

United Kingdom

Reporting Form 1.3a: Age structure and diameter distribution

**Pan-European indicator 1.3:** Age structure and/or diameter distribution of forest and other wooded land, classified by forest type and by availability for wood supply.

**Related SoEF definitions:** Forest, Forest available for wood supply, Stand, Even-aged stand.

Table 1.3a: Age class distribution (even-aged stands)

Category	Year	Total area	Area by age classes (1 000 ha)									
			≤10 years	11-20	21-40	41-60	61-80	81-100	101-120	121-140	>140	Unspecified
Forest: even-aged stands	2010	2881	251	282	733	546	331	170	102	82	91	293
	2005	2845	266	299	778	542	287	140	89	79	71	293
	2000	2793	264	334	815	524	235	117	80	79	52	293
	1990	2611	333	403	735	414	191	93	79	47	44	272
...of which: Forest available for wood supply	2010	2411	244	261	645	433	240	117	67	52	59	293
	2005	2375	253	270	680	424	206	96	58	49	46	293
	2000	2323	238	301	706	403	167	82	50	49	34	293
	1990	2141	297	345	613	314	136	59	48	29	28	272

Country comments:

Category	Comments related to data, definitions, etc.	Comments on trend(s)

Forest even-aged stands	All forest. Unspecified age class comprises open space, felled and coppice.	As in SoEF 2007, this was rolled forward from NIWT 1995-99 to 2000, and estimates added for Northern Ireland. Figures for other years were estimated from this 2000 base, taking account of new planting, restocking and areas harvested, and converting from planting year to age at each reporting date. No information is available since NIWT to update the components of the unspecified age area.
... of which: Forests available for wood supply	All FAWS	Areas not available for wood supply were derived as in indicator 1.1, with NIWT giving a breakdown by planting year. The age breakdown for this unchanged area was derived by converting from planting year to age at each reporting date. This was subtracted from total area to estimate area available for wood supply.
How did you distinguish between even-aged and uneven-aged stands?	In NIWT 1995-99, all elements were assigned to a single age class, so uneven aged forest not easily identifiable.	

**Complementary information:**

Item	Related information
Indicate method to determine age	

**Reporting notes:**

1. Respondents are asked to inter- or extrapolate data for age classes if data derived from inventories is from other than reference dates requested.
2. If data only available for the class "Forest available for wood supply", please provide data for this class and provide the information under "Country comments".
3. National Correspondents should decide themselves how to classify two-layer stands, either "even"- or "uneven"-aged, but the sufficient commenting in Country comments should be included.
4. Countries may wish to provide additional information on the distribution by species of different rotation lengths in a separate note or under "Country comments".
5. The set of pilot Tables with the explanatory notes and guidance for voluntary reporting on Indicators 1.3, 4.1, 4.3 and 4.5 according to the new "European Forest Types" classification is annexed to this Enquiry.

**Data sources:**

References to sources of information	Quality (H/M/L)	Table 1.3a Category	Year(s)	Type of inventory	Additional comments
National Inventory of Woodland & Trees (NIWT)	H	Forest	1995-99	Map based on aerial photos and 1% sample field survey	