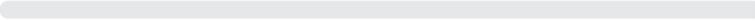


LATVIAN FOREST SECTOR IN FACTS & FIGURES



2021





Background

Forests in Latvia: 3.4 million hectares or 53% of the territory.

Forest land is expanding, both naturally and thanks to afforestation.

Volume of timber in the forest is increasing three times more than the area of forestland, reaching 682 million m³ at present.

Around 11 million m³ of timber are harvested each year, which is less than the annual increment.

Forestry, wood processing and furniture manufacturing represents 5,1% of GDP in 2019, while exports amounted to EUR 2,6 billion – 20% of all exports.

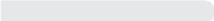
Forest sector is an important employer in rural areas.

Restrictions on economic activity apply to 28,2% of Latvia's forests, most of this territory is owned by the state.

The Latvian state owns around one-half of the country's forests, while most of the rest of the forest belongs to approximately 135,000 private owners.

Nearly everywhere, people are free to hike through the forest and to pick mushrooms or berries.

The number of places for recreation is increasing every year.



Background

The forest sector in Latvia is under the supervision of the Ministry of Agriculture.

It works with stakeholders to draft forest policies, development strategies for the sector, as well as regulations on forest management, the use of forest resources, and hunting.

The State Forest Service, under the Ministry of Agriculture, is the responsible agency for supervising how the provisions of the laws and regulations are observed in forest management irrespective of the ownership type.

State-owned forests are managed by AS “Latvian State Forests”, which was established in 1999.

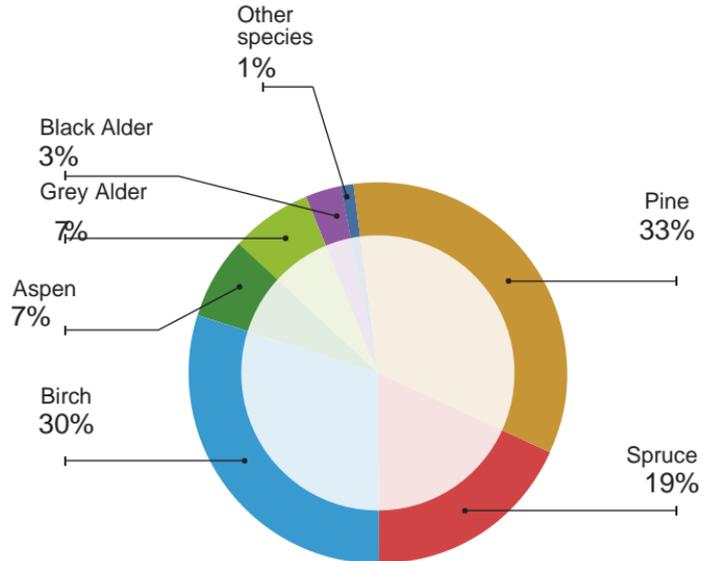
The interests of private forest owners are represented by the Latvian Forest Owners' Association.

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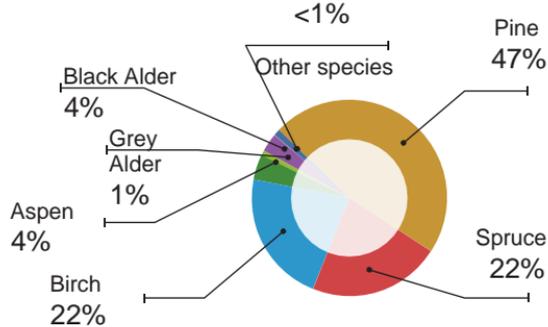
Rural Support Service is an agency through which EU funding, which goes towards forestry, is administered.

Specially protected natural areas are supervised and managed by the Nature Conservation Agency of the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development.

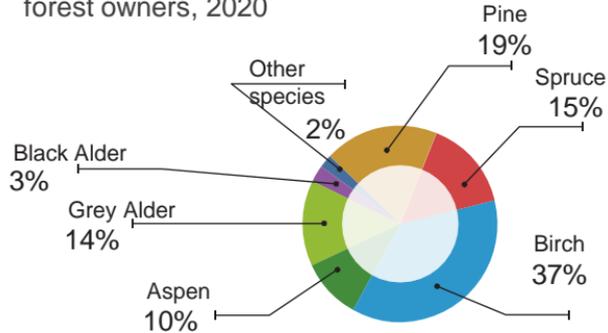
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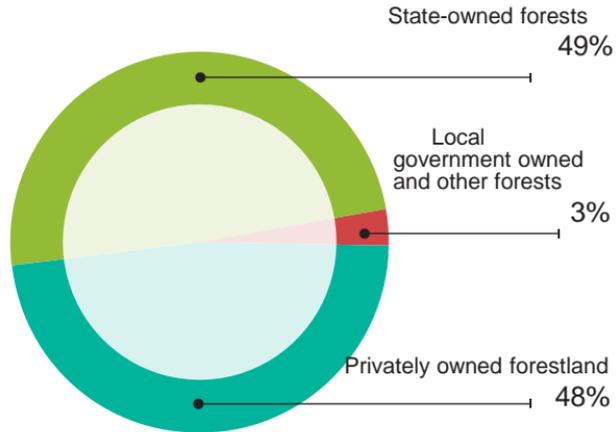
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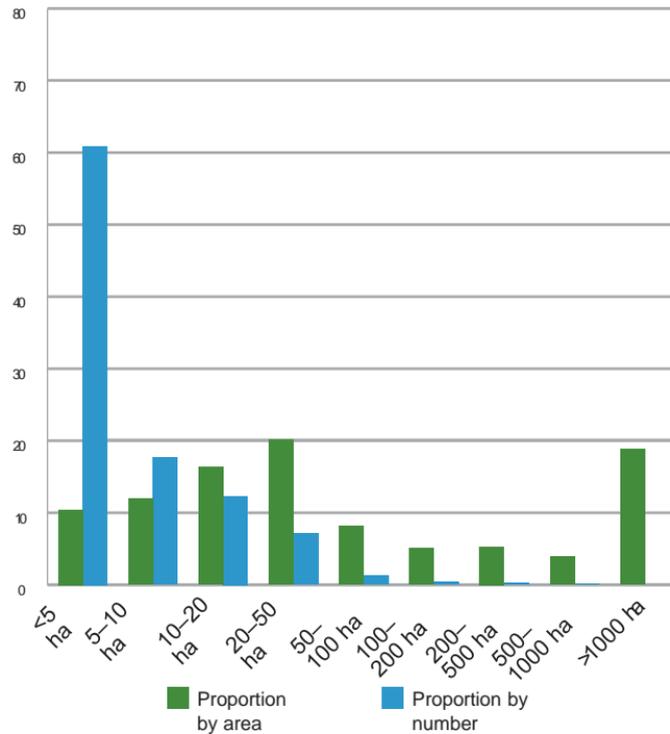
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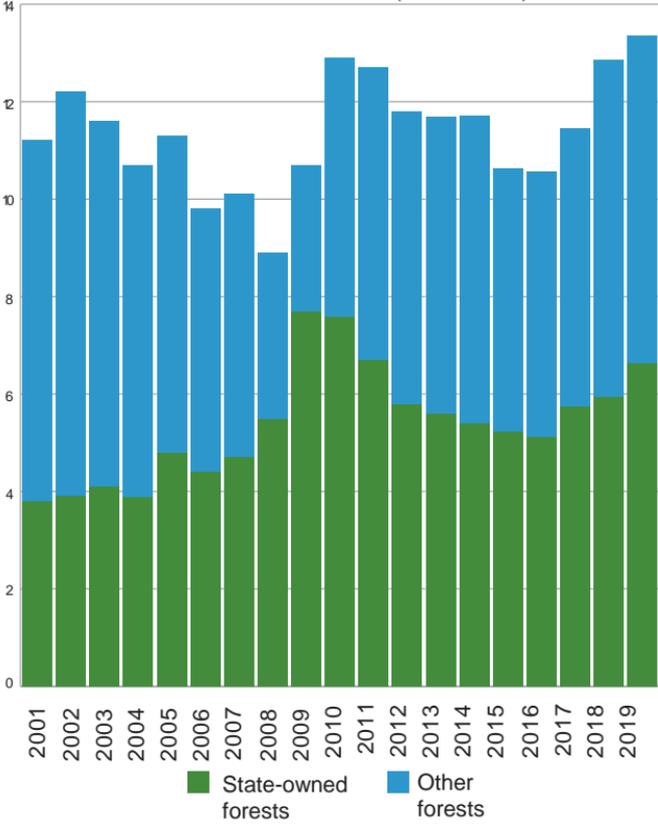
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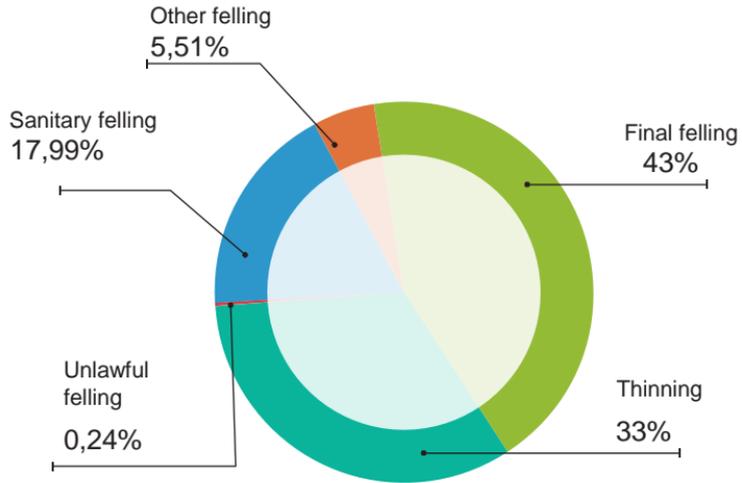
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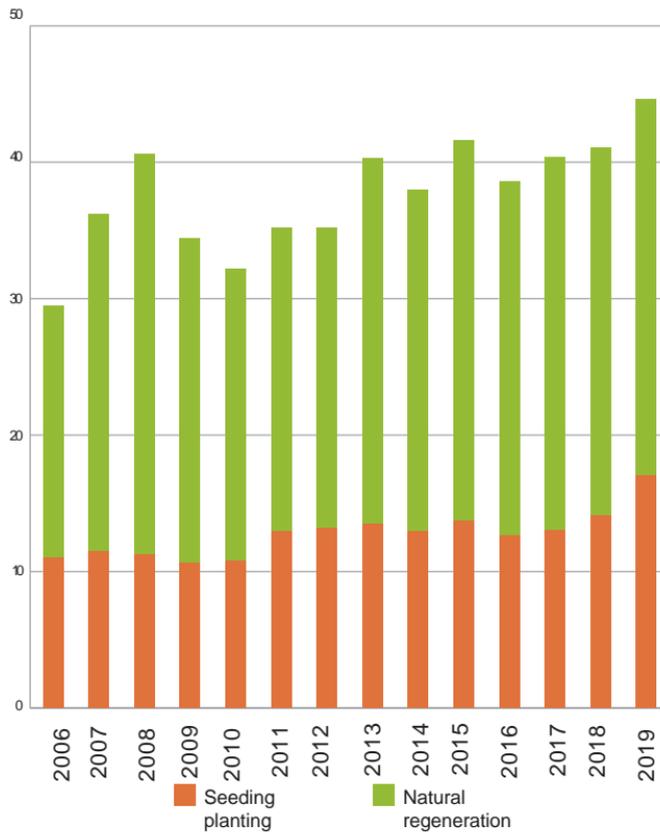
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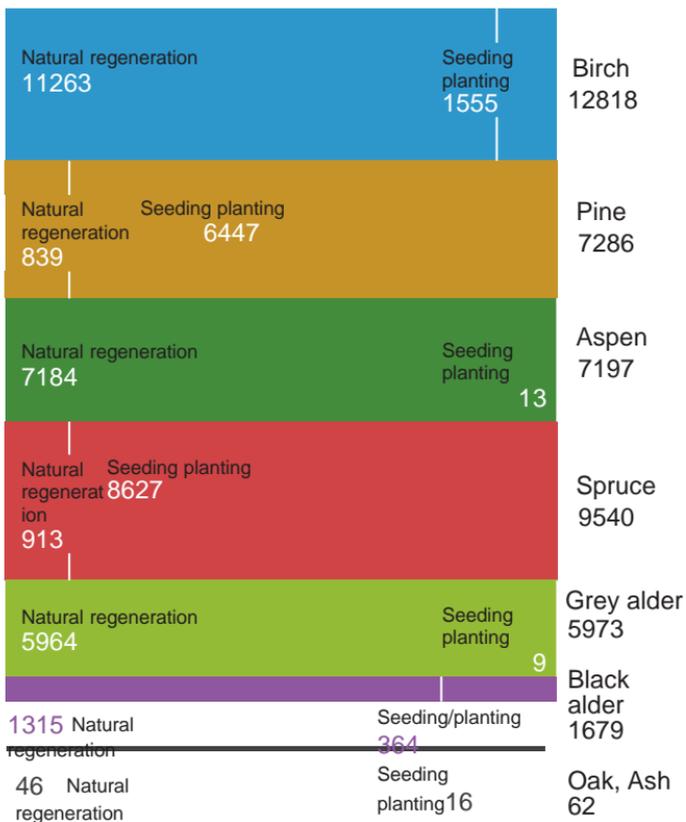
Timber Production in Terms of Felling Type (ha), 2019



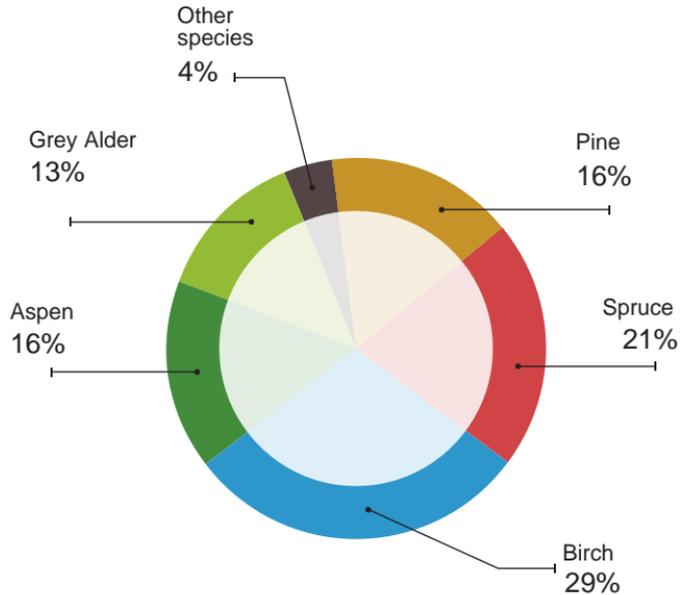
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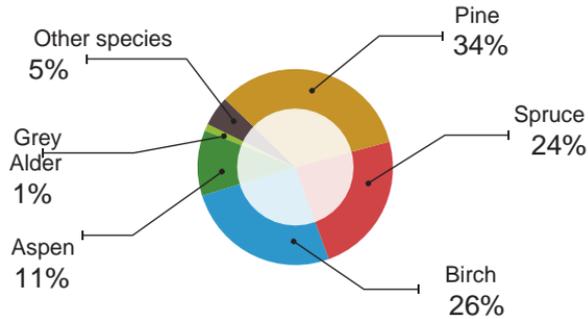
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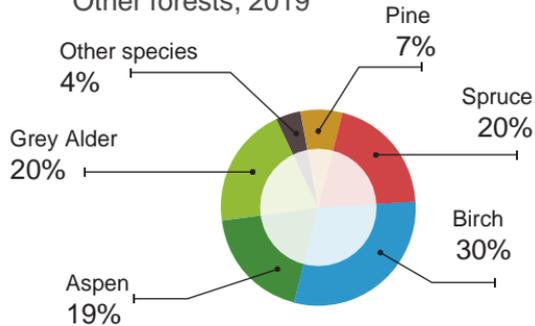
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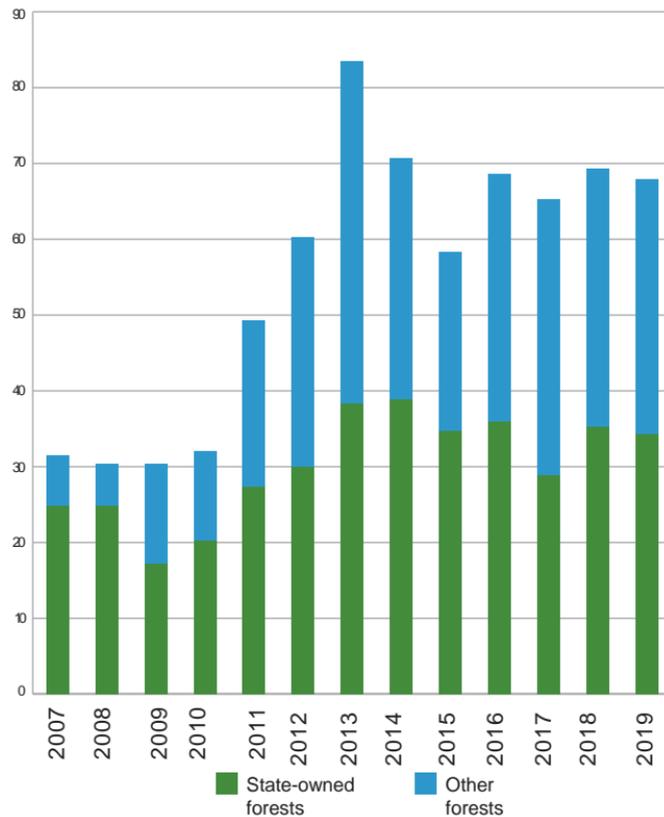
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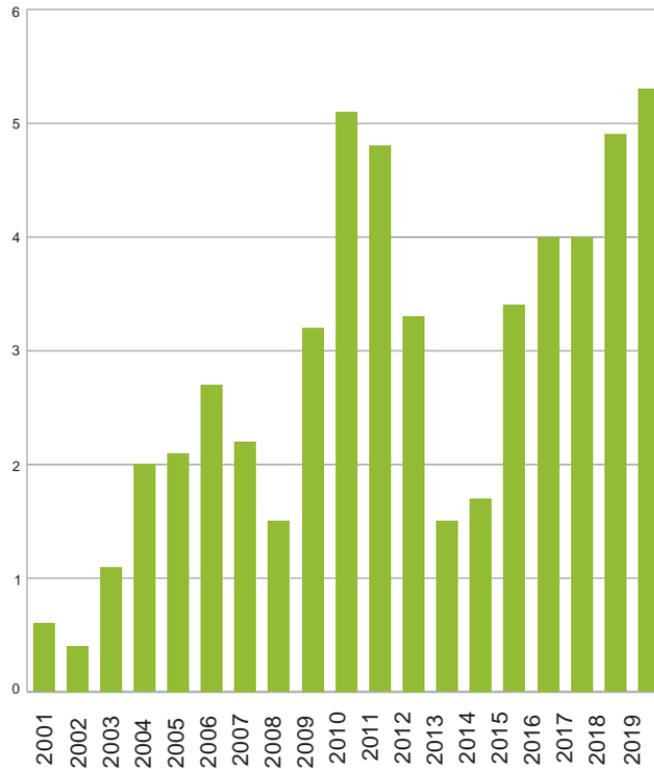
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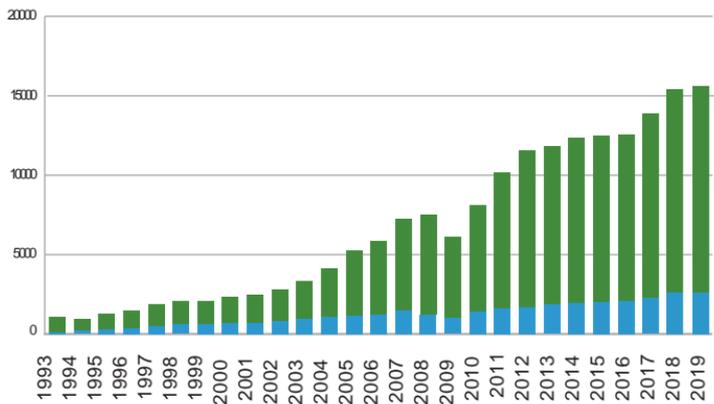
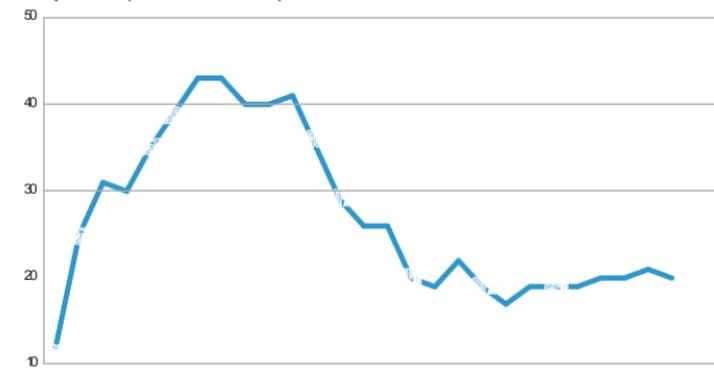
Thinning of young stands in Latvia (Thousand ha)



Forest establishment in Latvia (Thousand ha)



Proportion of forest sector exports in total Latvian exports (Million EUR)



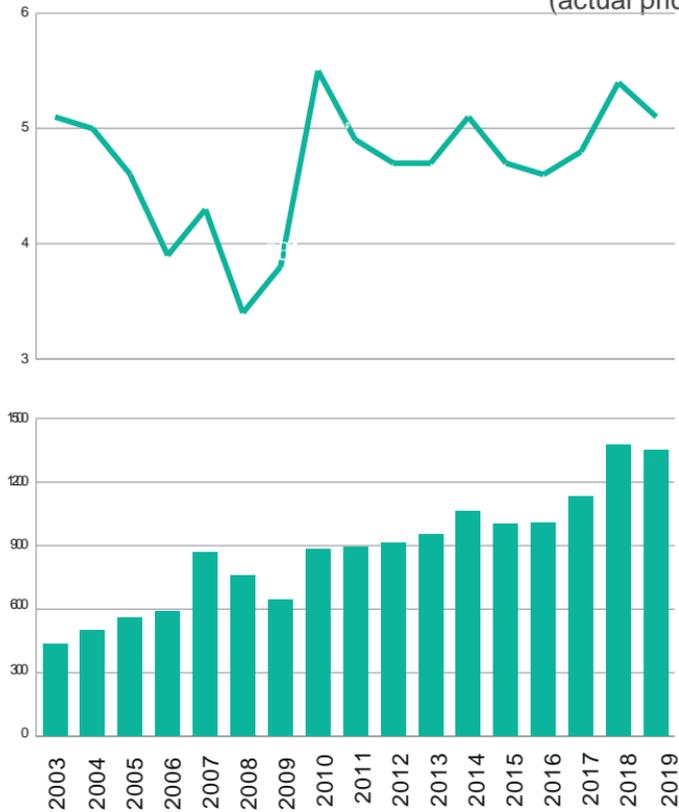
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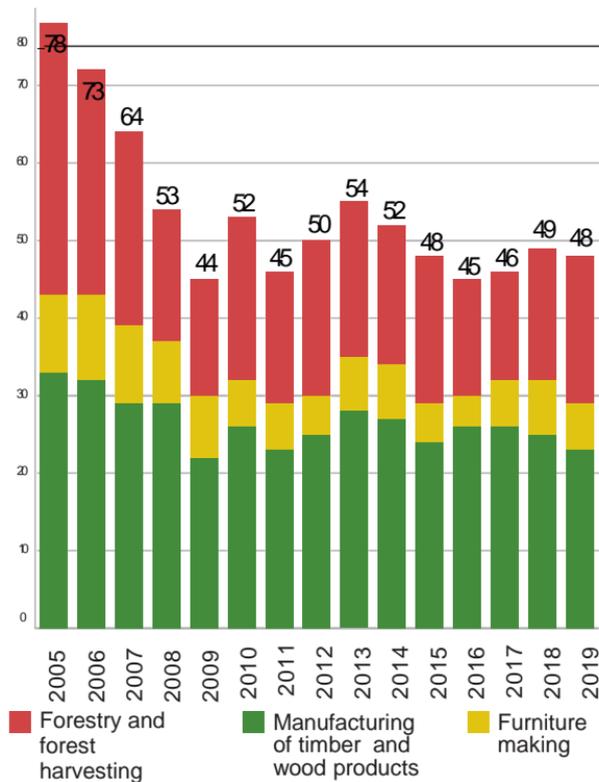
Forest sector exports

Total exports

Added value of the forest sector and its proportion in GDP (Million EUR) (actual prices)



Employment in the forest sector (Thousand people)



A photograph of a forest scene. In the foreground, there is a path or clearing covered with tall, green grass and various wildflowers. To the right, a large, dark tree trunk with rough bark is prominent. The background is filled with a dense canopy of green trees, including some taller, thinner trees in the distance. The overall atmosphere is lush and natural.

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