

ECONOMIC VALUE OF FORESTS



Are you aware of the economic importance of forests?

Forests are an important source of income:

Forestry activities, wood processing, and the pulp and paper industries combined contribute

0.8% (103 billion €) to the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of Europe as a whole.

–And this amount does not include the forest sector's additional contribution through other economic activities, such as forest based **tourism, wood energy, manufacturing of furniture, manufacturing of wood processing equipment and trade in forest products**–



Almost **3 million people** in Europe earn their living from working in forestry and forest-based industries.

WOOD



The overall **value of marketed roundwood** still increased and reached **11,500 million €** in 2010, when a total of 407 million m³ of roundwood were produced in Europe.



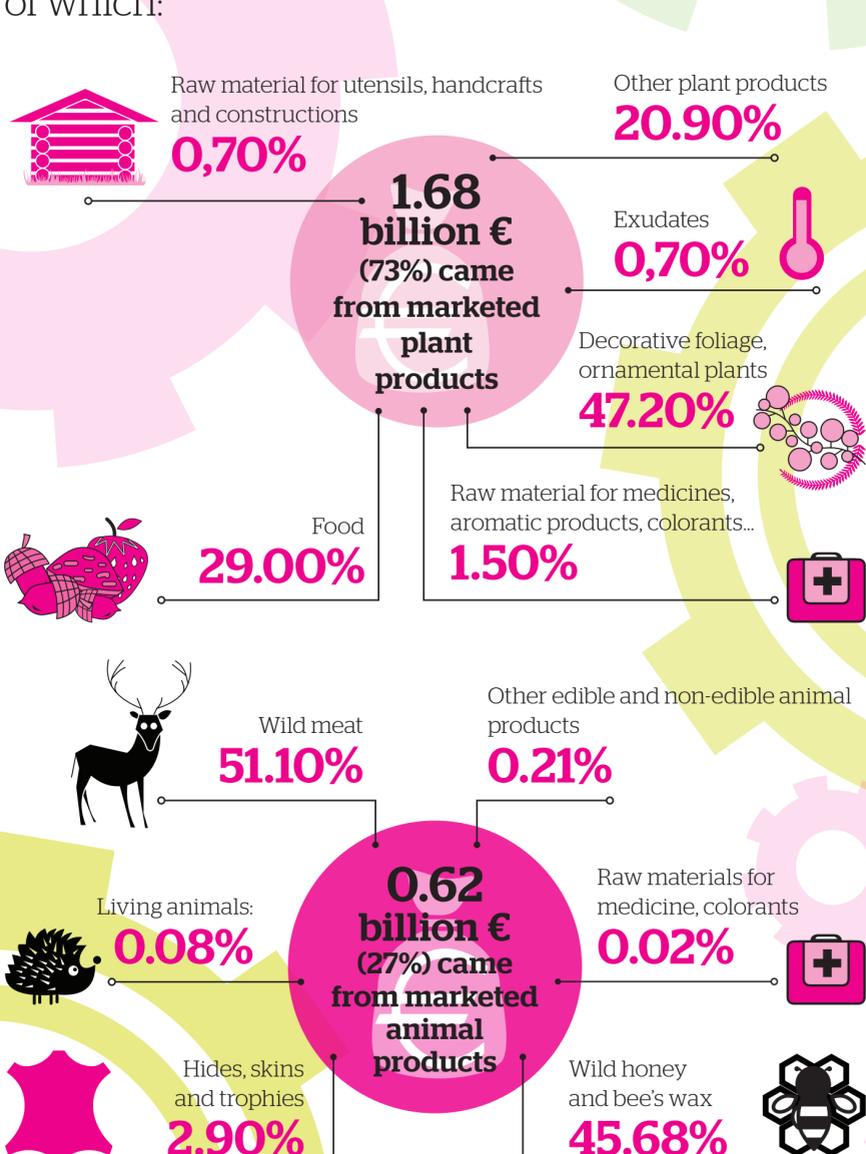
Europe is a **net exporter of wood products** and remains one of the main roundwood producers in the world.

Concern about deforestation of tropical forests has reduced demand for tropical timber products and their imported volumes into Europe have dropped since 2000: they have been partly replaced by wood from Europe's well-managed forests.



NON-WOOD GOODS

Total value of marketed non-wood goods reached **2.3 billion €** in Europe in 2010, of which:



FOREST SERVICES



Even if data on marketed services are very limited, it is clear that they represent a **non-negligible income for forest owners.**



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Information elaborated without including Russian Federation, due to the lack of current data from this country