



International forestry

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Imports & exports

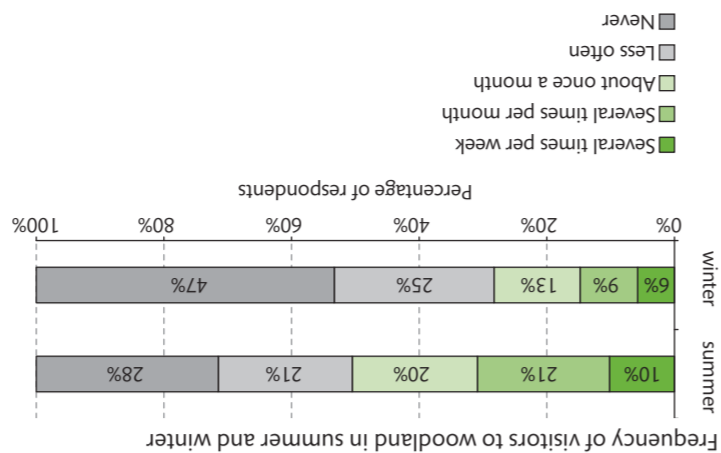
Wood production

New planting & restocking

Woodland area

A summary of statistics about woodland and forestry

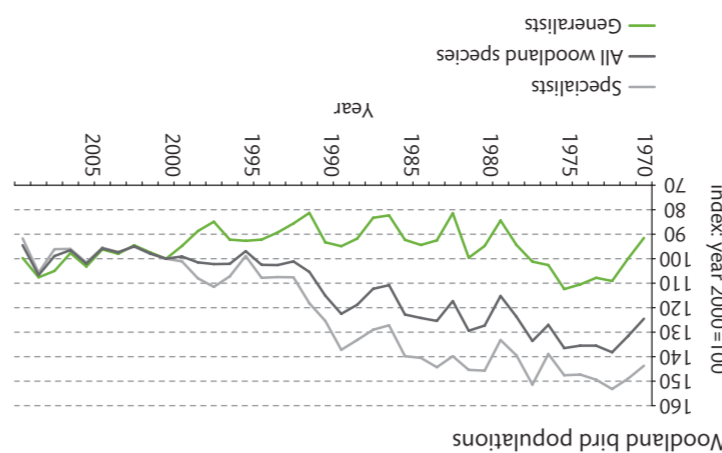
Forestry Facts & Figures 2011



Source: UK and GB Public Opinion of Forestry surveys (not National Statistics). Per cent of population aged 16 and over visiting woodland in last few years.

Year	Aged 16-34	Aged 35-54	Aged 55 and over	Total
2011	65	74	63	67
2009	78	84	69	77
2007	79	82	69	77
2005	66	74	56	65
2003	71	72	60	67

Visiting woodland (per cent of population)



Based on data in Wild Bird Populations Statistics release (DEFRA, January 2011).

Year	All woodland species	Woodland generalists	Woodland specialists
2009	94.5	99.7	91.7
2008	106.7	107.6	105.7
2007	98.9	105.0	96.1
2006	96.5	97.7	96.0
2005	102.0	103.2	101.6

Woodland bird populations (index: year 2000=100)

Forest cover: international comparisons 2010

Country	Forest area (million ha)	Total land area (million ha)	Forest as % of land area
United Kingdom	3	24	12
Finland	22	30	73
France	16	55	29
Germany	11	35	32
Italy	9	29	31
Spain	18	50	36
Sweden	28	41	69
Other EU	49	154	32
Total EU-27	157	419	37
Russian Federation	809	1638	49
Total Europe	1005	2215	45
Africa	674	2974	23
Asia	593	3091	19
North & Central America	705	2135	33
Oceania	191	849	23
South America	864	1746	49
World	4033	13011	31

Source: FAO Global Forest Resources Assessment 2010 (not National Statistics). Cyprus is included in EU-27 total but is part of FAO's Asia region.

Forest area changes: international comparisons (annual change)

Region	1990-2000		2000-2010	
	(000 ha)	(%)	(000 ha)	(%)
UK	18	0.68	9	0.31
EU-27	732	0.51	517	0.34
Total Europe	877	0.09	676	0.07
Africa	-4067	-0.56	-3414	-0.49
Asia	-595	-0.10	2235	0.39
North & Central America	-289	-0.04	-10	0.00
Oceania	-36	-0.02	-700	-0.36
South America	-4213	-0.45	-3997	-0.45
World	-8323	-0.20	-5211	-0.13

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Wood removals: international comparisons 2009

Region	Industrial roundwood (million m³)	Woodfuel (million m³)	Total roundwood (million m³)
UK	8	1	8
EU-27	310	83	393
Total Europe	455	141	596
Africa	72	602	674
Asia	240	771	1011
North & Central America	421	127	548
Oceania	50	11	61
South America	187	198	385
World	1424	1851	3275

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Largest net importers and exporters of forest products, 2009

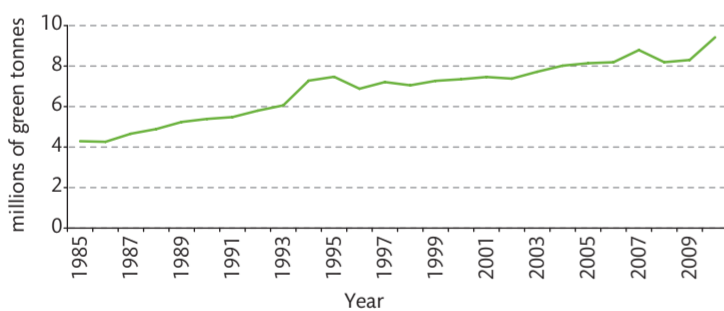


Softwood deliveries (thousands of green tonnes)

Year	Saw-mills	Pulp-mills	Wood-based panels	Fencing	Wood-fuel	Other	Round-wood exports	Total
2006	5210	481	1365	274	100	114	643	8187
2007	5565	472	1362	319	200	113	759	8790
2008	4933	515	1219	359	300	128	733	8187
2009	5133	511	1135	367	650	160	347	8304
2010	5616	428	1375	349	1050	135	467	9419

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 from 2007 includes estimated roundwood use for biomass energy. Other includes shavings and poles.

Softwood deliveries



Hardwood deliveries (thousands of green tonnes)

Year	Saw-mills	Pulp-mills	Wood-based panels	Wood-fuel	Other	Total
2006	64	54	1	250	70	438
2007	66	0	5	300	69	440
2008	66	0	2	300	63	431
2009	76	0	1	400	59	536
2010	75	0	1	400	59	535

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Hardwood deliveries



Import and export volumes

Year	Imports				Exports		
	Saw-wood	Other wood	Wood-based panels	Pulp & paper	Wood (sawn & other)	Wood-based panels	Pulp & paper
2006	7963	1133	3959	9332	1630	510	5022
2007	8469	1621	3858	9405	1698	599	5743
2008	5886	1921	3389	8821	1510	520	5932
2009	5240	887	2500	8052	877	451	5361
2010	5699	1886	2701	8045	1313	509	5645

Import and export values (£ million)

Year	Imports				Exports		
	Saw-wood	Other wood	Wood-based panels	Pulp & paper	Wood (sawn & other)	Wood-based panels	Pulp & paper
2006	1144	112	926	4156	98	128	1284
2007	1516	128	914	4275	110	107	1427
2008	1085	158	873	4273	98	104	1590
2009	953	111	677	4071	63	104	1362
2010	1199	179	781	4607	89	113	1610

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

Wood products: international comparisons 2009

Region	Sawnwood (million m³)		Woodbased panels (million m³)		Paper & paperboard (million tonnes)	
	Production	Apparent consumption	Production	Apparent consumption	Production	Apparent consumption
UK	3	8	3	5	4	10
EU-27	92	82	57	57	89	80
Total Europe	122	93	70	69	102	92
Africa	8	14	3	3	4	6
Asia	89	111	128	126	161	168
North & Central America	99	98	41	45	91	88
Oceania	9	7	4	3	4	5
South America	36	32	15	11	15	16
World	362	354	260	257	377	374

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Area of woodland 2011 (thousands of hectares)

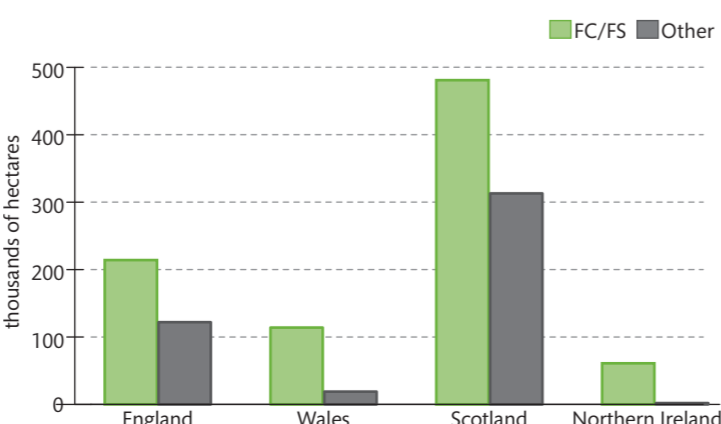
	FC/FS	Other	Total woodland
FC/FS			
England	155	59	214
Wales	98	16	114
Scotland	447	33	481
Northern Ireland	55	6	61
UK	755	114	870
Other			
England	256	827	1083
Wales	69	121	190
Scotland	633	276	909
Northern Ireland	10	17	27
UK	968	1240	2209
All woodland			
England	411	886	1297
Wales	167	137	304
Scotland	1081	309	1390
Northern Ireland	66	22	88
UK	1724	1355	3078

Areas as of 31 March, 2011.

Area of certified woodland 2011 (thousands of hectares)

	FC/FS	Other	Total woodland area certified
England	214	122	335
Wales	114	19	133
Scotland	481	313	793
Northern Ireland	61	2	63
UK	870	456	1325

All certified woodland in 2011 is under the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) scheme. Some woodland is also certified under the Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC) Scheme.



New planting (thousands of hectares)

Year	England		Wales		Scotland		N Ireland		UK		
	(to 31/3)	(to 31/3)	(to 31/3)	(to 31/3)	(to 31/3)	(to 31/3)	(to 31/3)	(to 31/3)	(to 31/3)	(to 31/3)	
2007	0.1	3.1	0.0	0.5	2.0	4.6	0.0	0.5	2.1	8.7	10.8
2008	0.1	2.5	0.0	0.2	0.7	3.4	0.1	0.5	0.9	6.7	7.5
2009	0.0	2.5	0.0	0.2	1.2	2.3	0.0	0.3	1.2	5.2	6.4
2010	0.0	2.3	0.0	0.2	0.5	2.2	0.0	0.2	0.5	4.9	5.4
2011	0.0	2.5	0.0	0.3	1.5	3.6	0.0	0.2	1.5	6.6	8.2

Restocking (thousands of hectares)

Year	England		Wales		Scotland		N Ireland		UK		
	(to 31/3)	(to 31/3)	(to 31/3)	(to 31/3)	(to 31/3)	(to 31/3)	(to 31/3)	(to 31/3)	(to 31/3)	(to 31/3)	
2007	1.8	0.9	2.1	0.9	10.6	1.8	0.7	0.1	15.3	3.6	19.0
2008	2.0	1.5	1.5	0.8	10.8	1.8	0.5	0.0	14.8	4.1	18.9
2009	1.7	1.7	1.4	0.8	8.2	1.4	0.8	0.1	12.1	4.0	16.1
2010	1.5	1.3	1.3	0.8	8.0	1.5	0.7	0.0	11.5	3.6	15.1
2011	2.3	1.7	1.3	0.8	5.6	1.3	1.0	0.0	10.3	3.8	14.0

Wood production (thousands of green tonnes)

Year	Softwood			Hardwood		
	FC/FS	Other	Total	FC/FS	Other	Total
2006	4582	3917	8499	45	392	438
2007	4653	4369	9022	40	400	440
2008	4415	4016	8432	43	388	431
2009	5126	3434	8560	87	449	536
2010	4625	4941	9567	70	465	535
2007-11	4778	5078	9856	..	..	..
2012-16	5447	5847	11294	..	..	..
2017-21	5620	6361	11980	..	..	..
2022-26	5048	6522	11570	..	..	..

Production of wood products

Year	Sawnwood	Woodbased panels	Paper & paperboard
	(000 m³)	(000 m³)	(000 tonnes)
2006	2904	3498	5588
2007	3123	3549	5228
2008	2799	3140	4983
2009	2856	3030	4293

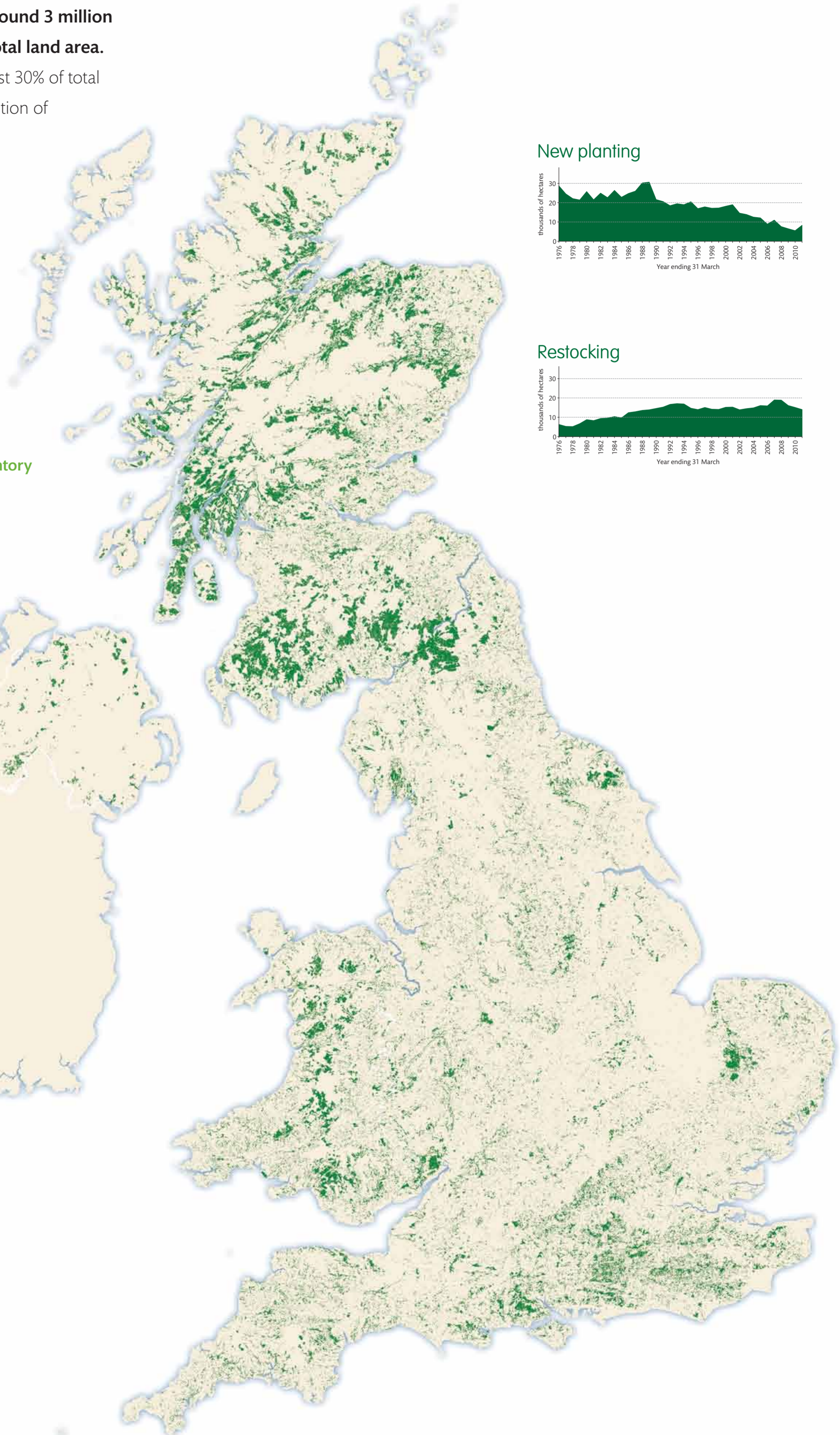
Distribution of woodland in the UK

Woodland cover in the UK is now around 3 million hectares, equivalent to 13% of the total land area.

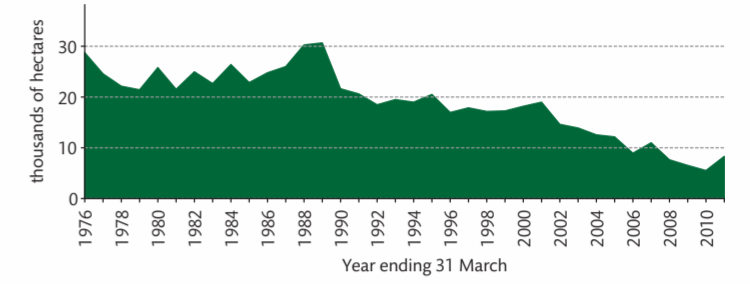
The public forest estate makes up almost 30% of total forest area. This map shows the distribution of woodland over 2 hectares in the UK.

The information on woodland area presented here uses 2010 data from the GB National Forest Inventory, adjusted for new planting, and data supplied by Forest Service in Northern Ireland.

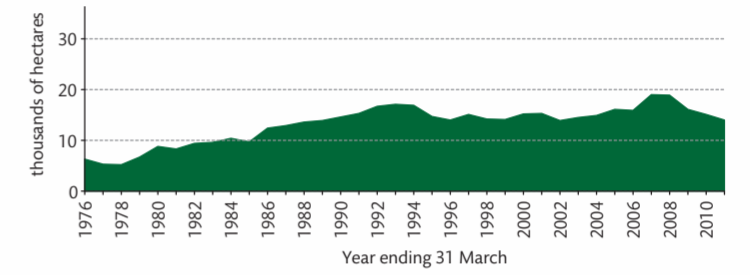
Find out more about the National Forest Inventory at: www.forestry.gov.uk/inventory



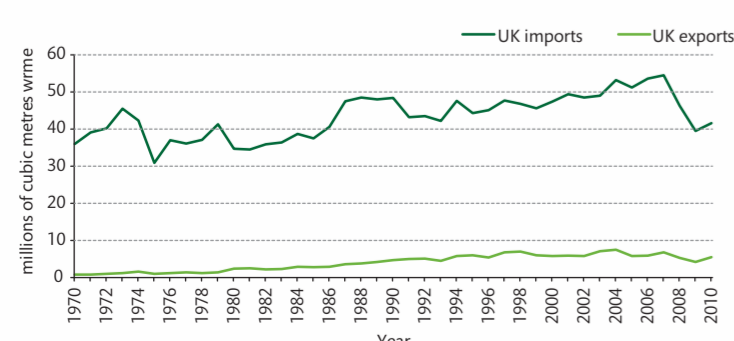
New planting



Restocking



UK imports and exports



wme = wood raw material equivalent