EU 27 forests in a nutshell

Covered by other wooded land, approx. 21 million hectares

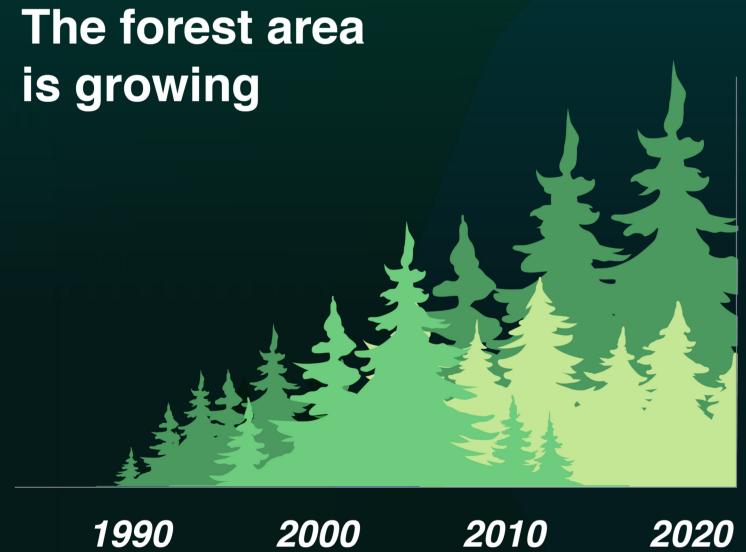
EU territory covered by forests, approx. 159 million hectares

Forest cover varies from

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11% Ireland Netherlands

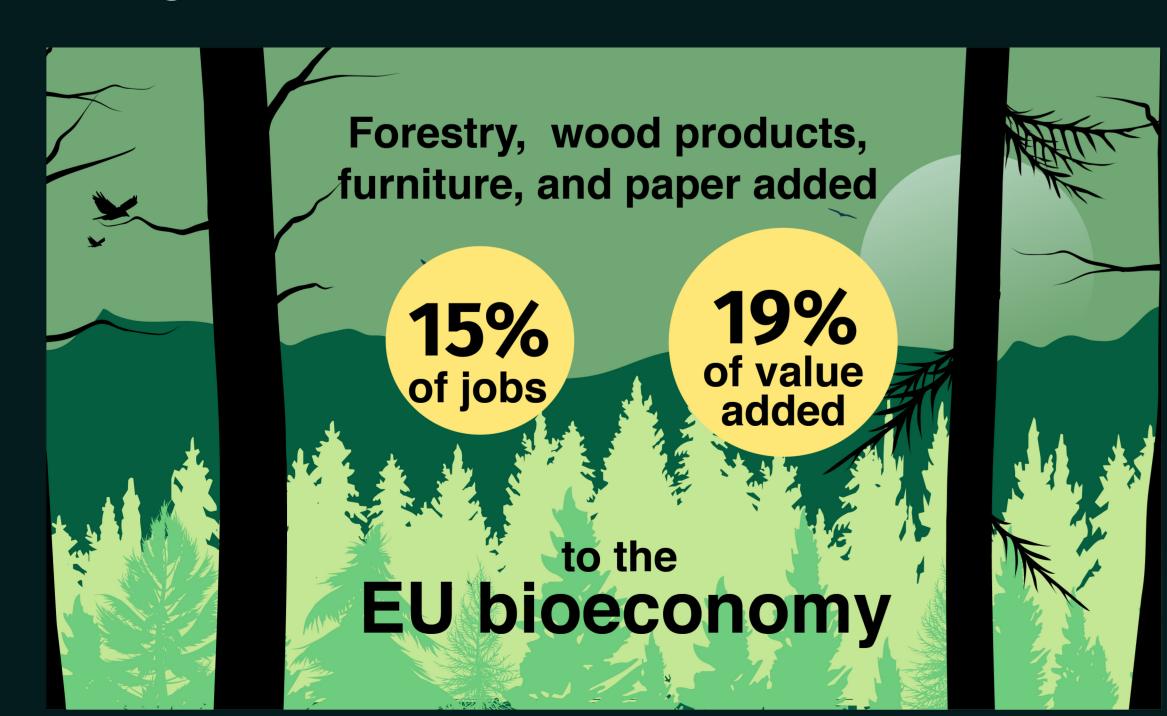
<74% Finland



14 million hectares from **1990** to **2020** equal to the size of Hungary and Slovakia combined.

2000 2010

In 2017



New innovative wood-based products in the textiles, chemicals, plastics, biofuels and bioelectricity industries are not included in these figures.

Sustainable forest management has enabled an increase in wood harvesting by

200 million m³ between 1990 and 2018.

This had no direct major impact on the total carbon sink in forests, due to increasing forest area and growing stock.

In 2018 -

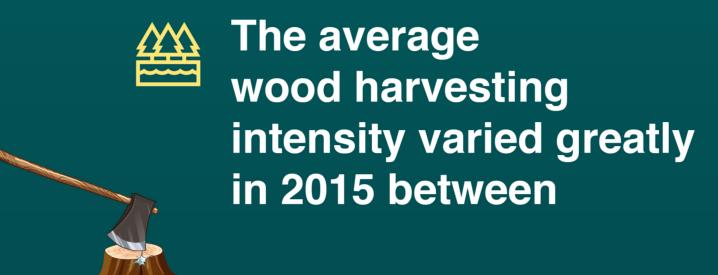


This sums up to forests sequestering 10,6 % of the EU's annual emissions in 2018.



In the majority of **EU Member States,** more than 90% of forests are accessible to the public.





44% of the annual increment harvested in Romania 99% of the annual increment harvested in Belgium.



of forests are available for wood supply and can contribute to wood harvesting.



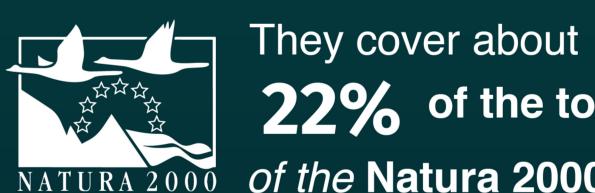
of forests are not available for wood supply due to environmental, social or economic restrictions.



of forests were certified in 2015 according to PEFC and / or FSC standards.



of forests are within the EU Natura 2000 network of protected areas.

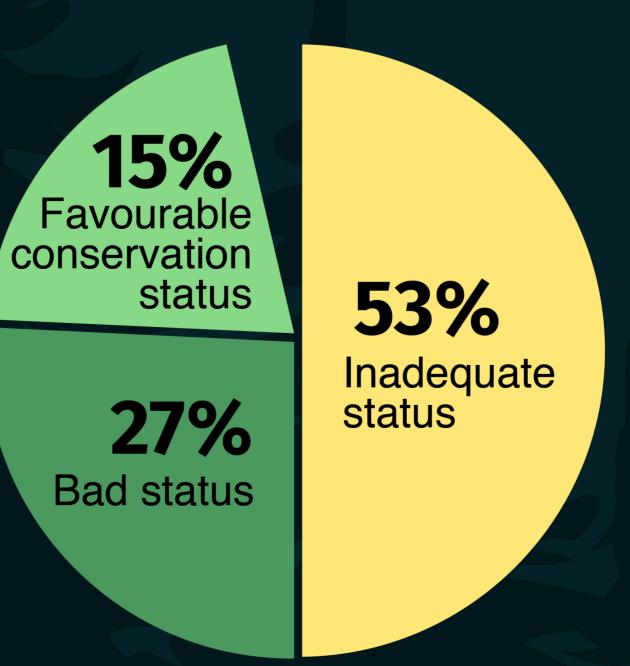


22% of the total land area

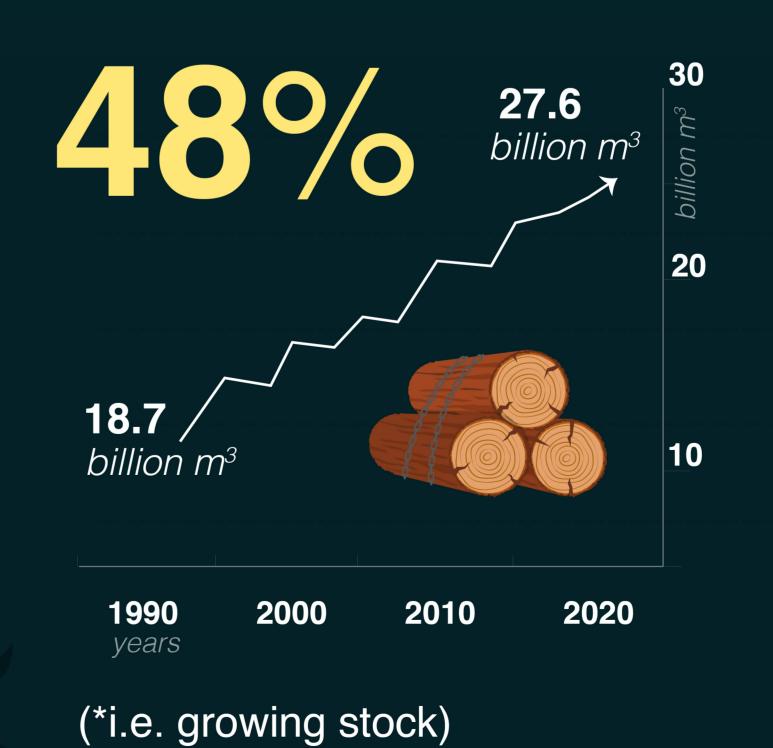
NATURA 2000 of the Natura 2000 network of protected sites.

Conservation status

Forest habitats show the highest proportion of improving trends of their conservation status compared to other habitat types.



Between 1990 and 2020, the total volume of timber* in forests increased by



of EU households collect non-wood forest products







such as berries, mushrooms, aromatic, medicinal and decorative plant material, nuts, fruits, sap and resin.

(EU 28 and including the European part of Russia).

Their economic value (including 70% self-consumed products) was estimated to be comparable to 70% of the annual roundwood removals value in Europe

