

Over a Quarter of the Wood on the Belgian Market Carries the PEFC Label!

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In just four years, the share of wood on the Belgian market which originated in PEFC-certified sustainably managed forests has nearly tripled: from 9% in 2008 to over 26% in 2012.



These are the findings of a [recent market study by Dutch foundation Probos](#), which also highlighted that over 40% of wood-based products on the Belgian market are from sustainably managed forests.

“We are particularly proud of these results as not only is over a quarter of the wood PEFC-certified, over one third of this wood comes from Belgian forests,” said Thomas Davreux, General Secretary of [PEFC Belgium](#). “Furthermore, the study shows that PEFC certified roundwood from Belgium forests is still largely underexploited, meaning it is still possible for Belgium to see an increase in the number of PEFC-certified products from local origins.”

These findings underpin the success of the efforts of several federal organizations from 2011, aimed at increasing the market share of wood products originating from sustainably managed forests and at raising awareness among professionals and consumers. These efforts were undertaken due to the disappointing number of a previous study from 2008, which found that only 15% of the primary wood-based products had been sold with a sustainable forest management certificate: 9% with a PEFC certificate and 6% with an FSC certificate.

The Belgian wood sector then committed itself to steadily increase the share of sustainable wood in order to arrive at a 35% share by 2018 a target that it managed to exceed already in 2012.

Despite this, “the excellent result obtained in Belgium should not dampen our efforts for the sustainable management of forests and the products they provide, there remains room for improvement in terms of both supply and demand, as seen in the growing interest that wood inspires in consumers,” said Roland Moreau, Environment Director General.

Further Information

- [PEFC Belgium](#)

More information:

[2014 Probos Report \(in Dutch\)](#) (439.35 kB)

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