

Facts and Key Figures

Swedish forest-based industry



Climate contribution

The forest and forest-based industry products are part of a perpetual ecocycle that begins and ends with photosynthesis, with sun, water and carbon dioxide giving nutrition to growing forest. Carbon atoms serve to build up the trees and are stored in the biomass as the trees grow.



Carbon dioxide

In average the forest and forest-based products reduced the global climate impact by in average 94 million tonnes of carbon dioxide (MtCO₂). This compensate for Sweden's total climate impact, twice.



Forest

CARBON SINK

Growing forests with an increasing timber volume sink

46

MtCO₂e/yr net

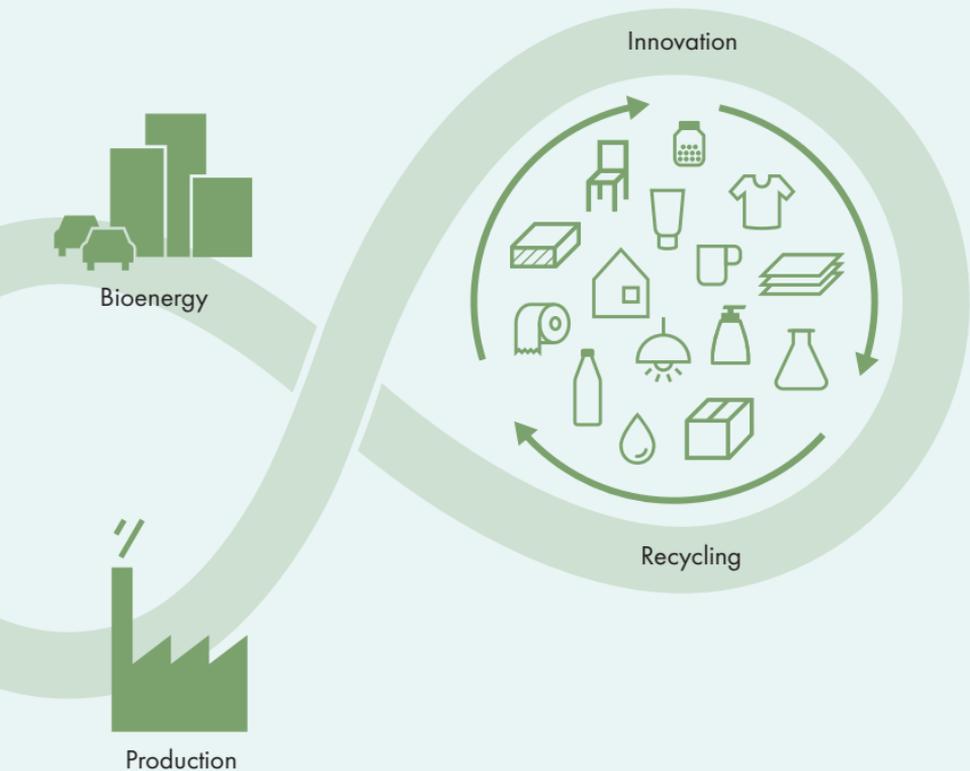
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FOSSIL REDUCTION

Products from the forest replace fossil based ones

52

MtCO₂e/yr



FOSSIL EMISSIONS

Fossil emissions from industrial processes, transportation and input materials

— **4**
MtCO₂e/yr

OVERALL EFFECT ON CLIMATE CHANGE EFFORTS

Sweden's forest sector is climate positive with an overall climate effect of

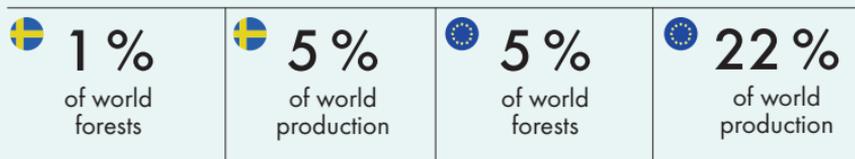
≈ **94**
MtCO₂e/yr

Production and Trade

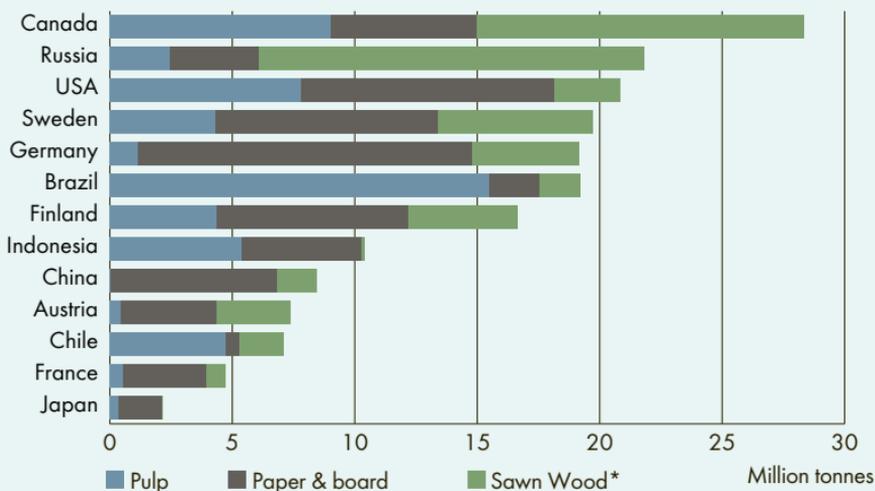


More than half of the harvest from Swedish forests is processed into different kinds of timber and refined products, such as glulam. The rest is turned into pulp, for production of paper, board, textiles and energy.

SWEDEN AND EU SHARE OF WORLD FORESTS, AND PRODUCTION OF SAWN WOOD, PULP AND PAPER



WORLD LEADING EXPORTERS



* Conversion: factor $2m^3 = 1$ ton has been used

Source: Swedish Forest Industries Federation, CEPI, FAO

Production in Sweden

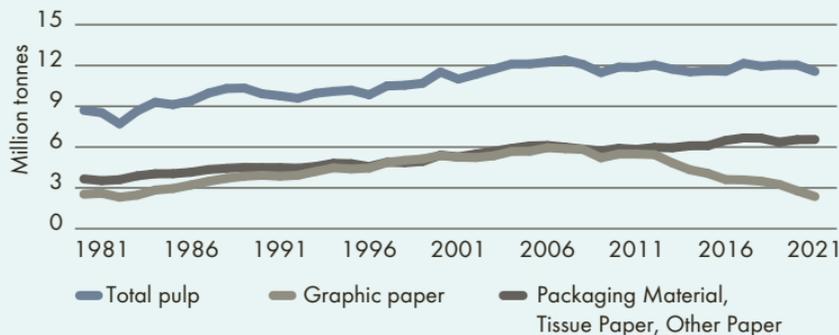
PRODUCTION OF SAWN WOOD



Source: Swedish Forest Industries Federation

Production of sawn wood products in the EU: 112.4 million m³

PRODUCTION OF PULP, PAPER AND BOARD



Source: Swedish Forest Industries Federation

Production of pulp in the EU: 35.5 million tonnes

Production of graphic paper in the EU: 22.5 million tonnes

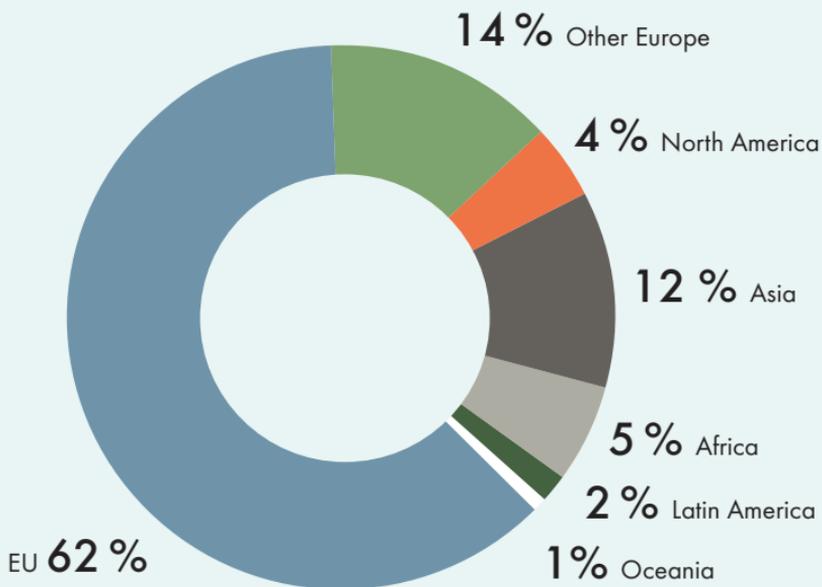
Production of packaging materials, tissue paper and other paper in the EU: 62.2 million tonnes

Markets



The Swedish forest-based industry is a major contributor to Sweden's economy. The industry is strongly export oriented. In the forest-based industry in EU, totally 1,6 million people are employed.

MARKETS FOR FOREST-BASED PRODUCTS FROM EU PRODUCERS RESPECTIVELY

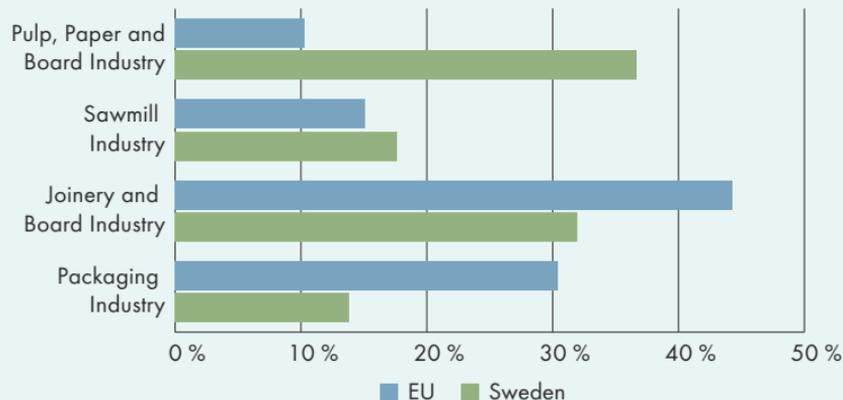


Export



Forest-based products account for 10 % of Sweden's total goods exports and 3 % of total goods imports. This entails a major contribution to Sweden's trade balance.

NET TRADE BALANCE FOR SWEDISH PRODUCT GROUPS 2021



Source: Statistics Sweden

Total Exports: 161 billion EUR

Total Imports: 158 billion EUR

80%

of production is exported,
at a gross value of

16.5

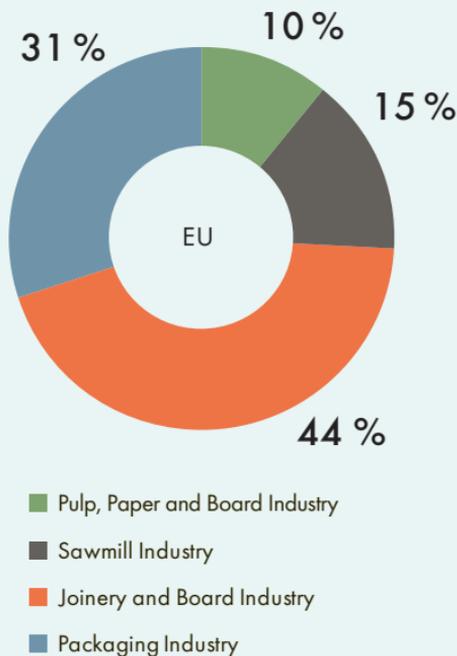
billion euro

Average conversion rate for SEK to EUR: 10.1449

Employees



In Sweden, the forest-based sector generate a total of 70,000 direct jobs. If all subcontractors are included, there are 115,000 people employed in the sector. In the forest-based sector in EU, totally 1,6 million people are employed.



Our member companies

Of total employment, exports, turnover and value added in Swedish industry, the forest-based industry accounts for 9–12 %.

130 sawmills with an output of over 10,000 m ³ /yr	50 Pulp, paper and board mills
25.7 billion euro total turnover (2018)	6.2 billion euro value added (2020)

SWEDISH FOREST-BASED INDUSTRY INVESTMENTS



Source: Statistics Sweden

Swedish Forests



Thanks to sustainable forest management, Sweden today has twice as much forest as it did 100 years ago. For every tree harvested, at least two new ones are planted. Every year, 380 million trees are planted.



70%

of Sweden's area is forest
– 28 million hectares



120

million cubic metres
of forest growth per year



42%

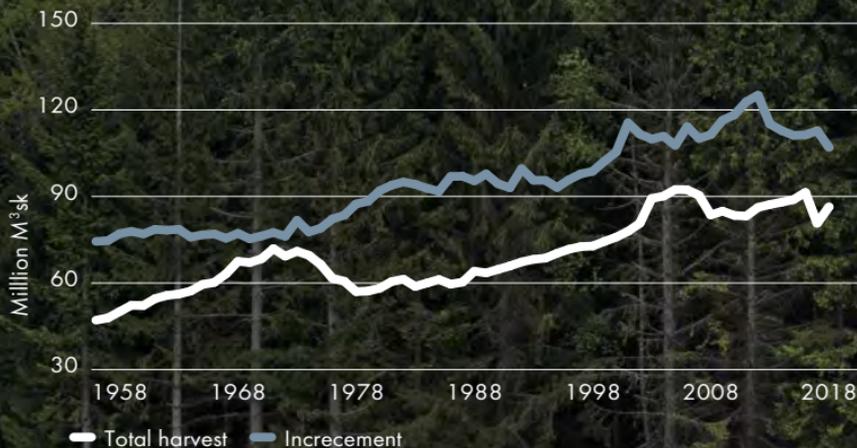
of the EU's area is
covered by forest



1%

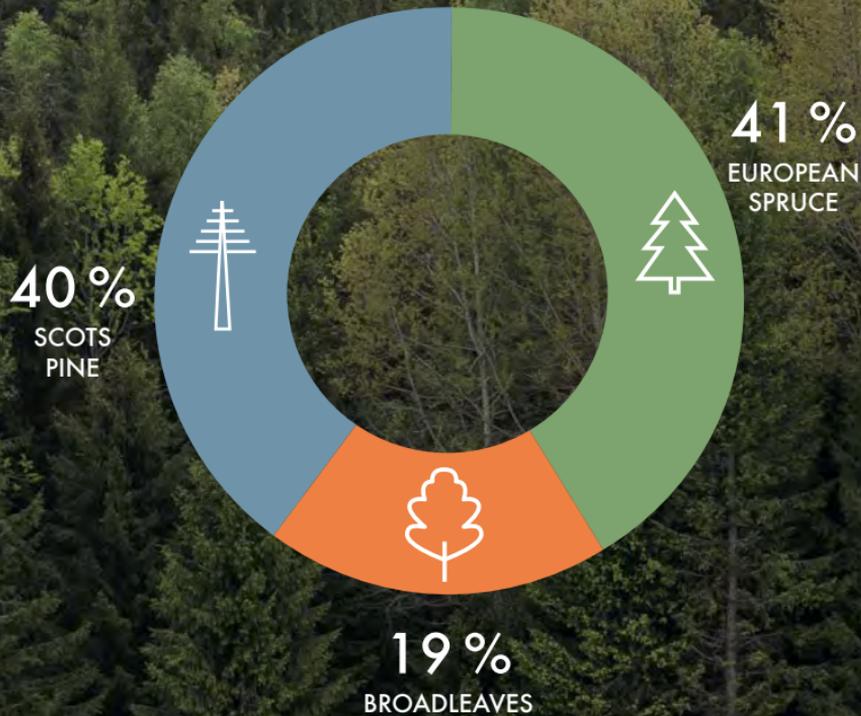
of the forest
is harvested annually

TOTAL ANNUAL VOLUME INCREMENT AND ANNUAL HARVEST 1958–2018



Source: Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, The Swedish National Forest Inventory

THE TREE SPECIES IN THE SWEDISH FORESTS



Source: The Swedish National Forest Inventory

OWNERSHIP OF FOREST LAND

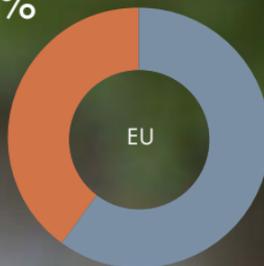
Public
Owners
22 %



Private
Owners
78 %

Source: Swedish Forest Agency

Public
Owners
40 %



Private
Owners
60 %

Source: Forest Europe

SHARE OF FOREST NOT HARVESTED OF SWEDEN'S 28 MILLION HECTARES

9 %

Formally protected woodland

2 %

Conservation areas when harvesting

4 %

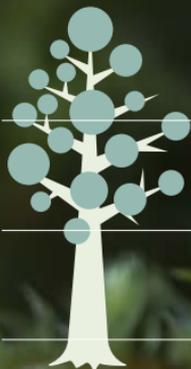
Voluntary set-aside

12 %

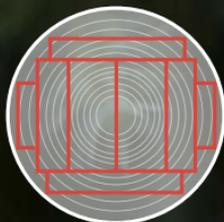
Unproductive woodland

Source: Statistics Sweden

THE WHOLE TREE IS USED



The parts of the logs that are not made into sawn timber products are used for pulp, paper and bioenergy.

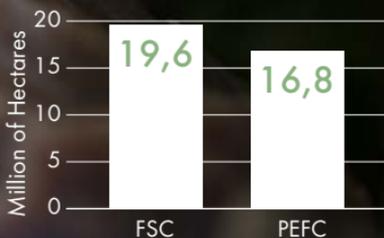


CERTIFICATION IN SWEDEN

There are two established international certifications for responsible forest management: PEFC and FSC.

66%

of forests in Sweden is certified.
A majority of forests holds
both certifications.



Source: Swedish Forest Industries Federation, FSC PEFC

FSC = Forest Stewardship Council
PEFC = Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification Schemes

Source: Swedish Forest Agency

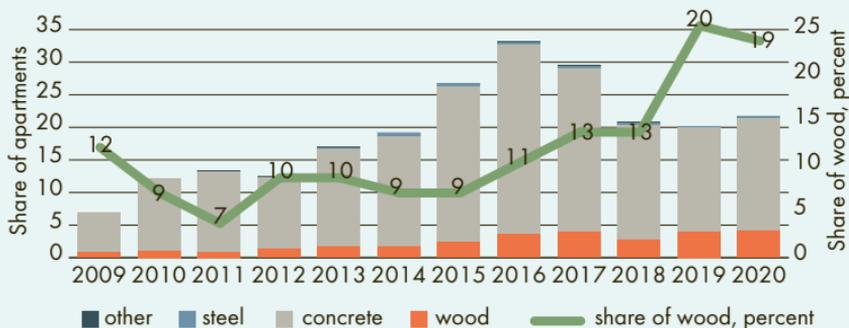


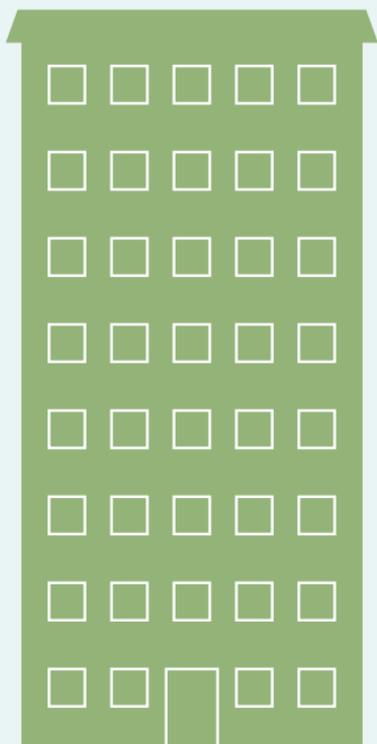
Wooden construction of multi-family housing



About 20 percent of all multi-family buildings in Sweden are made from wood – a market share that continues to increase. If 50 percent of Sweden’s multi-family housing by year 2025 are constructed using wood instead of other materials, the climate impact in the construction phase would be reduced by about 40 percent each year. Together with increased wood construction on public and private premises, this corresponds to approximately 1 million tonnes of carbon dioxide per year.

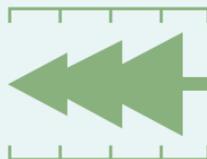
CONSTRUCTION OF MULTI-FAMILY HOUSING BY FRAMING MATERIAL AND SHARE WITH WOODEN FRAME



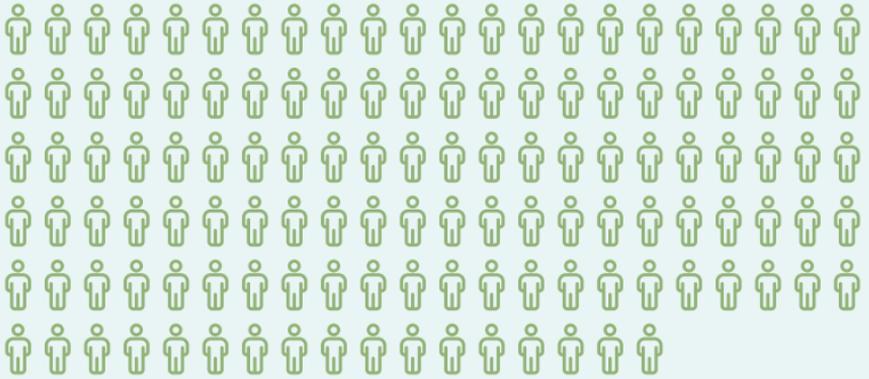


To build the house, we need 2000 cubic meters of sawn wood.

Nothing is wasted in Swedish forest industries



When Swedish foresters harvest trees for timber no biomaterial is left to chance. Branches, tops, smaller diameters and biomass from thinnings are taken care of. In fact, we use the whole tree. Nothing is discarded! Let us exemplify with the construction of an eight-storey wooden house.



THE RAW MATERIAL GROWN AND HARVESTED FOR THE HOUSE ALSO PROVIDES 128 PEOPLE, IE ALL THE TENANTS IN THE HOUSE, WITH:



Electricity supply for

6
years



District heating for

9
years



Paper consumption for

25
years



30

years of consumption of textiles from the forest such as lyocell and viscose



2300

kilometers transport with biofuels for each house hold

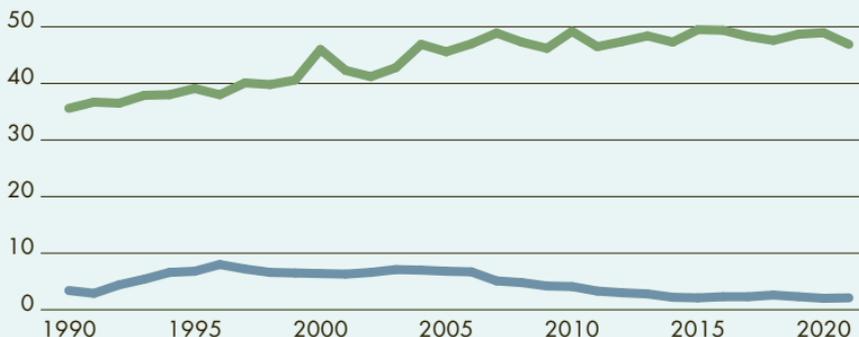
Energy



The Swedish forest-based industry is energy-intensive with processes requiring large amounts of heat and electricity. The industry is more or less self-dependent on heat and a growing producer of renewable electricity. The industry is Sweden's largest producer of bioenergy.

ANNUAL CONSUMPTION OF BIOFUEL AND FOSSIL FUELS IN THE PULP, PAPER AND BOARD INDUSTRY

TWh



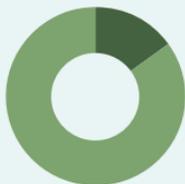
Source: Swedish Energy Agency

96%

fossil free processes

40%

of used electricity is produced in the sector

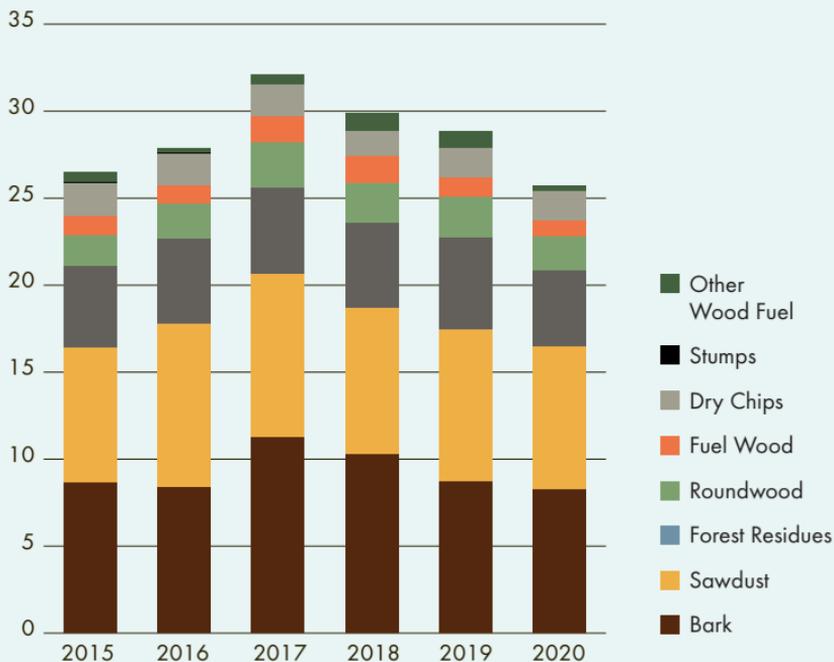


Swedish forest-based industry uses
21 TWh of electricity per year –
15 % of total power use in Sweden.

Bioenergy from the forest

DELIVERY OF WOOD FUEL FROM SWEDISH FOREST-BASED INDUSTRY

TWh



Source: Swedish Forest Industries Federation



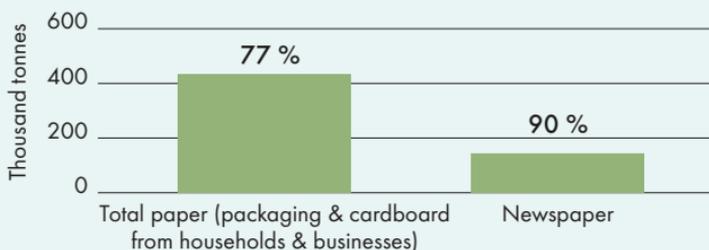
Bark, sawdust and forest residues – tops and branches – comprise the majority of raw material for Swedish bioenergy.

Recycling and Environmental work



There is a high level of paper recycling in the forest-based industry. The trade has a well-functioning, circular flow. The forest-based industry has been systematic in its environmental work since the 1970s. It is characterised by a holistic view of raw materials, energy, waste and transport.

RECYCLING OF PAPER PRODUCTS



Collection target for packages is reported according to EU:s new definition of measure points: only materials that is recycled into new materials are accounted for.

Source: FTI, 2020

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES LINKED TO PRODUCTION

↓ REDUCED EMISSIONS TO WATER 1990–2020

Nitrogen	Phosphorus	Organic compounds	Chlorine
-53 %	-58 %	-70 % (COD)	-94 %

↓ REDUCED EMISSIONS TO AIR 1990–2019

Sulphur dioxides	Nitrogen oxides	Carbon dioxide
-75 %	-7 %	-76 %

Source: Swedish Forest Agency

Research and Innovation



Every year, approximately 390 million euro is invested in Swedish research with a link to forest and forest-based industry. In 2018 the EU invested 175 million euro in the same areas, according to FTP, Forest-based sector Technology Platform.

FOREST AND FOREST-BASED INDUSTRY RESEARCH IN SWEDEN

Private sector, universities and colleges

Increase growth in sustainably managed forest

20 %

Increase industrial construction in wood

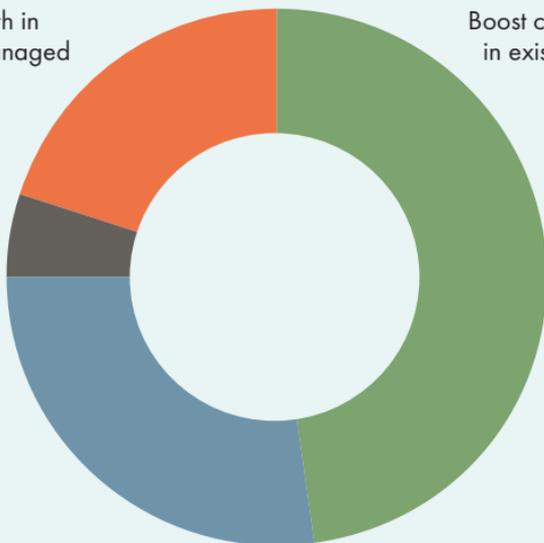
5 %

Develop new biobased products

27 %

Boost competitiveness in existing processes and products

48 %



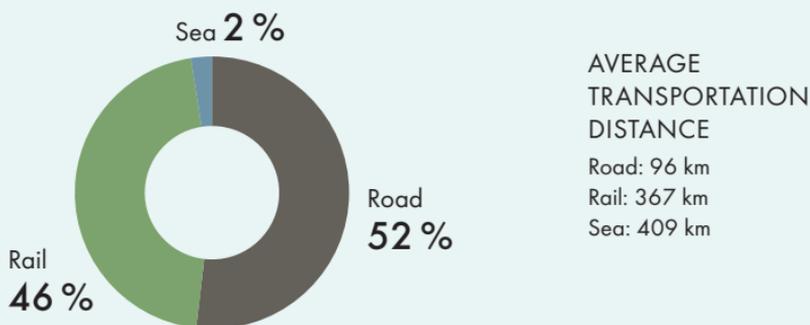
Transport



The forest-based industry purchases transport services worth at least 2.5 billion euro per year. For domestic transport, lorries is the most important mode of transport. Sea transport is the main mode for exports.

SWEDISH FOREST-BASED INDUSTRY DOMESTIC TRANSPORT

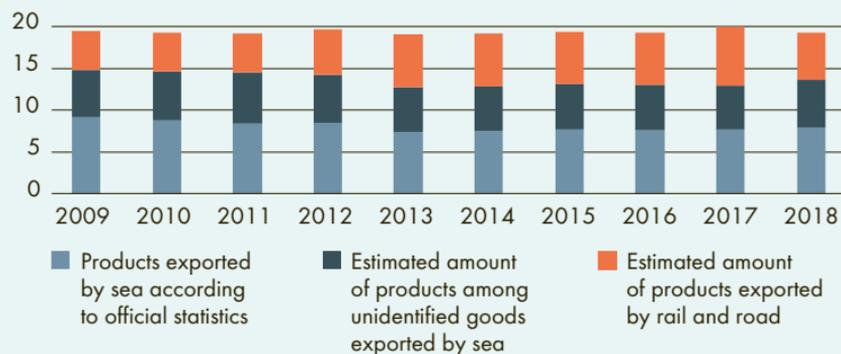
Million tonne kilometres



Source: Transport Analysis, 2018

EXPORT OF FOREST-BASED PRODUCTS, ESTIMATED DISTRIBUTION BY TYPE OF TRAFFIC

Exported Quantity, Tonnes



Source: Swedish Forest Industries Federation, Transport Analysis, 2018

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