

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

1% (127 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 **4 million people** in Europe earn their living from working in forestry and forest-based industries.

WOOD



The overall **value of marketed wood** reached **21,152 million €** in 2010, when more than 578 million m³ of wood were produced in Europe.



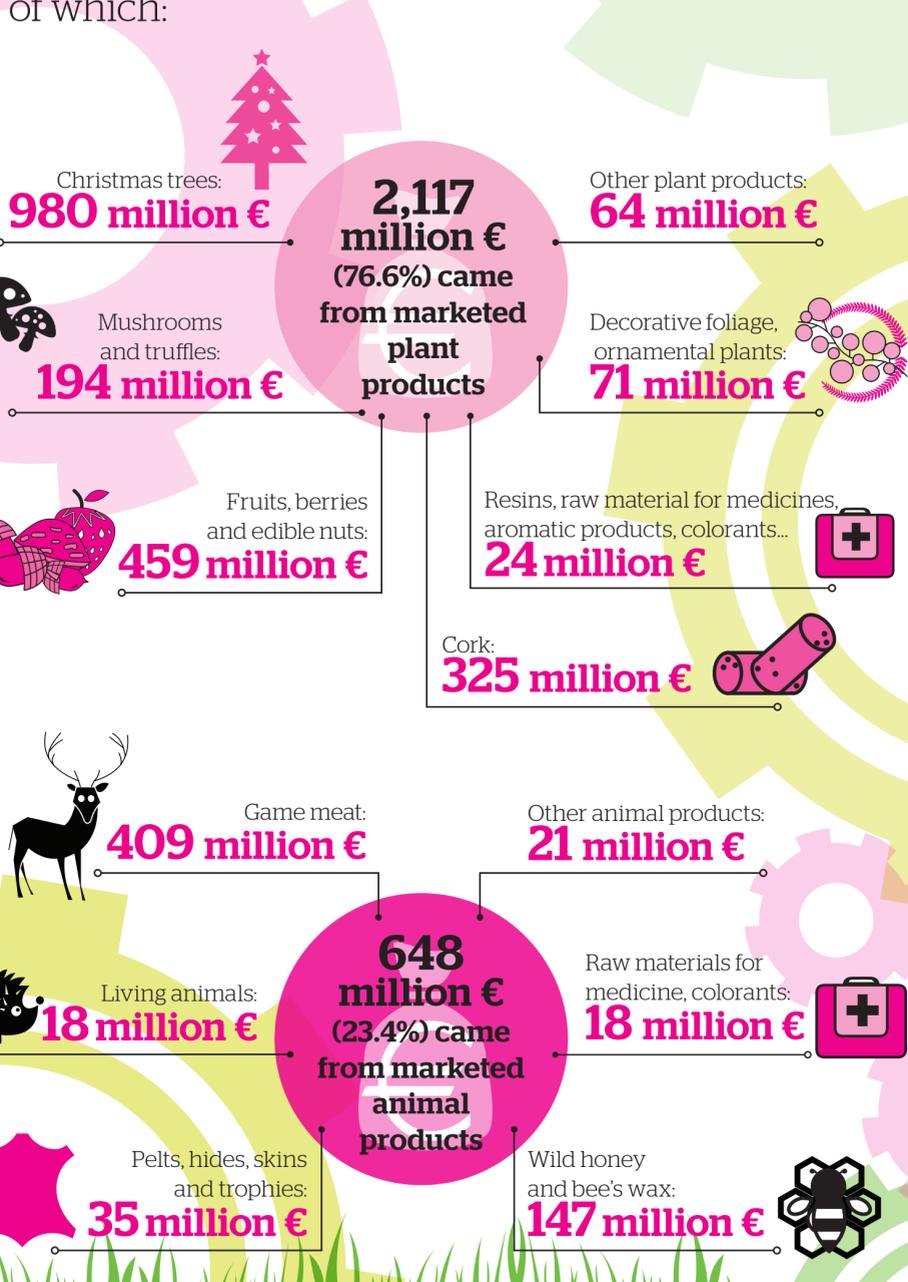
Europe is a **net exporter of wood products** and remains one of the main wood producers in the world.

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 **2,765 million €** 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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