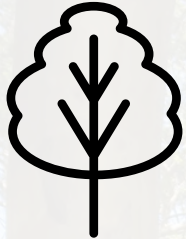


AUSTRALIAN FORESTS



Our forests stretch over 134 million hectares, covering 17 per cent of Australia and an area greater than France, Germany and Sweden combined.

According to the UN Food and Agriculture Organisation, Australia is:

- **in the top 10 countries for area of forests legally protected**
- **ranked 2nd globally for increased forest area.**

AUSTRALIA

is closely aligned with the EU on the critical importance of forests, biodiversity and sustainable land use.

practices sustainable forest management consistent with the UN Strategic Plan for Forests & Global Forest Goals.



INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS

Australia and the EU are both signatories to:

- Glasgow Leaders' Declaration on Forests & Land Use
- Forests and Climate Leaders' Partnership

and are members of:

- Glasgow Climate Pact
- UN Forum on Forests
- International Tropical Timber Organization



ILLEGAL LOGGING LEGISLATION

Australia's *Illegal Logging Prohibition Act 2012* makes it a criminal offence to:

- import illegally logged timber
- process an Australian-grown log that has been illegally harvested.

Australia & the EU have worked together to combat illegal logging. We share similar approaches:

- due diligence requirements
- certification schemes that ensure products purchased come from a sustainably managed & certified forest
- penalties for non-compliance
- routine audits & intelligence-based checks
- Australia participated in the EU's Forest Law Enforcement, Governance & Trade initiative.



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EMISSIONS REDUCTION FUND AND FORESTS

Australia's carbon crediting scheme, the Emissions Reduction Fund, supports projects by landholders, communities and businesses that remove and sequester carbon, or avoid the release of greenhouse gas emissions into the atmosphere.

Australia has more than 600 registered forest projects that have generated 60 million tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent (CO₂-e) emissions reductions to date and are contracted to deliver many more over coming years.

As well as storing carbon and providing an additional income source, forest projects deliver benefits such as soil health, better water quality and improved native animal habitats and biodiversity.



The government allocated \$204.8 million in its 2022-23 Federal Budget to support Australia's forestry sector to innovate and improve its capacity and capability.

This includes carbon reduction action, plantation initiatives & combatting illegal logging globally.

INDIGENOUS FOREST ESTATE

The Indigenous forest estate covers 69.5 million hectares of forest in Australia, which is 52% of Australia's total forest area.

AUSTRALIAN AID

The Government supports approximately \$5 million of sustainable forest management projects annually in the Pacific, Asia and Africa through the Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research's Forestry Program.



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