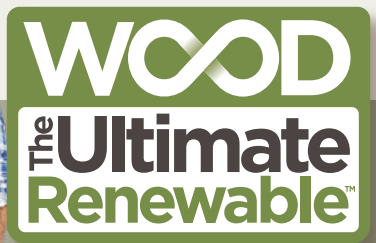


# Forest and Wood Facts



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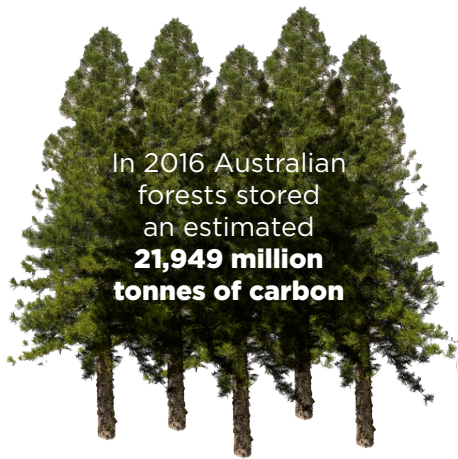
Responsibly sourced wood and wood products are not only a beautiful and functional part of our everyday lives, but they tackle climate change, help us feel better by connecting with nature and contribute to our rural and regional economies. Here are some more facts (based on the latest available figures) that you may not know about Wood. The Ultimate Renewable™.



Choosing to use wood tackles climate change. **Around half the dry weight of wood is carbon**, absorbed from the atmosphere and stored for life by a growing tree.



In 2016 wood and wood products in use in Australia stored **94 million tonnes** of carbon



In 2016 Australian forests stored an estimated **21,949 million tonnes of carbon**

Australia had 134 million hectares of forest in 2016, **covering 17% of Australia's land area**. This is around 3% of the world's forests.



From 2011 to 2016 Australia's forest area **grew by 3.9 million hectares**

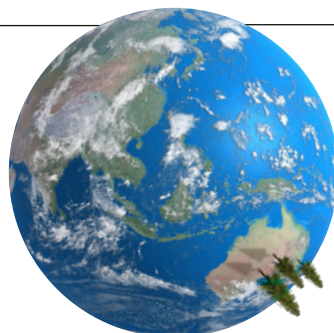


An average of **4.2 million bushwalkers** a year visited major forested tourism regions from 2011-12 to 2015-16



**35% of Australia's native forest** is on land protected for biodiversity conservation, or where biodiversity conservation is a specified management intent

In 2016 Australia's forest sector **directly employed 51,983 people**



Globally, Australia has the **seventh largest forest area** of any country



In June 2018, around **8.9 million hectares** of native forests and plantations were certified for forest management under either Responsible Wood, Forestry Stewardship Council, or both schemes.