

Australia's forest industry at a glance

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