



# Canada – Our Ongoing Commitment to Sustainable Forest Management

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# Canada - a Forest Nation



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## A dominant part of our landscape

	Canada	Germany	US	Italy	Netherlands	Brazil	Russia
Land (M ha)	909	36	915	29	3.4	836	1689
Forest (M ha)	402	11	303	11	0.4	478	809
Forest (%)	44%	31%	33%	37%	11%	57%	48%
<b>Ownership</b>							
- Public (%)	93%	54%	42%	35%	50%	N/A	100%
- Private (%)	7%	46%	58%	65%	50%		0%
People/km <sup>2</sup>	8	229	98	195	393	22	9



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# Canada's Forest – Nature & State



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# Sustainable Forest Management

- Pioneered landscape level ecosystem management
- Canada seeks a balanced science-based approach between environmental, social and economic needs over time
- Key features of SFM in Canada include:
  - Legislation, regulations, policies for forest management
  - Conservation of biodiversity
  - Adaptive management
  - Monitoring and assessment
- Public consultation is a cornerstone of SFM



# Governments and Canada's Forests

- Canada's **provinces** and **territories** have jurisdiction over lands and resources management
- **Federal roles** on forests:
  - International trade and foreign policy
  - Aboriginal affairs
  - Economic and fiscal policy
  - Management of federal lands
- **Shared responsibilities:**
  - Environmental protection
  - Science and technology



*Co-management agreements with **Aboriginal Peoples** represent another form of forest governance in Canada*



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# Canada – 1<sup>st</sup> in forest certification

- Three internationally recognized standards in use in Canada:
  - Forest Stewardship Council (FSC)
  - Canadian Standards Association (CSA)
  - Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI)
- Largest amount (145.7 M ha) of third party certified forest area in the world
- 40% of global certification



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# Conclusions

- Canada is steward of a vast public endowment.
- The reality –
  - the forest is a renewable resource
  - commercial harvesting takes place on less than x% of forest land;
  - disturbances are part of the natural forest cycles
- There are many checks and balances to ensure sustainable forest management.





*Forestry in Canada is about sustainable management of a renewable resource where multiple values and interests are represented to ensure the long-term health and well-being of both Canadians and our forests.*



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