

Canada - Supplying Sustainable, High-Quality Forest Products

A Holistic Approach to Sustainability

Stewardship Leader - Canada's sustainable forest management standards are internationally recognized as among the most rigorous in the world¹. Continuous improvement of environmental performance, as informed by science, is key to developing our resources responsibly, sustaining local communities as well as international trade and jobs.

Committed to Forests for Future Generations - Responsible forest management helps to ensure that forests are legally harvested and managed to meet society's long-term demand for forest products. Canada has a net deforestation rate of essentially zero². Every hectare harvested is promptly regenerated to ensure healthy forests for both today and tomorrow. Governments regulate harvest levels on public lands by specifying an annual allowable cut, determined by the growth and health of the forests.

Conserving Forest Legacy - Canada has more than 31 million hectares of forest and wooded land (8%) that are protected from resource development to conserve their ecological or cultural values³.



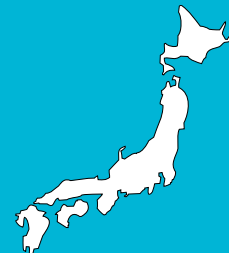
Canada's protected forests (31 million hectares) relative to the size of:

Germany



which is 35.7 million hectares

Japan



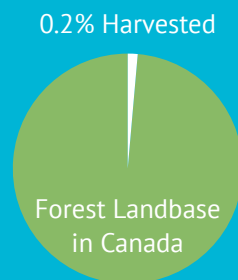
which is 37.8 million hectares

California



which is 41 million hectares

Each year, Canada plants 500 million seedlings and harvests only 0.2 per cent of its forest landbase⁴.



Preferred Supplier, Preferred Forest Products

Efficient Wood Use - North American wood producers are able to use 99 per cent of every tree harvested⁵.

Quality Products - Canadian companies manufacture a wide variety of wood products that meet any structural or finishing need, offering immense versatility, durability, strength and beauty.



Canada - A Recognized Leader in Sustainable Forest Management

Leadership Defined by Action Through Legislation

Responsible Stewardship

Canada's forest policy, based on sustainable forest management principles, guides its reforestation practices and sustainable harvest rates, ensuring the country retains its healthy forests for today and tomorrow's generations.

International Initiatives

Canada's ongoing collaboration with other nations has helped define global standards and measurements for environmental performance and forest stewardship policies.

Rigorous Legal Framework

The Canadian legal system holds companies and professionals accountable for their practices through strict forest management planning and approval processes, regulation of professionals, monitoring, and enforcement.

Voluntary Certification

In addition to strong stewardship and strict legal framework, Canada has 161 million hectares⁶ of land certified to one of three market-driven forest certification systems. Canada leads the world in third-party certification, with more land certified to voluntary, market-based forest programs than any other country.

Canada collaborates on international initiatives. Examples include:

- Montreal Process
- Rio Earth Summit
- Canada–Mexico Partnership
- World Bank's Forest Carbon Partnership Facility (FCPF) and Carbon Fund
- International Model Forest Network
- Canadian Council of Forest Ministers

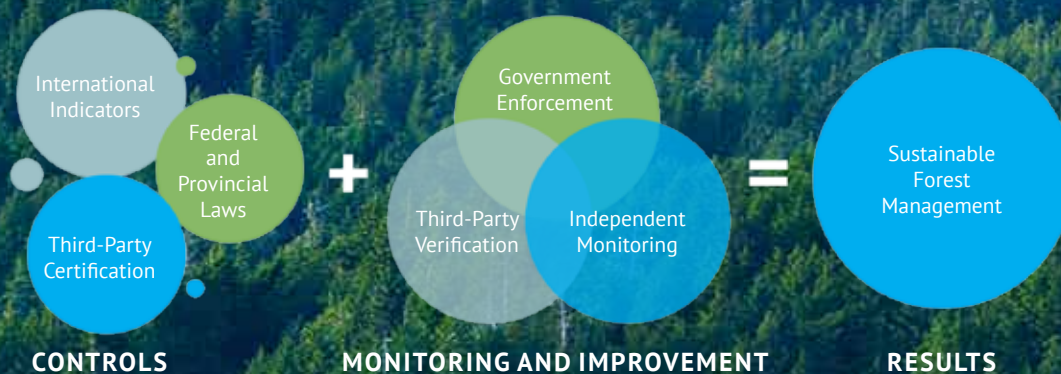
Certified Forests Worldwide

Canada
40%

All Other Nations
60%

"Forest certification is a tool for demonstrating to customers and consumers that forests are being well-managed and that key local, regional and national forest values are being taken into account in the management of forests."

Canadian Council of Forest Ministers⁷



¹ www.naturallywood.com/resource/comparison-selected-forest-certification-standards-2009-summary

² www.nrcan.gc.ca/forests/inventory/13419

³ www.nrcan.gc.ca/forests/canada/biodiversity/13193

⁴ www.nfdp.cfm.org/silviculture/quick_facts_e.php

⁵ www.dovetailinc.org/report_pdfs/2012/dovetailwoodutilization1012.pdf

⁶ www.sfmcanada.org/images/Publications/EN/CCFM_StatementCertif_EN.pdf

⁷ www.certificationcanada.org

For more information:

Canada Forests: Canadian Council of Forest Ministers - www.SFMCANADA.org

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