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Economic potential of new plantation establishment

Outlook to 2050

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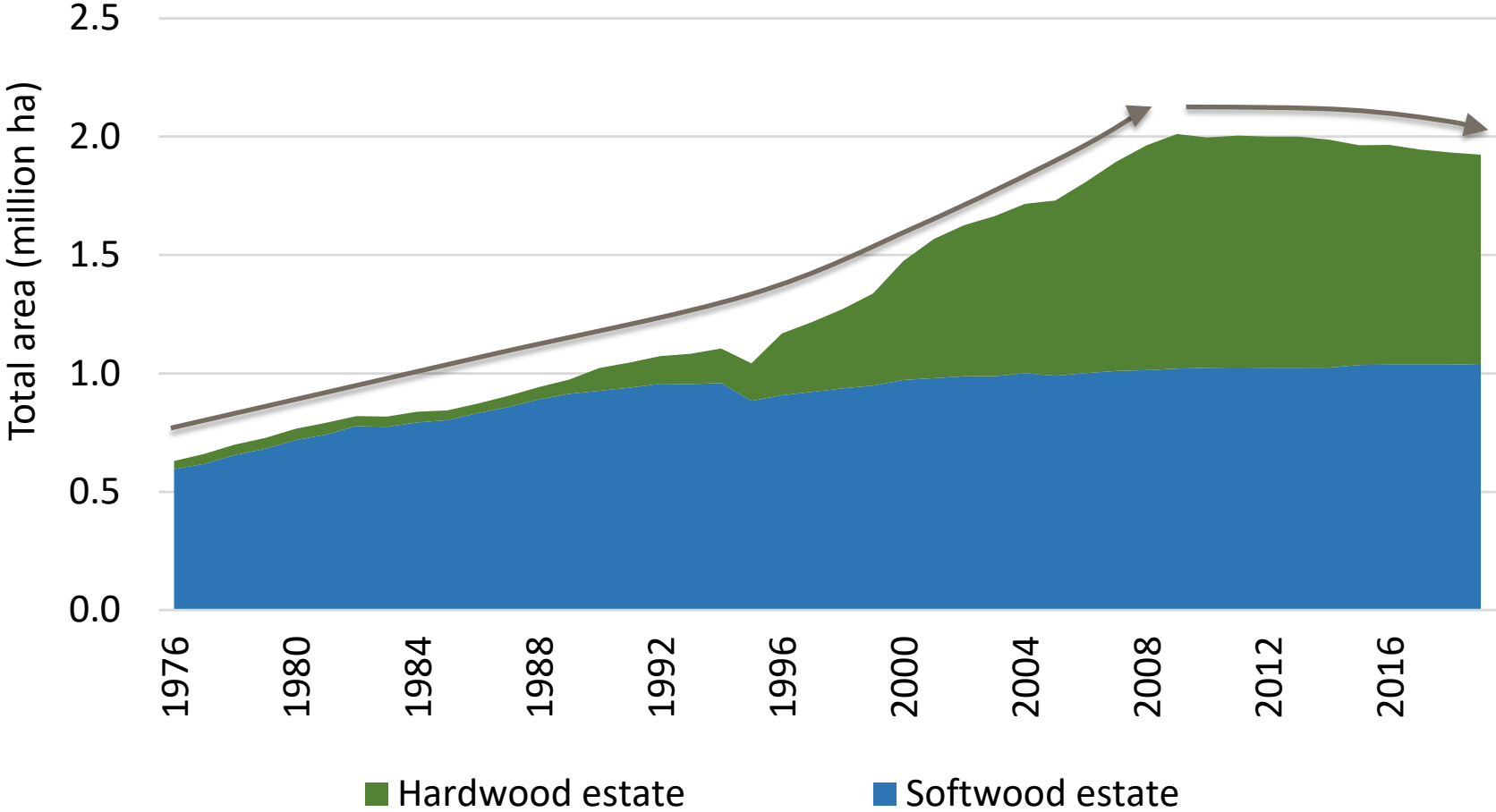
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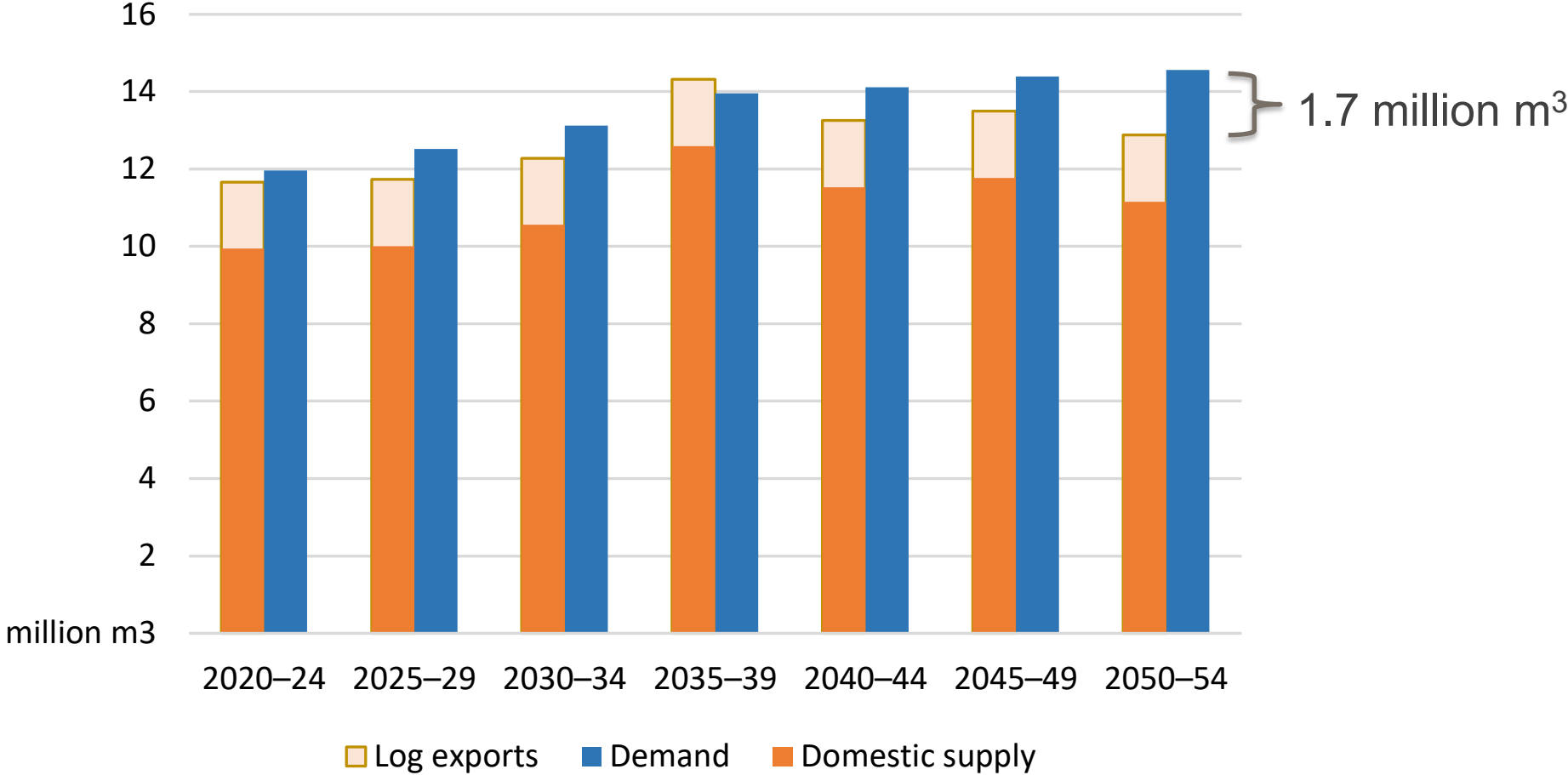


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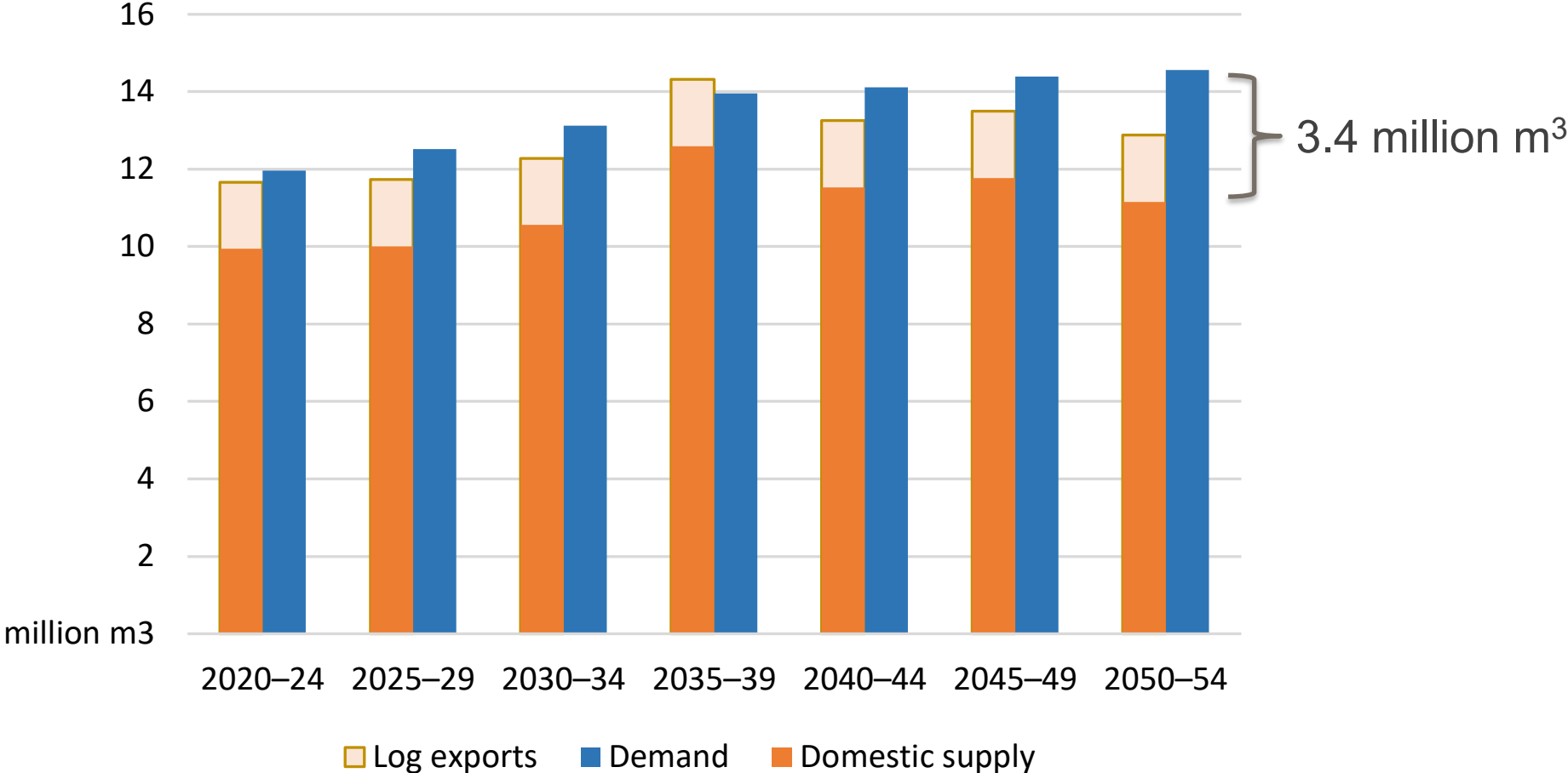
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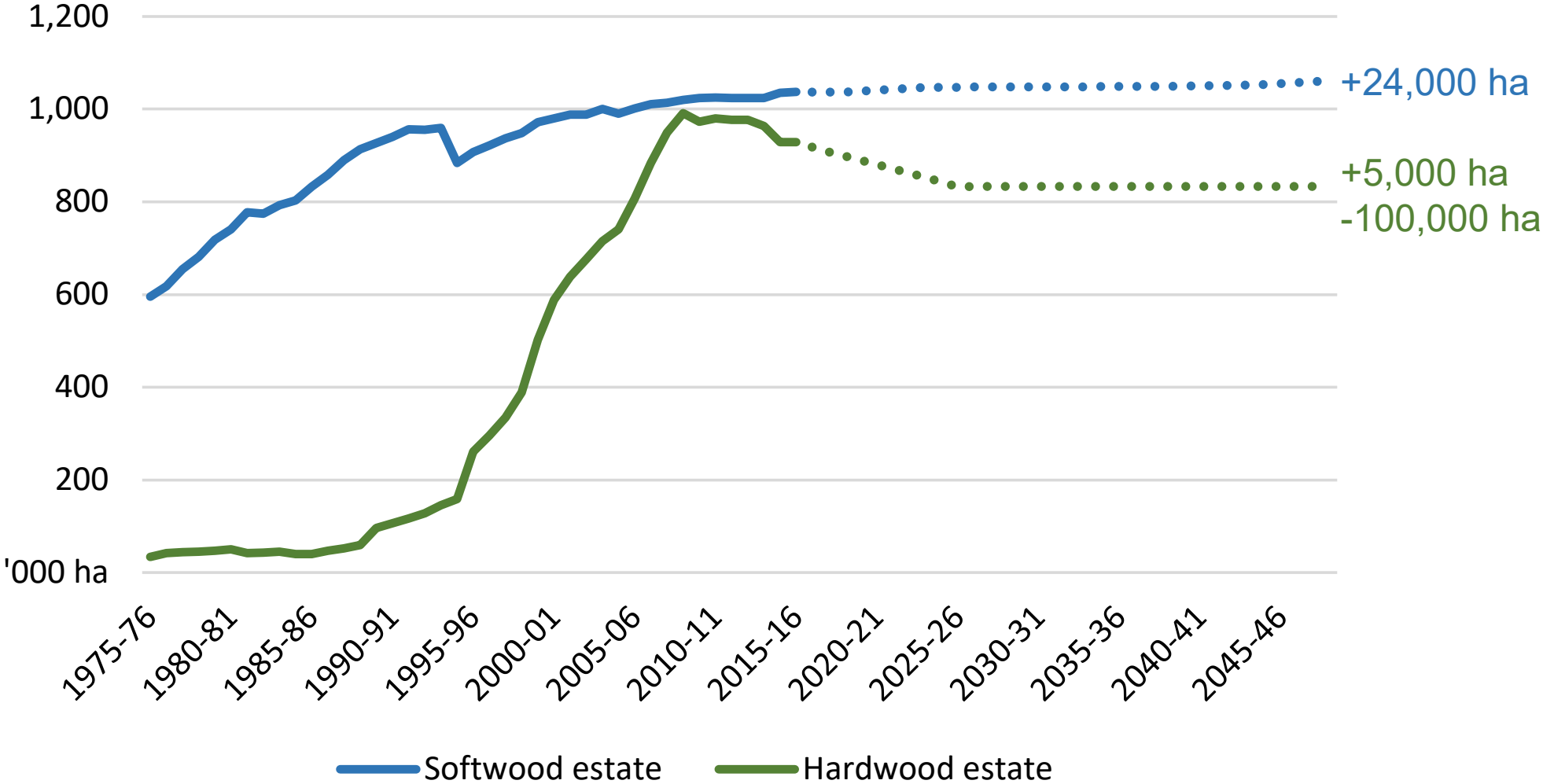
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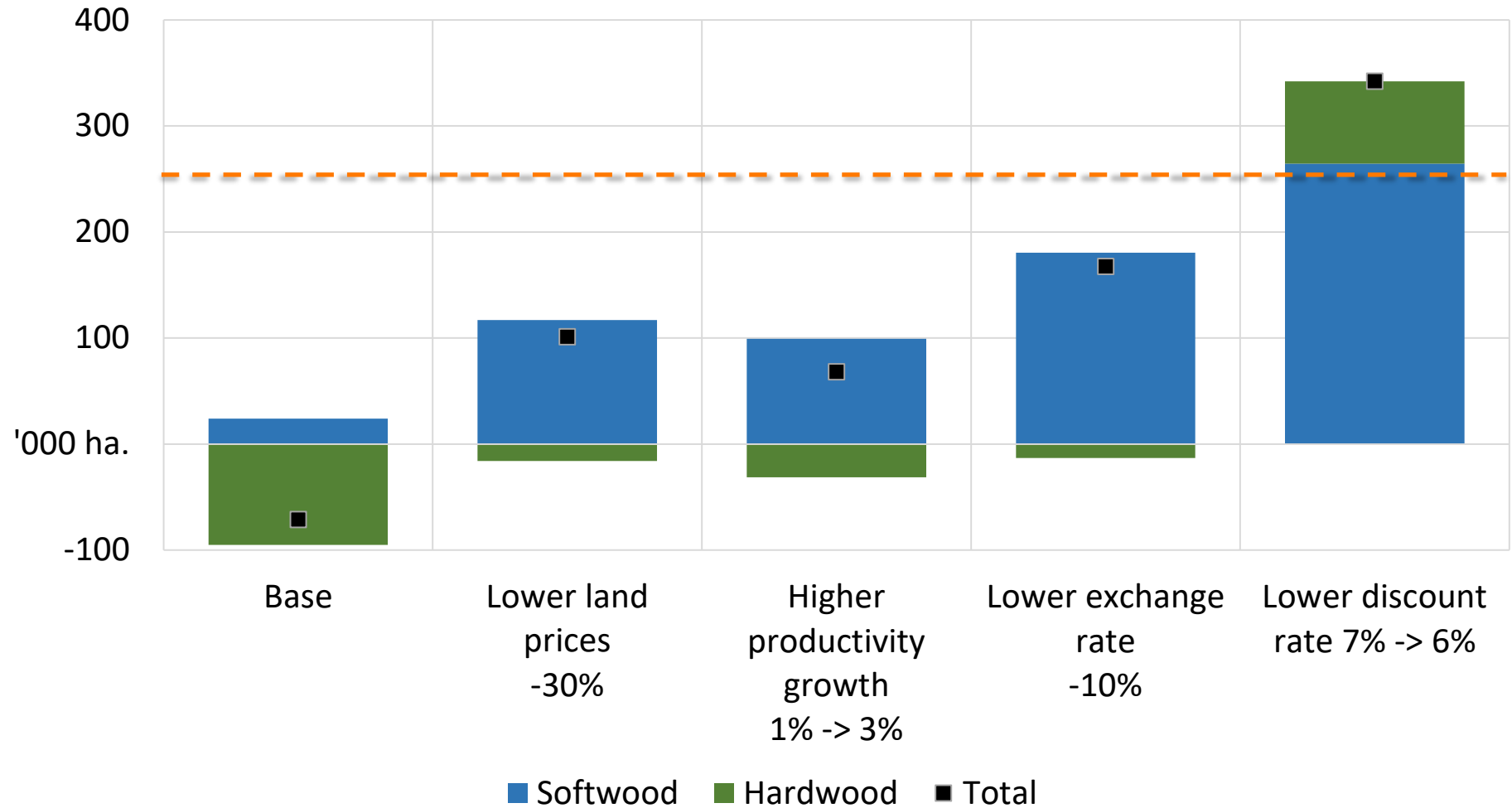
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There is limited potential for expansion



We need big improvements in conditions



Key takeaways



- The estate has stopped growing but demand will likely keep growing
- New plantation establishment is not economically viable under current market conditions
- Growing the plantation estate requires higher rates of return



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