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Forestry statistics 2022¹

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Wood harvest in m³, total	5 178 399	485 828	1 064 275	311 956	30 701	137 454	73 124	27 356	41 772	54 584	270 433	196 056	2 601	134 637	89 923	40 262	10 200	309 078	371 816	371 587	153 741	103 233	402 612	128 246	168 396	8 322	190 206
Change over previous year (2021) in %	3.6%	1.8%	9.9%	12.0%	29.9%	8.7%	7.9%	23.6%	−1.2%	−1.7%	1.6%	−5.0%	−34.4%	2.7%	−17.3%	−11.6%	−52.2%	12.5%	8.1%	−9.7%	−1.8%	5.0%	5.3%	1.5%	3.2%	46.9%	0.3%
Softwood (conifers)	3 462 863	285 670	748 998	255 072	23 820	104 483	49 905	17 127	31 533	34 781	188 197	81 955	50	37 396	51 009	35 922	10 011	206 928	349 492	185 693	92 579	34 115	274568	119539	137329	59	106632
Hardwood (deciduous)	1 715 536	200 158	315 277	56 884	6 881	32 971	23 219	10 229	10 239	19 803	82 236	114 101	2 551	97 241	38 914	4 340	189	102 150	22 324	185 894	61 162	69 118	128044	8707	31067	8263	83574

Wood harvest by use, in m³																											
Sawlogs and veneer logs	2 554 980	220 003	565 899	176 993	13 078	75 399	32 965	6 534	23 995	25 479	143 145	66 970	352	41 372	38 505	25 920	5 153	168 503	229 683	141 820	68 260	18 024	226 884	52 036	105 853	217	81 938
Industrial roundwood	485 238	36 780	126 253	63 333	220	9 540	4 116	109	4 957	2 792	4 842	31 063	125	10 281	18 945	1 158	3 839	24 769	1 569	36 539	7 234	861	27 425	12 699	3 016	0	52 773
Total wood fuel	2 125 921	227 529	370 558	71 334	17 403	50 782	35 931	20 683	12 725	26 313	121 729	97 985	2 124	82 984	32 410	13 086	1 183	115 421	139 215	192 307	77 989	84 348	147 025	61 891	59 366	8 105	55 495
of which chopped wood	803 928	41 049	142 573	20 945	7 388	16 894	6 530	5 834	6 433	4 383	27 440	36 951	0	21 905	14 995	5 992	202	51 086	59 324	45 141	24 044	79 289	119 509	27 767	11 911	541	25 802
of which wood chips	1 321 993	186 480	227 985	50 389	10 015	33 888	29 401	14 849	6 292	21 930	94 289	61 034	2 124	61 079	17 415	7 094	981	64 335	79 891	147 166	53 945	5 059	27 516	34 124	47 455	7 564	29 693
Other types of wood	12 260	1 516	1 565	296	0	1 733	112	30	95	0	717	38	0	0	63	98	25	385	1 349	921	258	0	1 278	1 620	161	0	0

Forest area in ha	1 273 540	50 202	180 077	40 106	20 791	27 879	18 659	7 772	21 150	6 458	43 039	31 751	471	20 356	12 762	7 181	4 874	60 000	200 943	49 217	20 121	142 941	127 751	109 584	30 162	3 003	36 290
Productive forest land	1 120 288	49 618	163 231	39 985	16 946	27 085	15 526	7 093	18 540	6 388	41 913	27 342	471	19 968	12 679	6 861	4 660	56 634	161 837	46 452	20 084	127 419	95 280	90 788	27 124	2 599	33 765
Unproductive forest land	153 252	584	16 846	121	3 845	794	3 133	679	2 610	70	1 126	4 409	0	388	83	320	214	3 366	39 106	2 765	37	15 522	32 471	18 796	3 038	404	2 525
Forest reserves 2022 ²	98 121	4 025	8 677	2 748	1 473	3 771	1 561	619	2 311	1 308	1 327	3 360	3	4 163	572	509	168	4 607	21 610	7 094	1 689	10 015	4 438	6 819	2 344	805	2 106

Forest ownership																											
Private forest land in ha	371 993	25 410	88 888	29 610	2 980	7 347	1 656	2 453	2 662	1 813	18 567	6 601	86	4 435	2 149	5 530	2 782	26 021	18 083	11 114	11 287	28 842	41 011	10 002	12 885	1 045	8 734
Public forest land in ha	900 534	24 792	90 176	10 496	17 811	20 532	17 003	5 319	18 488	4 645	24 472	25 150	385	15 921	10 613	1 651	2 092	33 979	182 860	38 103	8 834	114 099	86 740	99 582	17 277	1 958	27 556
Forest owners (total number)	248 175	18 424	36 690	11 293	1 510	3 449	1 814	826	1 466	1 242	14 314	5 245	164	6 136	2 098	4 266	3 024	16 994	10 477	14 495	8 918	30 104	27 267	19 905	2 948	1 595	3 532
Private forest owners ³	244 801	18 222	36 274	11 164	1 489	3 364	1 801	806	1 457	1 172	14 164	5 118	160	6 044	2 043	4 241	2 996	16 487	10 339	14 295	8 849	29 788	26 947	19 676	2 862	1 564	3 479
Public forest owners	3 374	202	416	129	21	85	13	20	9	70	150	127	4	92	55	25	28	507	138	200	69	316	320	229	86	31	53

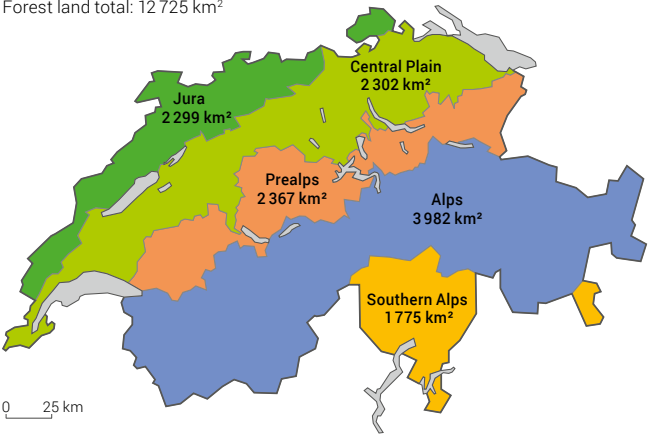
Business results achieved by forestry enterprises																											
In CHF thousand																											
No. of forestry enterprises																											
(with and without employees)	649	49	88	11	9	12	8	5	3	6	22	23	X	21	11	X	X	32	62	55	20	59	83	32	16	X	16
Revenue	584 283	41 287	61 911	7 659	8 436	10 762	17 501	5 479	11 676	8 548	35 061	30 442	X	29 751	6 941	X	X	27 818	82 943	64 674	9 688	9 300	29 719	58 839	11 672	X	11 737
of which contributions for public services comprise	136 741	4 070	10 350	1 257	4 292	2 016	6 158	800	4 598	1 508	8 852	5 628	X	7 294	1 117	X	X	4 986	23 162	6 932	1 131	5 298	7 558	23 578	3 340	X	2 288
Expenditure	602 178	50 604	54 399	7 663	8 556	10 678	16 802	5 337	15 610	9 036	34 845	28 179	X	28 575	8 571	X	X	25 054	87 357	60 135	8 904	13 664	38 470	61 595	12 199	X	10 091
Balance	−17 896	−9 318	7 512	−4	−119	85	699	142	−3 935	−488	216	2 264	X	1 175	−1 630	X	X	2 764	−4 413	4 539	785	−4 364	−8 750	−2 756	−527	X	1 645
Investment (capital spending)	47 930	3 003	3 985	895	724	767	1 900	33	337	933	1 774	2 096	X	695	288	X	X	901	16 957	3 005	199	2 701	803	4 036	1 026	X	628
of which contributions for public services	18 841	48	725	162	310	120	285	0	92	453	99	517	X	69	2	X	X	66	12 590	942	0	1 826	196	0	95	X	157

Establishments and employees 2021 ⁴																											
Forestry enterprises	480	32	70	9	8	13	9	4	X	6	15	13	X	23	11	8	5	32	79	45	13	8	26	29	11	X	7
No. of persons employed in these enterprises	2 803	167	354	40	50	67	81	20	20	44	121	58	18	135	46	43	21	163	440	271	68	44	126	335	62	X	11
Logging enterprises and forestry services contractors	964	81	143	47	X	27	9	8	12	10	37	31	X	25	16	10	4	49	63	54	40	79	108	30	38	11	26
No. of persons employed in these enterprises	3 508	253	478	155	7	76	66	51	57	30	148	102	4	76	49	18	7	169	281	201	118	384	439	89	120	39	91

¹ Sources: FSO – Swiss Forestry Statistics, Survey on wood processing in sawmills, Forest Enterprise Network; Federal Office for the Environment – Forest reserves ² Graubünden: 5 445 ha National Park ³ Forest owners who are registered in several cantons count as one forest owner in the CH total. ⁴ Source: FSO – Structural Business Statistics STATENT X: Not included due to data protection issues © FSO 2023

Forest land by forest area in 2022

Forest land total: 12 725 km²



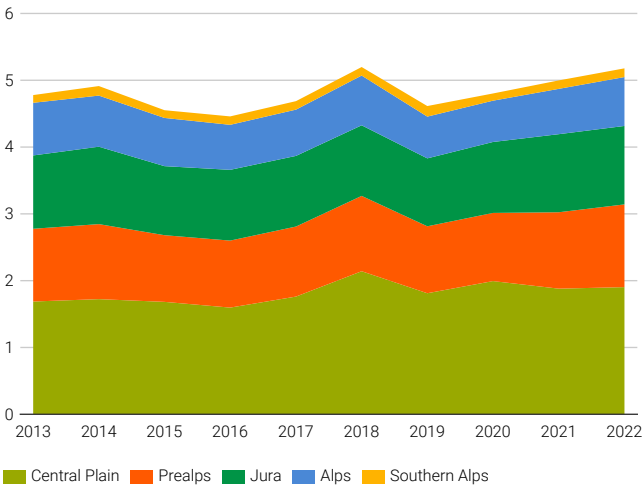
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Wood harvest

Total 2022: 5.2 million m³

million m³



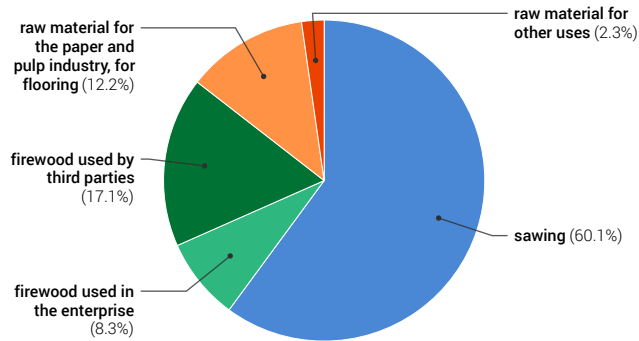
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Wood processing in swiss sawmills, 2022

Total 2.1 Mio. m³ roundwood

By-products 40%



Source: FSO – Federal survey on wood processing in sawmills

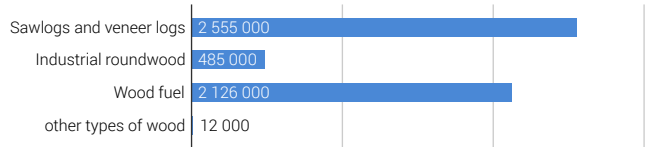
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Wood harvest by use, 2022

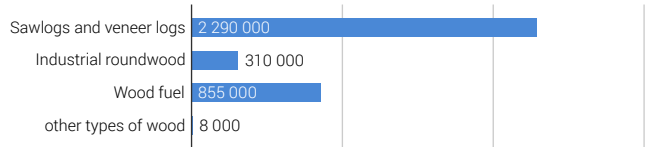
In m³

Total softwood and hardwood: 5 178 000 m³

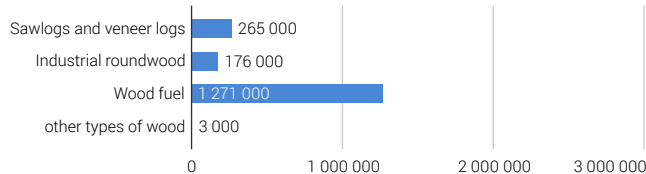
Total



Softwood (conifers)



Hardwood (deciduous)

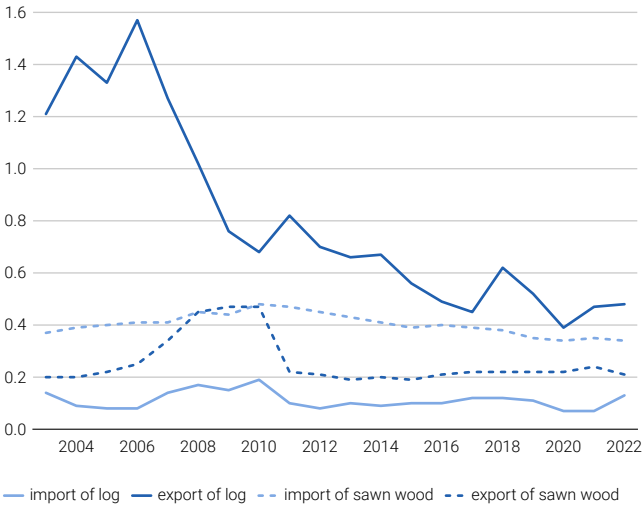


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Foreign trade of roundwood and sawings

million m³ of solid wood

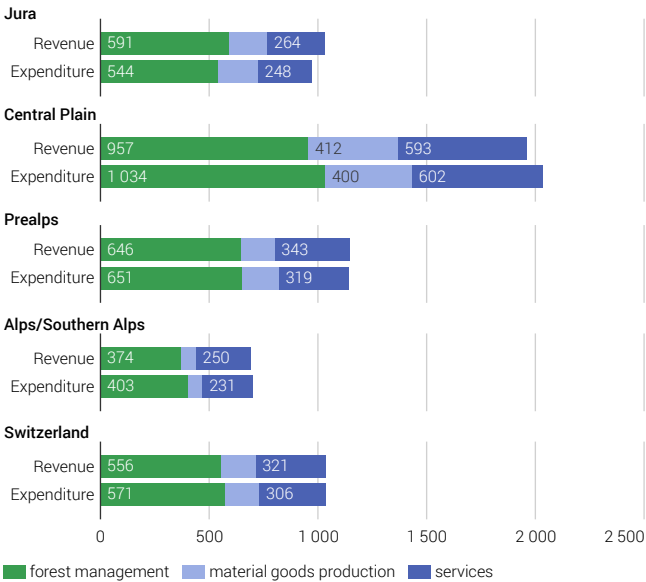


Sources: FCA – Swiss foreign trade statistics; FOEN

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Revenue and expenditure of selected forestry enterprises, 2022

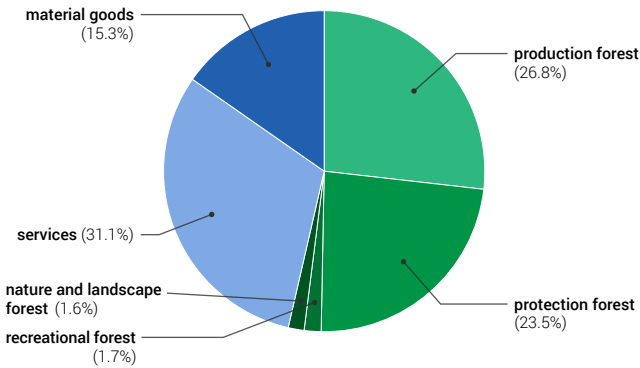
Swiss francs per ha of productive forest land



Source: FSO – Forest Enterprise Network (FEN)

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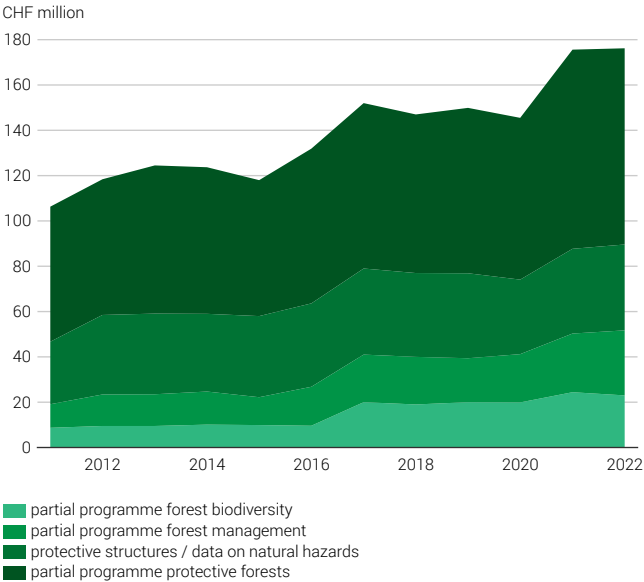
Revenue share of selected forest enterprises, 2022



Source: FSO – Forest Enterprise Network (FEN)

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Public forestry expenditures



Source: Federal Office for the Environment (FOEN)

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