Global Volume of FSC-certified Wood

FSC periodically analyzes the volume of FSC-certified wood produced worldwide. We aim to provide a clear picture of FSC’s presence in the global forest products industry.

We recently updated this global volume figure based on volume data extracted in 2017 from our database of 1,509 forest management certificates - covering an area of 199 million hectares - to update this global volume figure.

Results and implication

Output from FSC-certified forests (average yearly figure):

approximately 423 million cubic meters

This makes up:

11.3% when compared to total world wood production

22.6% when compared to total world industrial roundwood production only*

World wood production according to FAO (2016 average yearly figure):

1.86 billion cubic meters

Industrial roundwood: All roundwood except wood fuel.

Wood fuel: Used for energy (cooking, heating, power). Includes wood, charcoal and wood chips. It does not include wood fuel as byproduct of industrial processing of roundwood.

See FAO’s forest products definitions here

Disclaimer:
The information presented in this factsheet is based on FSC’s analysis of its own forest management certificate database. Not all the reports in this database are complete. The full methodology used is available upon request. Statistics provided in this document represent the best estimates, according to the latest available audit reports in the years from 2012 to 2017 in the FSC public database as of July 2017.

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* As it is estimated that only a small share of FSC-certified materials is used as wood fuel, the higher market share figure for FSC about industrial roundwood may be more relevant from a market perspective.