU-28	161	424	38						
Russian Federation	815	1638	50						
Total Europe	1 015	2 214	46						
Africa	624	2 987	21						
Asia	593	3118	19						
North & Central America	751	2134	35						
Oceania	174	850	20						
South America	842	1 747	48						
World	3999	13 049	31						

Source: FAO Global Forest Resources Assessment 2015. These figures are not National Statistics. Cyprus is included in EU-28 total but is part of FAO's Asia region.

Softwood deliveries (thousands of green tonnes)

Year	Sawmills	Pulpmills	Woodbased panels	Fencing	Woodfuel	Other	Roundwood exports	Total
2010	5616	428	1 375	349	900	135	467	9 2 6 9
2011	5 8 5 9	453	1 417	363	900	145	585	9722
2012	6073	461	1 269	338	1000	154	535	9831
2013	6407	465	1 263	332	1 250	191	640	10 547
2014	6725	465	1 283	317	1500	188	437	10915

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.



Area of woodland 2015 (thousands of hectares)

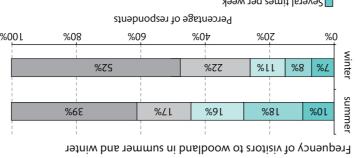
	†	•	Total woodland				
FC/NRW/FS							
England	151	64	215				
Wales	98	19	117				
Scotland	438	40	478				
Northern Ireland	56	6	62				
UK	743	129	871				
Private sector							

Private sector			
England	188	901	1 090
Wales	53	136	189
Scotland	619	335	954
Northern Ireland	11	39	50
UK	871	1 412	2 283
All woodland			

UK	871	1 412	2 283
All woodland			
England	339	965	1304
Wales	150	156	306
Scotland	1057	375	1432
Northern Ireland	67	45	112
UK	1 614	1540	3 154

Areas as of 31 March, 2015.

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Source: UK Public Opinion of Forestry surveys These figures are not Mational Statistics. Per cent of population aged 16 and over visiting woodland in last few years.

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Visiting woodland (per cent of population)

Forest area changes: international comparisons (annual change)

Pagion	2000	-2010	2010-2015		
Region	(000 ha)	(%)	(000 ha)	(%)	
UK	11	0.3	17	0.5	
EU-28	450	0.3	369	0.2	
Total Europe	1 127	0.1	382	0.0	
Africa	-3 209	-0.5	-2836	-0.4	
Asia	2349	0.4	791	0.1	
North & Central America	172	0.0	75	0.0	
Oceania	-564	-0.3	304	0.2	
South America	-3868	-0.4	-2024	-0.2	
World	-3 993	-0.1	-3 308	-0.1	

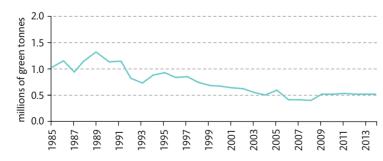
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Hardwood deliveries (thousands of green tonnes)

Total	Other	Woodfuel	Woodbased panels	Pulpmills	Sawmills	Year
535	59	400	1	0	75	2010
541	59	400	1	0	81	2011
532	55	400	2	0	75	2012
529	55	400	0	0	74	2013
532	55	400	0	0	77	2014

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

Hardwood deliveries

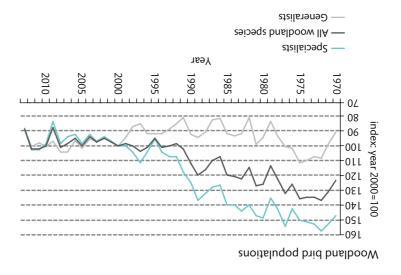


Area of certified woodland 2015 (thousands of hectares)

	FC/NRW/FS	Private sector	Total woodland area certified
England	215	141	356
Wales	117	24	141
Scotland	478	335	813
Northern Ireland	62	3	65
UK	871	504	1376

All certified woodland in 2015 is under the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) scheme. Some woodland is also certified under the Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC) Scheme.





Based on data in Wild Bird Populations in the UK statistical release (Defra, October 2014). 2.88 r.e8 6.88 2013 9.20_F 6.00 F 102.5 2012 9.20F 2.86 702.5 1102 2.86 6.00 F 0.00 Г 2010 8.58 8.79 7.78 6007

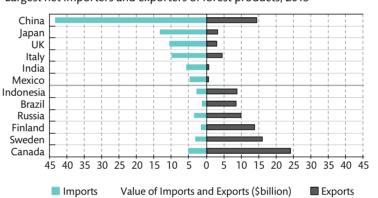
Woodland bird populations (index: year 2000=100)

Wood removals: international comparisons 2013

Region	Industrial roundwood (million m³)	Woodfuel (million m³)	Total roundwood (million m³)
UK	9	2	11
EU-27	330	97	427
Total Europe	550	145	694
Africa	69	630	700
Asia	382	743	1126
North & Central America	450	128	578
Oceania	60	11	70
South America	226	178	403
World	1736	1835	3 571

Source: FAO These figures are 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, 2013



Import and export volumes

		lmp	orts	Exports			
Year	Sawn- wood	Other wood	Wood- based panels	Pulp & paper	Wood (sawn & other)	Wood- based panels	Pulp & paper
	(000 m³)		(000 t)	(000 m³)		(000 t)	
2010	5 699	1886	2701	8462	1 313	509	5349
2011	4936	2 487	2827	8073	1649	546	5 485
2012	5 179	3166	2650	7812	1998	597	5 585
2013	5488	6283	2964	7213	1543	432	5 3 9 0
2014	6 4 2 5	8391	3 2 6 0	7319	1304	404	5 472

Import and export values (£ million)

		lmp	orts		Exports		
Year	Sawn- wood	Other wood	Wood- based panels	Pulp & paper	Wood (sawn & other)	Wood- based panels	Pulp & paper
2010	1 199	179	781	4607	89	113	1610
2011	1080	208	838	4696	95	128	1650
2012	1084	260	791	4266	89	130	1589
2013	1 180	499	882	4165	89	109	1 519
2014	1 420	627	936	4196	85	107	1480

'Other wood' includes roundwood, wood charcoal, chips, particles, residues and wood pellets. 'Pulp & paper' includes paperboard and recovered waste paper.

New planting (thousands of hectares)

Year	Eng	land	Wa	ıles	Scot	land	N Ire	land		UK	
(to 31/3)	*	•	*	•	*	•	*	•	*	•	Total
2011	0.0	2.5	0.0	0.3	1.8	4.2	0.0	0.2	1.8	7.3	9.1
2012	0.0	2.7	0.1	0.6	3.3	5.7	0.0	0.3	3.5	9.3	12.8
2013	0.0	2.6	0.1	8.0	1.7	5.3	0.0	0.2	1.9	8.9	10.8
2014	0.0	3.3	0.1	8.0	2.0	6.3	0.0	0.3	2.2	10.7	12.9
2015	0.1	2.3	0.0	0.1	2.5	5.1	0.0	0.2	2.6	7.7	10.3

Restocking (thousands of hectares)

(to 31/3) \(\hat{\hat{\hat{\hat{\hat{\hat{\hat{	Year	Eng	land	Wa	ıles	Scot	land	Nire	land		UK	
	(to 31/3)	†	•	*	•	*	•	*	•	*	•	Total
2012 2.0 1.6 1.4 0.6 4.6 1.1 0.9 0.1 9.0 3.3 12	2011	2.3	1.7	1.3	0.8	5.6	1.3	1.0	0.0	10.3	3.8	14.0
	2012	2.0	1.6	1.4	0.6	4.6	1.1	0.9	0.1	9.0	3.3	12.3
2013 2.2 1.8 1.4 0.6 5.1 0.9 1.1 0.1 9.7 3.4 13	2013	2.2	1.8	1.4	0.6	5.1	0.9	1.1	0.1	9.7	3.4	13.1
2014 2.6 1.9 1.4 0.8 6.5 1.4 1.0 0.1 11.6 4.2 15	2014	2.6	1.9	1.4	0.8	6.5	1.4	1.0	0.1	11.6	4.2	15.8
2015 2.0 4.4 1.3 0.6 6.6 1.9 0.8 0.0 10.7 6.9 17	2015	2.0	4.4	1.3	0.6	6.6	1.9	8.0	0.0	10.7	6.9	17.6

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overbark standing softwood or 1.11 m³ overbark standing hardwood. softwood or 0.88 m³ underbark hardwood, and to approximately 1.22 m³

One green tonne is equivalent to approximately 0.98 m³ underbark may not sum to the total given.

Figures in the tables are individually rounded, so the constituent items A = Conifersother publicly-owned woodland. Forest Service. Private sector = all other woodland, including some • FC/NRW/FS = Forestry Commission/Natural Resources Wales/

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Wood products: international comparisons 2013

	Sawnwood (million m³)		Woodbased panels (million m³)		Paper & paperboard (million tonnes)		
Region	Production	Apparent consumption	Production	Apparent consumption	Production	Apparent consumption	
UK	4	9	3	6	5	9	
EU-27	99	83	57	53	92	81	
Total Europe	142	103	75	71	105	92	
Africa	9	18	3	5	4	7	
Asia	114	158	213	209	180	188	
North & Central America	116	106	47	52	91	87	
Oceania	9	7	4	3	4	5	
South America	31	27	17	15	15	17	
World	421	418	358	356	398	395	
Source: FAO. These figures are not National Statistics. Cyprus is included in EU-27 total							

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Employment in forestry and primary wood processing (thousands)

Year	Forestry	Saw- milling	Panels	Pulp & paper	Total
2009	14	9	4	13	40
2010	14	9	5	13	41
2011	14	8	4	13	39
2012	15	8	5	13	41
2013	14	8	5	13	40

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)

Year	Forestry	Saw- milling	Panels	Pulp & paper	Total
2009	382	299	169	658	1508
2010	329	415	327	628	1699
2011	416	435	197	888	1936
2012	307	586	226	776	1895
2013	504	545	280	578	1 907

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

Wood production (thousands of green tonnes)

Year		Softwood		Hardwood			
	FC/NRW /FS	Private sector	Total	FC/NRW /FS	Private sector	Total	
2010	4625	4633	9258	70	465	535	
2011	4870	5186	10056	75	465	541	
2012	4836	5 259	10 095	55	478	532	
2013	5084	5 852	10936	78	451	529	
2014	4900	6531	11 431	71	461	532	

Production of wood products

Year	Sawnwood	Woodbased panels	Paper & paperboard
	(000 m³)	(000 m³)	(000 tonnes)
2010	3 101	3 370	4300
2011	3 2 7 9	3384	4342
2012	3 4 0 9	3 003	4480
2013	3 581	3 0 3 2	4561
2014	3764	3068	4393

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

