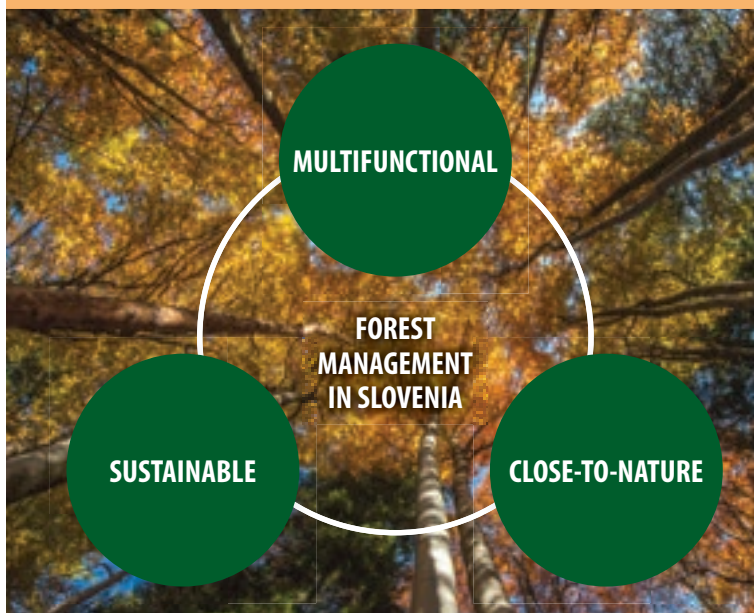


SLOVENIAN FORESTRY SCHOOL

The Slovenian forest management system (Slovenian forestry school) is characterised by its key principles: sustainability, multifunctionality and close-to-nature forest management.



Sustainable: ensuring the sustainability of all forest functions: economical, ecological and social. Conservation of forests for future generations.

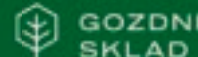
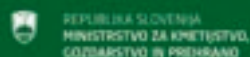
Close-to-nature: natural processes are included in forest management. A holistic approach to forest management that preserves the ecological balance of forests.

Multifunctional: forests are managed in a way that preserves and permanently provides forest ecosystem services for society, while at the same time provides income for forest owners.

Sustainable, close-to-nature and multifunctional forest management is only possible with the cooperation of the forestry professionals and forest owners.

Over 250 years of sustainable forestry - the first forest management plan in Slovenia was prepared in 1771 (Flameck's forest management plan for Trnovo forest).

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FORESTS COVER OVER 58% OF SLOVENIA.

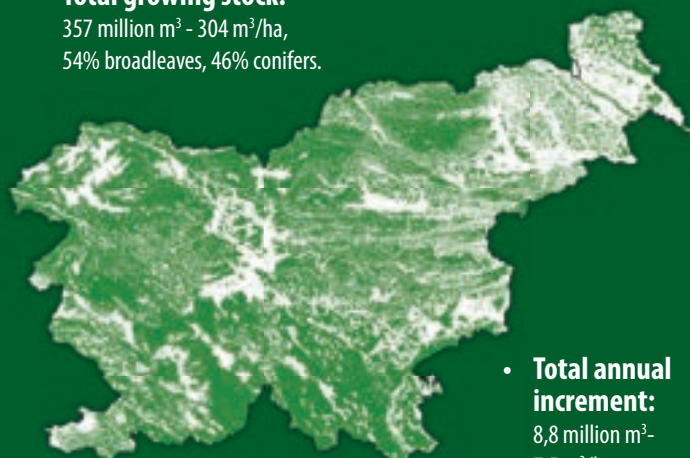
The total forest area is **1.176.069 ha**:

1.067.815 ha
OF MANAGED
FOREST

98.828 ha
OF PROTECTIVE
FOREST

9.426 ha
OF FOREST
RESERVES

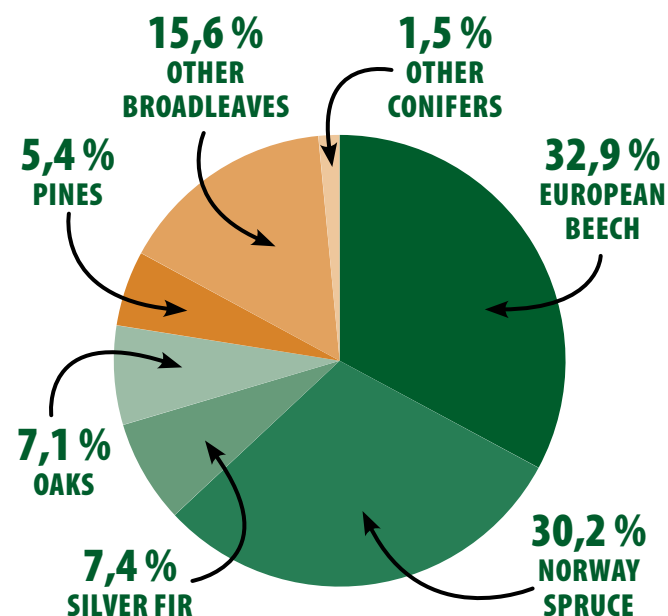
- **Total growing stock:**
357 million m³ - 304 m³/ha,
54% broadleaves, 46% conifers.



- **Total annual increment:**
8,8 million m³ -
7.5 m³/ha

THERE ARE OVER 70 TREE SPECIES PRESENT IN SLOVENIAN FORESTS.

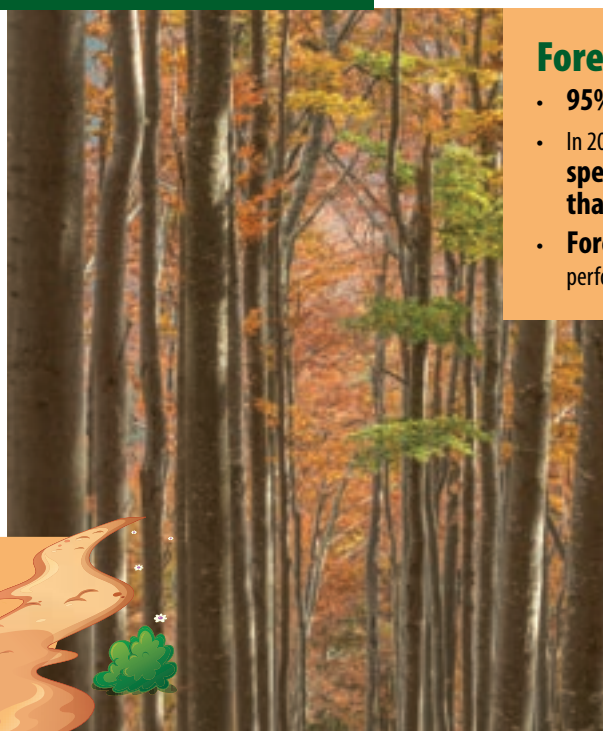
Tree species composition:



SLOVENIAN FORESTS – THE HOME OF BIODIVERSITY

- **Over 200 forest vegetation units** (forest associations) are the basis for Slovenian forest management planning.
- There are **171 forest reserves** in Slovenia with a total area of **9,426 ha**.
- The **first forest reserve** in Slovenia was **declared in 1892** – **Rajhenavski rog** Forest reserve in the Kočevska region.
- **14 forest reserves** are **old-growth forests**, **2** are part of the **UNESCO world natural heritage**.
- **Natura 2000** areas comprise **nearly half of Slovenian forests**. Forests represent **over 70% of Natura 2000 areas** in Slovenia.
- The conservation of **43 animal species**, **5 plant species** and **11 forest habitat types** within the Slovenian Natura 2000 forests is of **European importance**.
- Slovenian forests are home to over **1000 bears**, **100 wolves** and **20 lynxes**. The populations of brown bear and wolf are in a favourable conservation status.

- **Annual potential (allowable) felling:**
7.1 million m³
- **Total felling in 2020:**
4.2 million m³ (2.4 million m³ **broadleaves** and 1.8 million m³ **conifers**)
- In 2020, the total felling amounted to **59% of potential felling**.
- **Sanitary felling** represented **42%** of total felling (2020).



There are **over 12,000 km of forest roads** in Slovenia.

Forest regeneration:

- **95%** of Slovenian forests **regenerate naturally**.
- In 2020, **1.9 million seedlings** of **30 tree species** were planted in a forest area **greater than 700 ha**.
- **Forest tending** and regeneration works were performed in a forest area **greater than 2,283 ha**.

Every fifth Slovenian is a forest owner.

Forest ownership:

- **75 %** privately owned
- **21 %** state owned
- **4 %** local communities

