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Native forest area, by forest type and jurisdiction ('000 hectares), 2011

Forest type	ACT	NSW	NT	Qld	SA	Tas.	Vic.	WA	Aus.
Acacia	0	849	976	4,546	97	75	43	3,222	9,807
Callitris	0	1,489	0	557	65	1	24	0	2,136
Casuarina	1	570	38	290	139	11	146	94	1,288
Eucalypt	123	16,337	12,254	34,771	4,047	2,481	7,155	14,821	91,989
Eucalypt mallee open	0	600	0	0	205	0	3	5	813
Eucalypt mallee woodland	0	1,106	16	1	3,486	0	1,117	5,586	11,313
Eucalypt low closed	0	0	11	10	0	3	14	0	39
Eucalypt low open	0	84	473	1,314	7	56	70	169	2,173
Eucalypt low woodland	7	437	855	1,625	132	64	21	874	4,016
Eucalypt medium closed	0	19	67	43	0	0	97	20	247
Eucalypt medium open	86	4,833	5,015	4,522	23	240	3,140	1,590	19,450
Eucalypt medium woodland	30	6,840	5,816	26,849	193	1,028	1,127	6,363	48,245
Eucalypt tall closed	0	17	0	0	0	0	117	6	141
Eucalypt tall open	0	2,346	0	155	0	829	1,373	193	4,897
Eucalypt tall woodland	0	54	0	251	0	262	73	14	635
Mangrove	0	16	334	441	13	0	2	107	913
Melaleuca	0	77	896	5,216	11	24	26	53	6,302
Rainforest	0	606	260	2,004	0	708	20	0	3,598
Other native forest	5	2,338	411	2,958	5	61	314	456	6,547
<b>Native forest total</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>22,281</b>	<b>15,169</b>	<b>50,782</b>	<b>4,376</b>	<b>3,362</b>	<b>7,727</b>	<b>18,752</b>	<b>122,581</b>

Source: Australia's State of the Forest Report 2013

Area of native forest, by tenure and jurisdiction, 2011

Tenure type	Area ('000 hectares)									Proportion of total native forest area (%)
	ACT	NSW	NT	Qld	SA	Tas.	Vic.	WA	Aus.	
Leasehold forest	9	5,745	5,228	30,656	1,318	16	2	5,559	48,533	40
Multiple-use public forest	4	2,022	0	2,905	20	923	2,994	1,291	10,159	8
Nature conservation reserve	115	5,581	13	5,098	1,509	1,240	3,313	4,610	21,478	18
Other Crown land	1	79	279	1,208	52	287	230	6,010	8,146	7
Private land (including Indigenous)	1	8,852	9,618	10,129	1,455	875	1,184	1,281	33,394	27
Unresolved tenure	0	2	31	785	23	19	5	1	871	1
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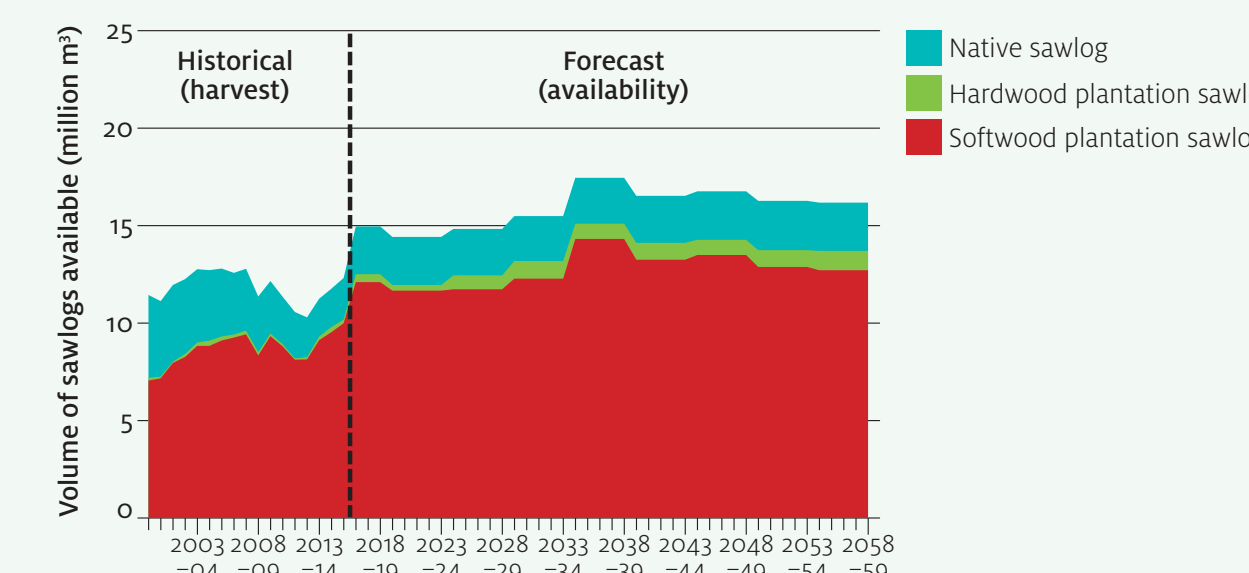
a A small area of native forest in the category Unresolved tenure in the Northern Territory cannot be reported with a high level of confidence.  
Source: Australia's State of the Forests Report 2013

Number of mills in Australia, by processing capacity and state, 2015-16

Log input capacity (m³/yr)	NSW a	Qld	SA	Tas.	Vic.	WA c	Aus.
<b>Hardwood</b>							
Less than 3,000	24	24	0	9	7	5	69
3,000 to less than 15,000	18	16	0	10	14	5	63
15,000 to less than 45,000	18	6	0	7	7	4	42
45,000 to less than 75,000	2	0	0	1	0	2	5
75,000 to less than 100,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
More than 100,000	1	0	0	0	2	0	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>182</b>
<b>Softwood b</b>							
Less than 3,000	1	0	3	1	2	0	7
3,000 to less than 15,000	1	5	3	0	0	1	10
15,000 to less than 45,000	3	6	2	1	2	1	15
45,000 to less than 75,000	2	1	1	0	0	0	4
75,000 to less than 100,000	2	1	1	0	0	0	4
More than 100,000	4	4	4	1	6	1	20
<b>Total</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>60</b>
Total cypress pine	3	14	0	0	0	0	17
Total post and pole	2	3	2	2	9	3	21
Total wood-based panel	7	6	2	5	3	2	25
Total pulp and paper	5	2	1	1	5	0	14
Total log and woodchip export	2	5	1	9	7	8	32

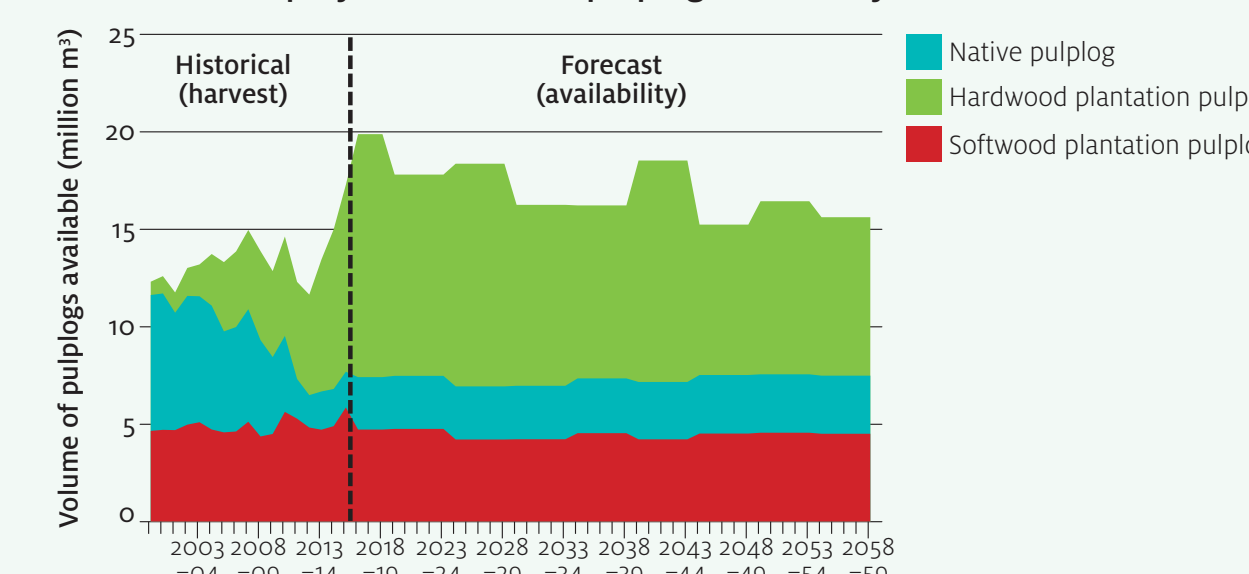
a Includes ACT. b Excludes cypress pine. c Includes Northern Territory.  
Note: The number of mills and processing capacity in 2015-16 is an estimate based on ABARES data and not from a wood processing survey.  
Source: ABARES

Historical and projected national sawlog availability



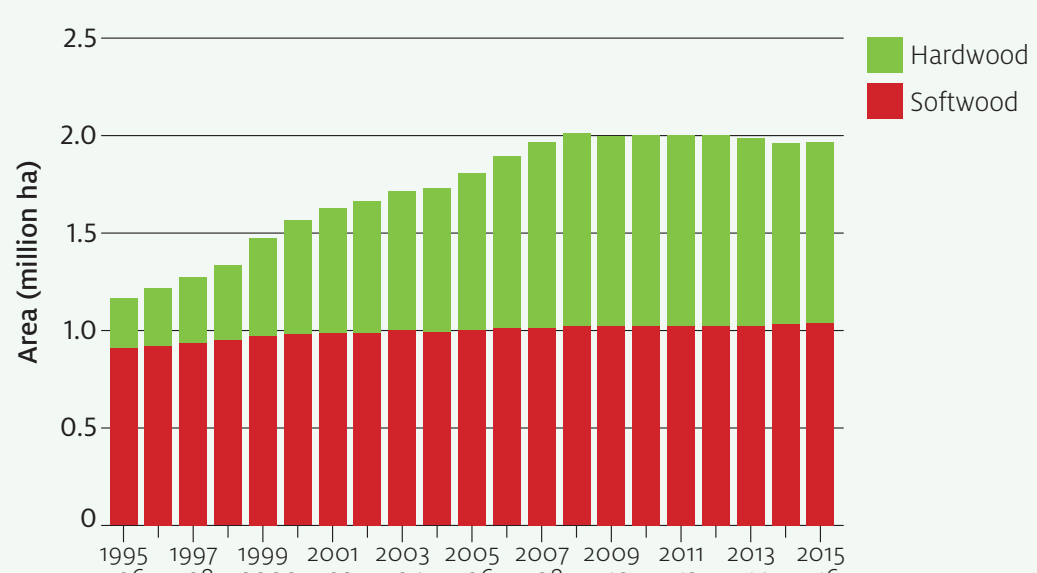
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Historical and projected national pulplog availability



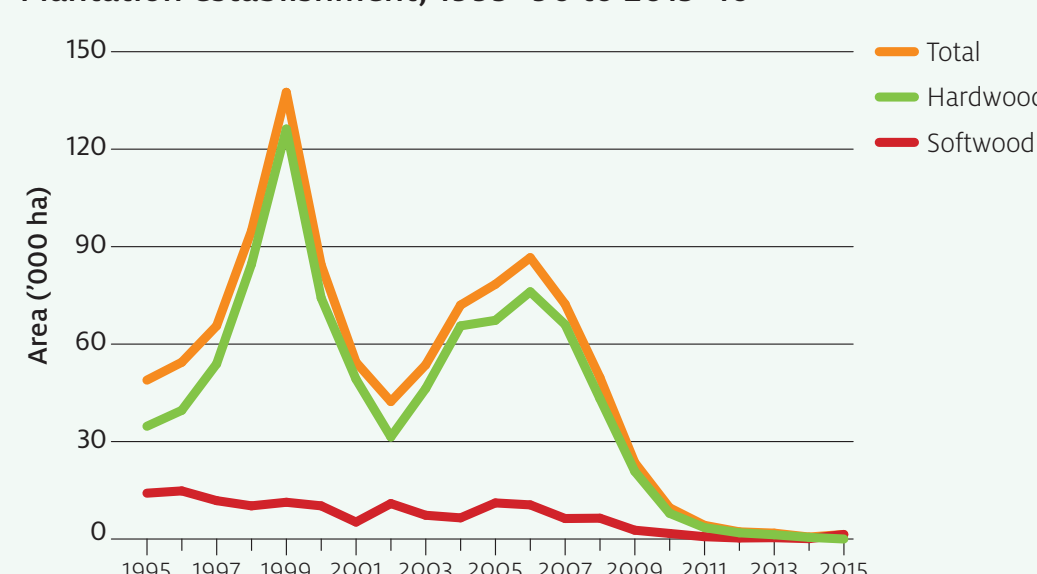
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Plantation area, by type, 1995-96 to 2015-16



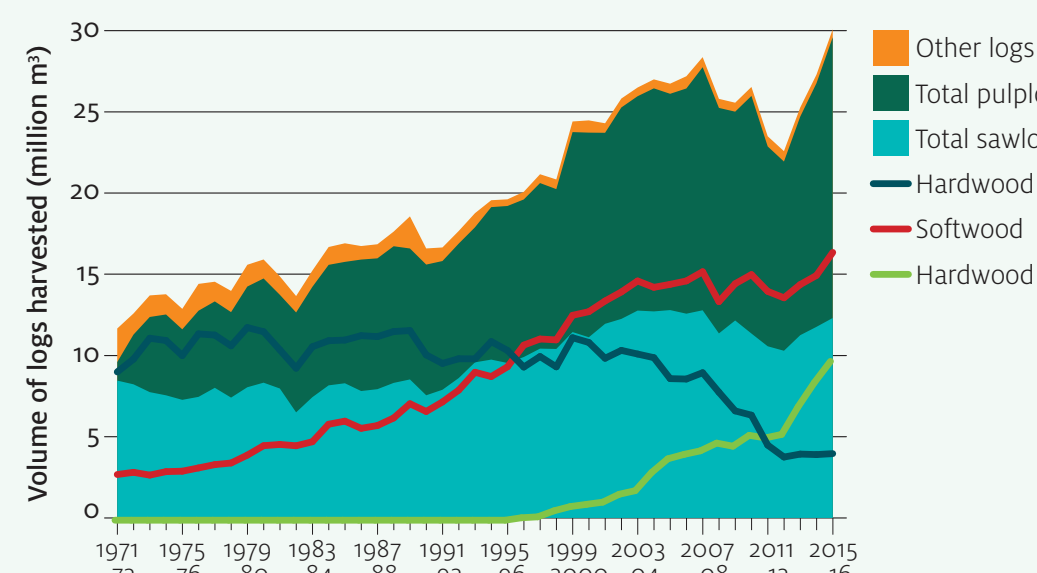
Source: Australian plantation statistics 2017 update

Plantation establishment, 1995-96 to 2015-16



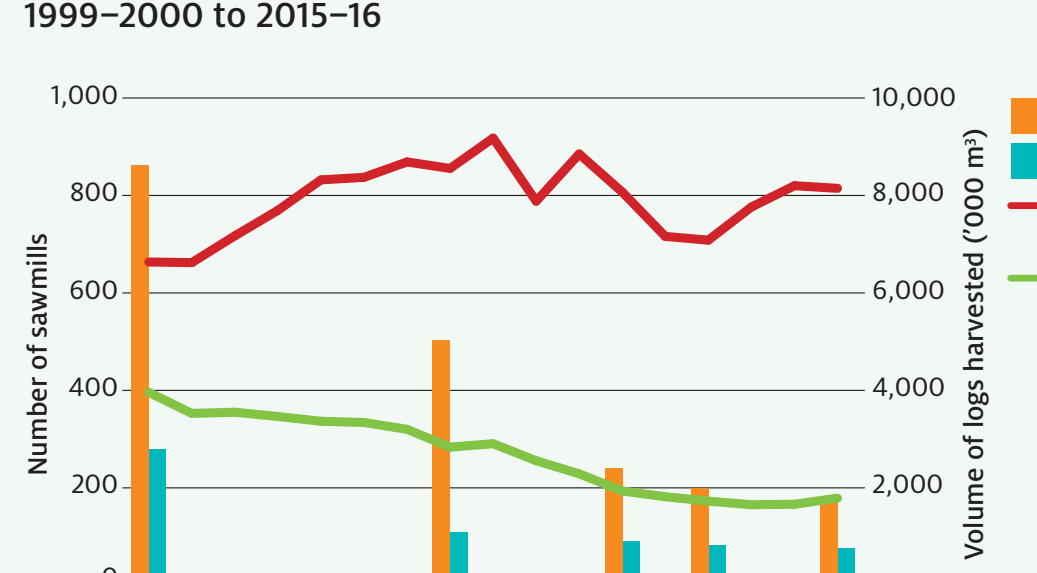
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Historical log harvest, by type, 1971-72 to 2015-16



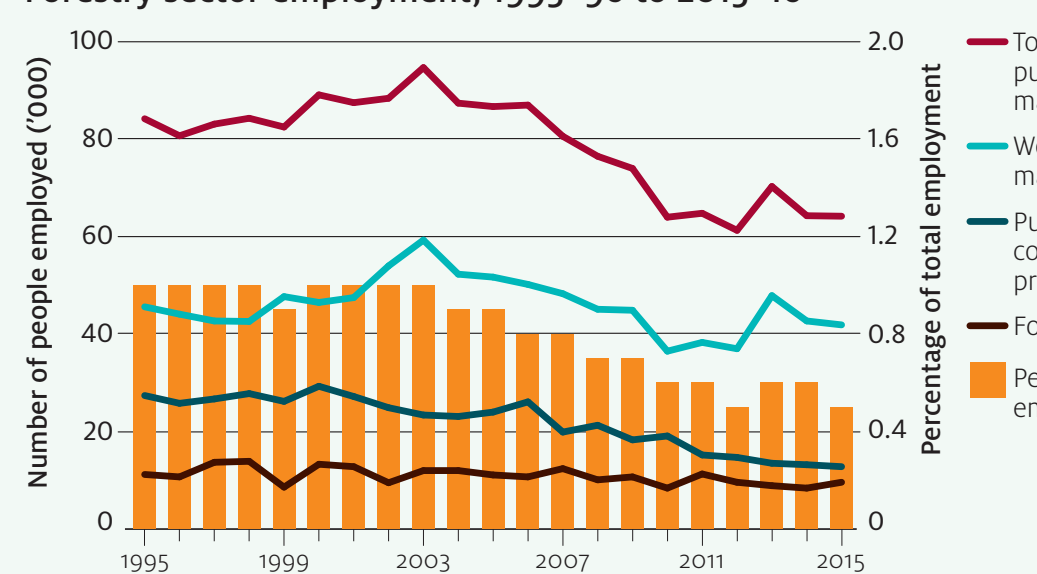
Note: Other logs include poles, piles, fencing and other logs not elsewhere included. Excludes fuel logs.  
Source: Australian forest and wood products statistics: September and December quarters 2016

Number of sawmills and volume of sawlogs harvested for domestic production, 1999-2000 to 2015-16



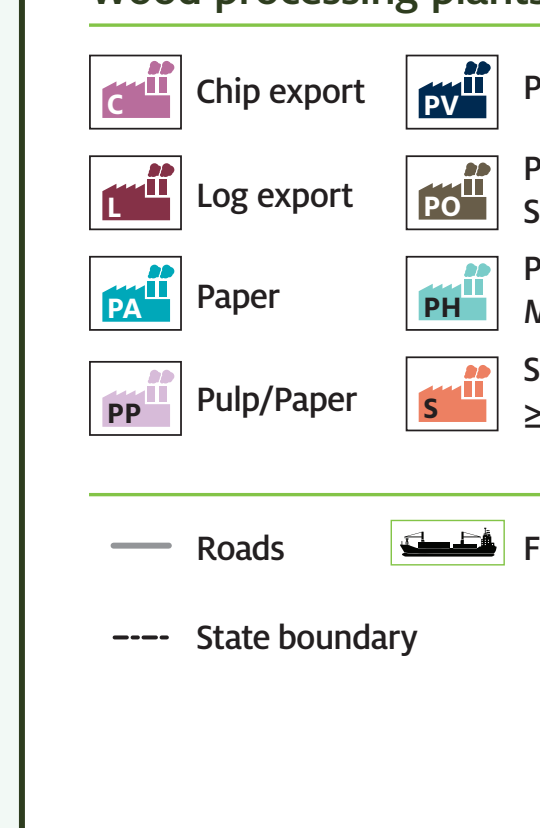
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Forestry sector employment, 1995-96 to 2015-16

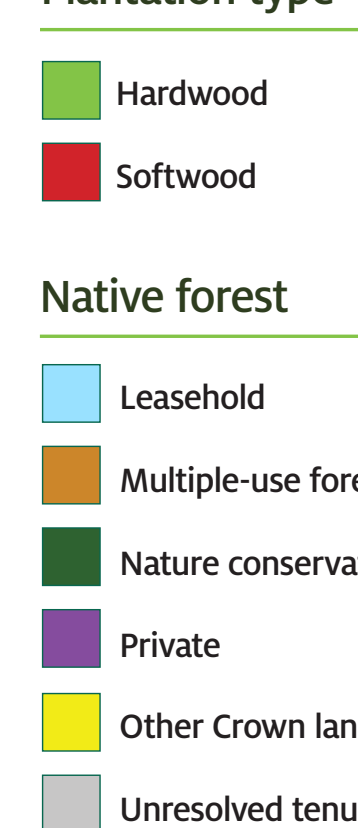


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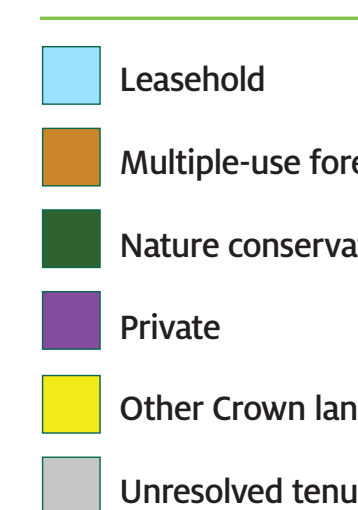
Wood processing plants



Plantation type



Native forest



Other Crown land

