



International forestry

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Woodland area

A summary of statistics about woodland and forestry in the UK

Forestry Facts & Figures 2017



Forest cover: international comparisons 2015

Table with 4 columns: Country, Forest area (million ha), Total land area (million ha), Forest as % of land area. Rows include Europe, United Kingdom, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Spain, Sweden, Other EU, Total EU-28, Russian Federation, Total Europe, Africa, Asia, North & Central America, Oceania, South America, World.

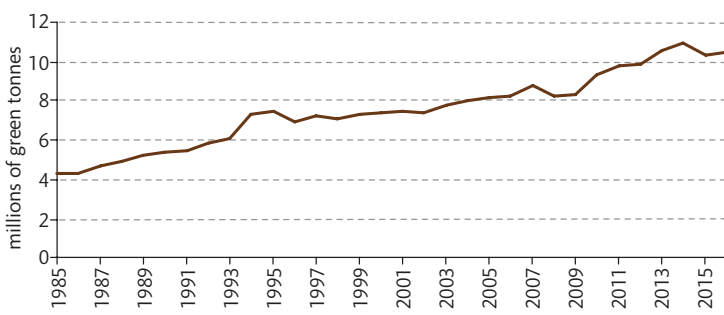
Source: FAO Global Forest Resources Assessment 2015. Cyprus is included in EU-28 total but is part of FAO's Asia region. These figures are outside the scope of National Statistics.

Softwood deliveries (thousands of green tonnes)

Table with 9 columns: Year, Sawmills, Pulpmills, Woodbased panels, Fencing, Woodfuel, Other, Roundwood exports, Total. Rows for years 2012-2016.

Figures are based on processing industries' purchases of softwood grown in the UK and estimates for woodfuel. Woodfuel reported here is derived from stemwood and includes estimated roundwood use for biomass energy. Other includes shavings and poles.

Softwood deliveries



Area of woodland 2017 (thousands of hectares)

Table with 4 columns: FC/NRW/FS, Conifer, Broadleaf, Total woodland. Rows for England, Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland, UK.

Private sector

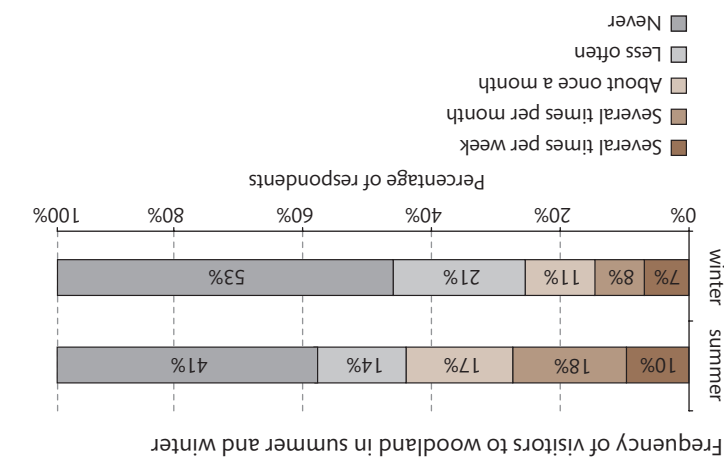
Table with 4 columns: England, Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland, UK. Rows for FC/NRW/FS, Private sector, Total.

All woodland

Table with 4 columns: England, Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland, UK. Rows for FC/NRW/FS, Private sector, Total.

Areas as of 31 March, 2017.

Source: UK Public Opinion of Forestry surveys 2013 to 2017. Average visit frequencies from last 3 surveys.



Source: UK Public Opinion of Forestry surveys. These figures are not National Statistics. Per cent of population aged 16 and over visiting woodland in last few years.

Table with 5 columns: Year, Aged 16-34, Aged 35-54, Aged 55 and over, Total. Rows for years 2009-2017.

Visiting woodland (per cent of population)

Annual changes in forest area: international comparisons

Table with 6 columns: Region, 1990-2000, 2000-2010, 2010-2015. Rows for UK, EU-28, Total Europe, Africa, Asia, North & Central America, Oceania, South America, World.

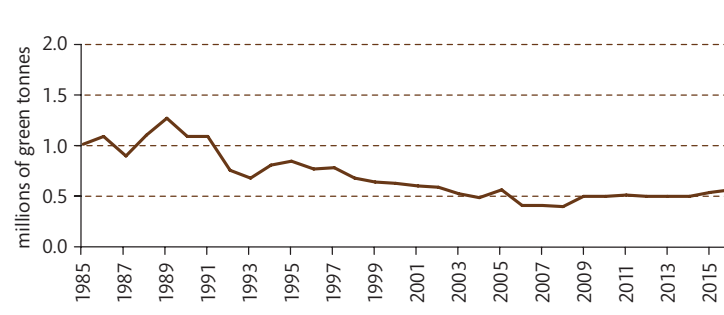
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Hardwood deliveries (thousands of green tonnes)

Table with 8 columns: Year, Sawmills, Pulpmills, Woodbased panels, Woodfuel, Other, Total. Rows for years 2012-2016.

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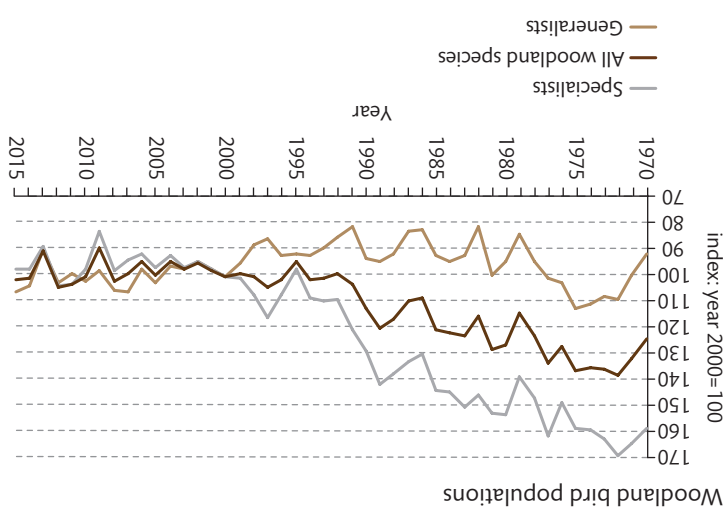
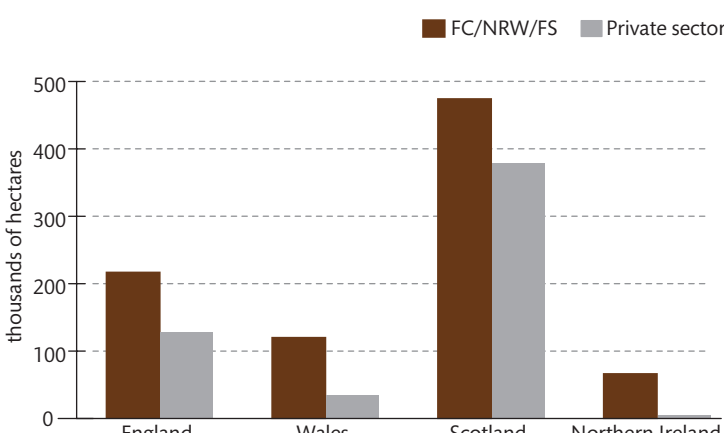
Hardwood deliveries



Area of certified woodland 2017 (thousands of hectares)

Table with 4 columns: FC/NRW/FS, Private sector, Total woodland area certified. Rows for England, Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland, UK.

All certified woodland in 2017 is under the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) scheme. Some woodland is also certified under the Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC) Scheme.



Source: British Trust for Ornithology (BTO), Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA), Joint Nature Conservation Committee (JNCC), Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB). Based on data in Wild Bird Populations in the UK statistical release (Defra, revised June 2017).

Table with 5 columns: Year, All woodland, Woodland specialists, Woodland generalists, Woodland specialists. Rows for years 2011-2015.

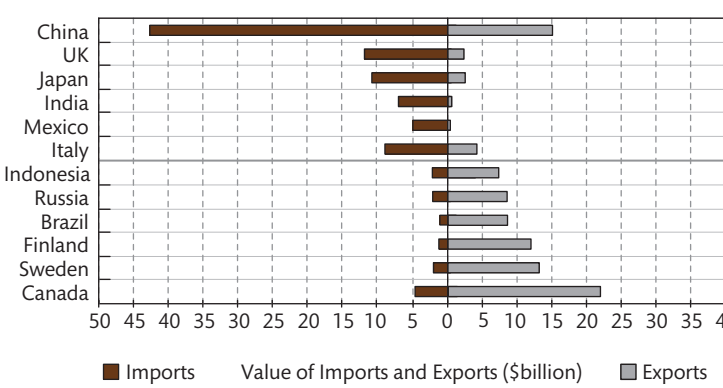
Woodland bird populations (index: year 2000=100)

Wood removals: international comparisons 2015

Table with 4 columns: Region, Industrial roundwood (million m³), Woodfuel (million m³), Total roundwood (million m³). Rows for UK, EU-28, Total Europe, Africa, Asia, North & Central America, Oceania, South America, World.

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Largest net importers and exporters of forest products 2015



Import and export volumes

Table with 8 columns: Year, Imports (Sawn-wood, Other wood, Wood-based panels, Pulp & paper), Exports (Wood (sawn & other), Wood-based panels, Pulp & paper). Rows for years 2012-2016.

Import and export values (£ million)

Table with 8 columns: Year, Imports (Sawn-wood, Other wood, Wood-based panels, Pulp & paper), Exports (Wood (sawn & other), Wood-based panels, Pulp & paper). Rows for years 2012-2016.

'Other wood' includes roundwood, wood charcoal, chips, particles, residues and wood pellets. 'Pulp & paper' includes paperboard and recovered waste paper.

New planting (thousands of hectares)

Table with 10 columns: Year, England, Wales, Scotland, N Ireland, UK. Rows for years 2013-2017.

Restocking (thousands of hectares)

Table with 10 columns: Year, England, Wales, Scotland, N Ireland, UK. Rows for years 2013-2017.

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Wood products: international comparisons 2015

Table with 7 columns: Region, Sawnwood (million m³), Woodbased panels (million m³), Paper & paperboard (million tonnes). Rows for UK, EU-28, Total Europe, Africa, Asia, North & Central America, Oceania, South America, World.

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Employment in forestry and primary wood processing (thousands)

Table with 6 columns: Year, Forestry, Saw-milling, Panels, Pulp & paper, Total. Rows for years 2011-2015.

Excludes secondary wood processing and other wood-using industries. Source: Annual Business Survey (Office for National Statistics).

Gross value added in forestry and primary wood processing (£ million)

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Excludes secondary wood processing and other wood-using industries. Source: Annual Business Survey (Office for National Statistics).

Wood production (thousands of green tonnes)

Table with 7 columns: Year, Softwood (FC/NRW/FS, Private sector, Total), Hardwood (FC/NRW/FS, Private sector, Total). Rows for years 2012-2016.

Production of wood products

Table with 4 columns: Year, Sawnwood, Woodbased panels, Paper & paperboard. Rows for years 2012-2016.

Total production from UK mills, including products using imported material. Excludes other wood products (e.g. fuelwood and round fencing), roundwood and intermediate products (e.g. sawmill products, pulp and recovered paper).



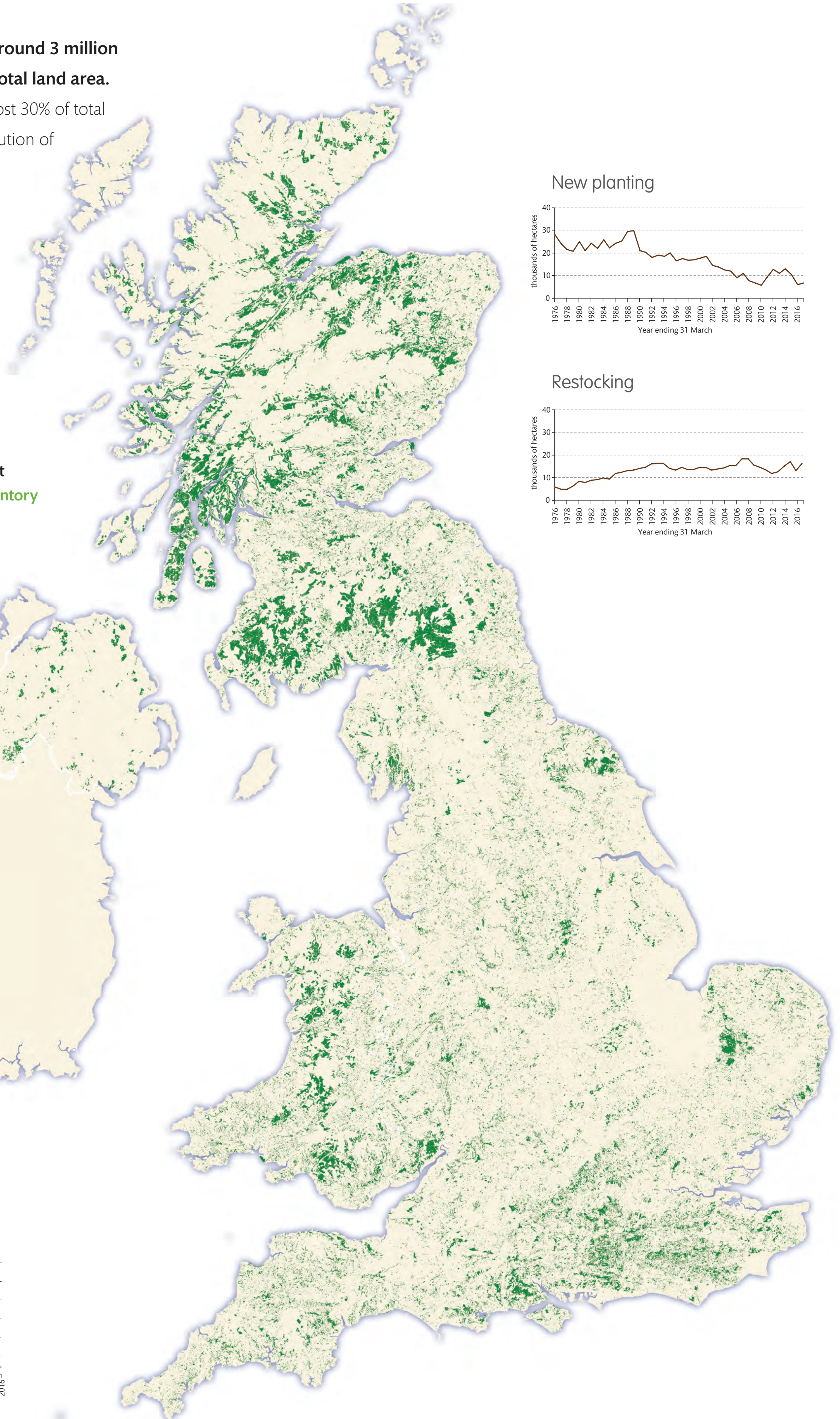
# Distribution of woodland in the UK

**Woodland cover in the UK is now around 3 million hectares, equivalent to 13% of the total land area.**

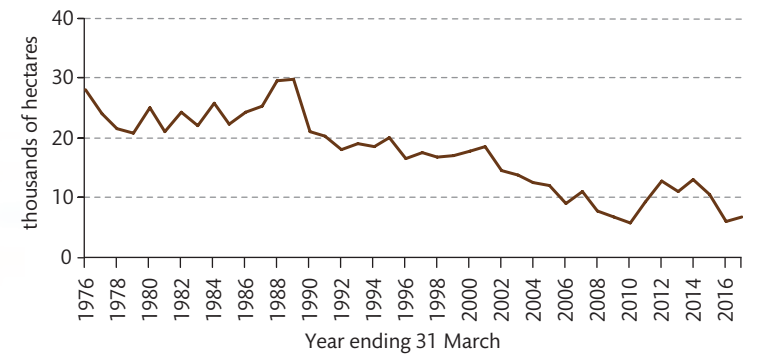
The public forest estate makes up almost 30% of total forest area. This map shows the distribution of woodland over 2 hectares in the UK.

The information on woodland area presented here uses data from the GB National Forest Inventory, adjusted for new planting, and data supplied by Forest Service in Northern Ireland.

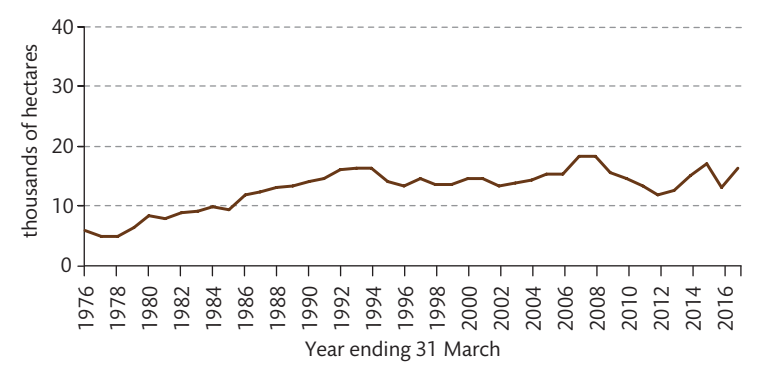
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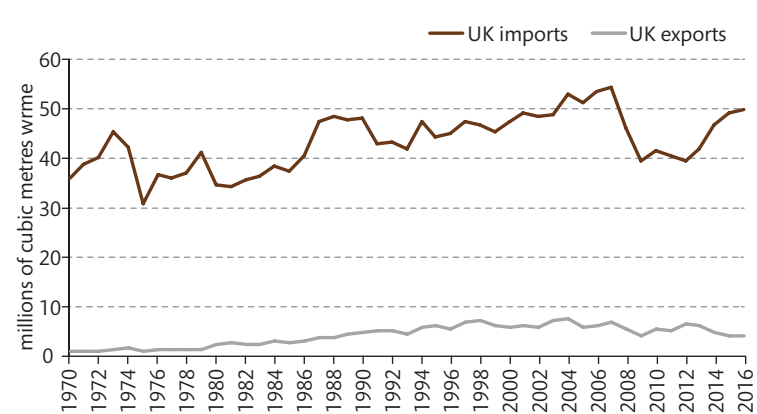
**New planting**



**Restocking**



**UK imports and exports**



w.r.m.e. = wood raw material equivalent