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THE NATIONAL REPORT ON ILLEGAL LOGGING

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Summary

The territory of the Republic of Macedonia covers an area of 25 713 km². Approximately 90% of the territory is covered by some kind of vegetation with different management rationales. For agriculture 1 291 251 ha are used (pastures covering 631 704 ha included) whereas 1 034 974 ha are forests and other wooded lands.

The volume and intensity of timber harvested in public forests in the Republic of Macedonia is determined and limited and amounts to 1 341 525 m³/year, which, compared to last year's growth (1 830 000) represents 73.7% or 1.8% of the total timber mass. For a number of objective and subjective reasons, the determined volume is used at an average rate of 71.5 %.

There has been a steady increase of illegal logging and timber theft in the past few years, a result of the unfavourable social and economic conditions in Macedonia. The total number of illegal logging cases in the last two years are 14 581. The total amount of illegal cut pulp in the last two years is 8 630 37 m³.

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