#### Forest carbon

There is 22 billion tonnes of carbon stored in Australia’s forests.

#### Forest areas

There is 134 million hectares of forest in Australia, which is 17 per cent of our land area.

There is 132 million hectares of native forest in Australia, which is 98 per cent of our forested areas.

There are 1.94 million hectares of plantations, comprised of:

* 1.0 Million hectares of softwood (pine) plantations
* 0.9 Million hectares of hardwood (eucalypt) species.

#### Regional Forest Agreements (RFAs)

39.2 million hectares of land, including 21.9 million hectares of Australia’s forests are covered by the 10 RFAs.

10 million hectares of native forest in RFA regions is in conservation reserves.

70 million hectares (52 per cent) of forest is under Indigenous ownership, management or special rights of access.

#### Native species and biodiversity

Forestry operations comprise only 5 per cent of the threats to listed animal species compared to forest clearing for agriculture or other land uses, unsuitable fire regimes, and feral cats.

46 million hectares (35 per cent) of native forest is managed for protection of biodiversity.

#### How much native forest is harvested?

0.06 per cent or 73,000 hectares of publicly managed native forest was harvested out of the total area of native forest in Australia.

15 per cent or 6.3 million hectares of the total area of publicly managed native forest is available and suitable for commercial wood production.

#### Employment

Around 52,000 people are directly employed in the forestry sector.

#### Economic Value

The forest and wood products industry generates $23.9 billion in income nationally.