

Political climate and climate politics

an update from the forestry and timber sector

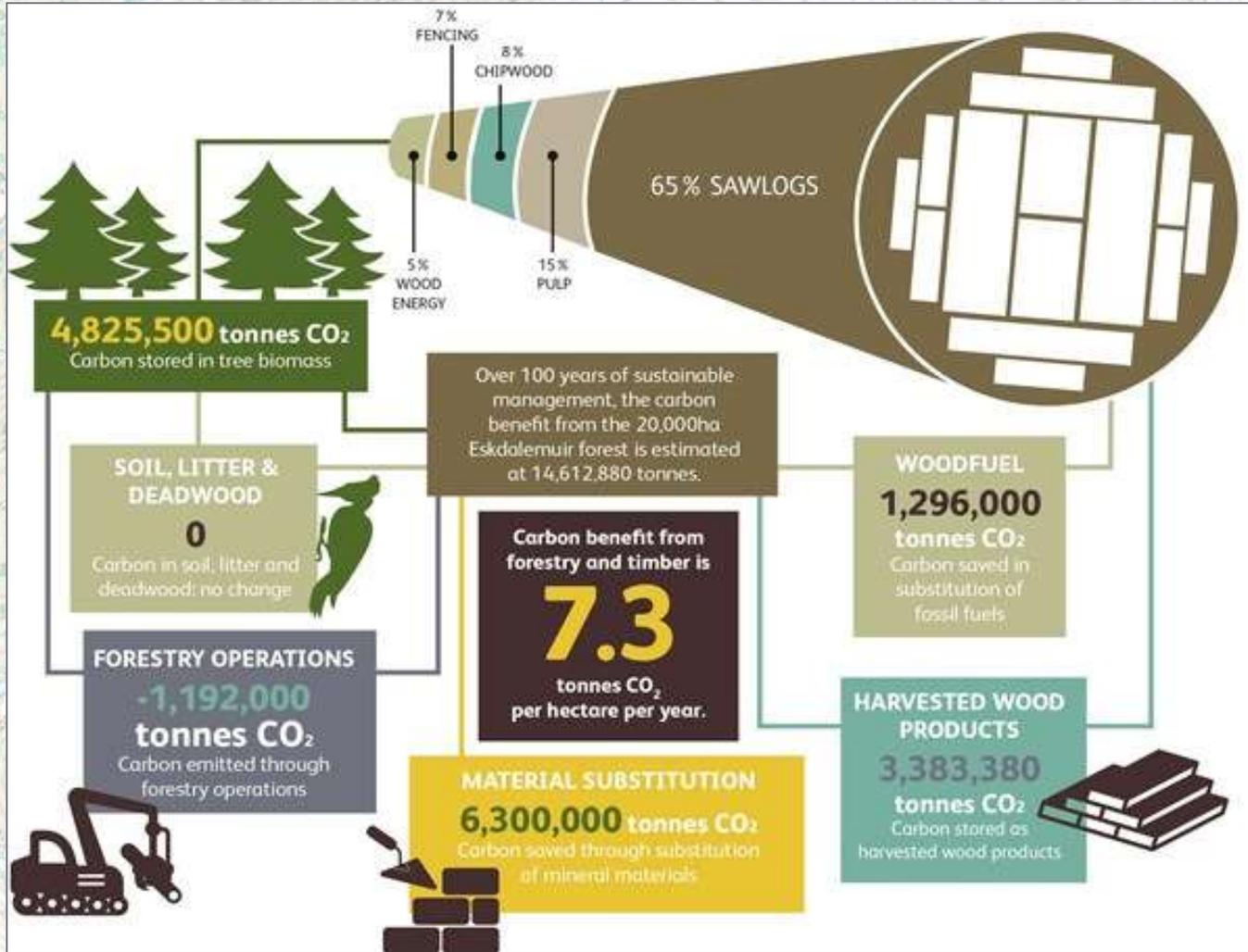
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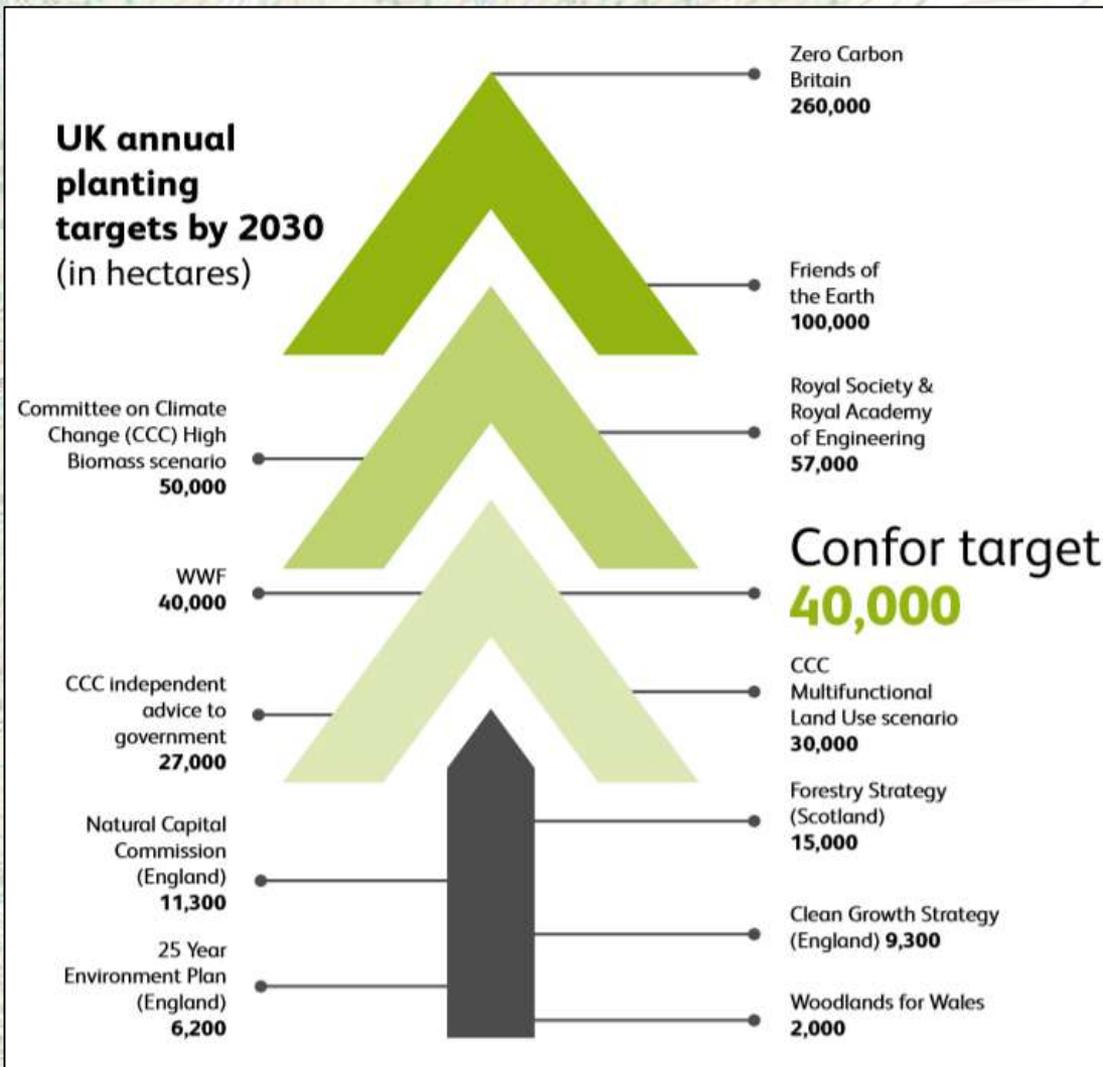


Soak + Store + Swap = Sink

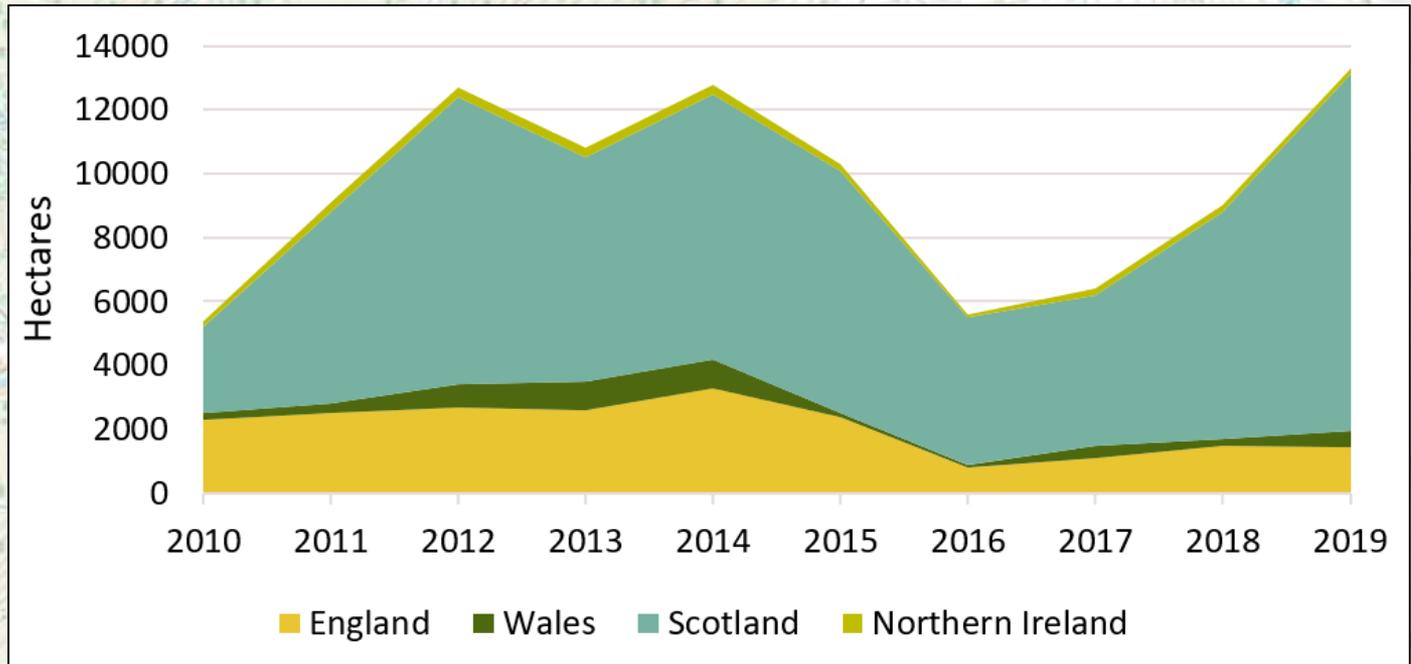
Climate Emergency



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Woodland creation delivery



	2019	Trend
England	1,420	↓
Wales	520	↑
Scotland	11,210	↑
Northern Ireland	240	↑

Scotland

- ✓ Planting budget increased to £46 million
- ✓ New Forestry Strategy
- ✓ Healthy 'pipeline'
- ✓ Confident sector
- ✗ Growing community concerns?
- ✗ Ongoing political uncertainty (independence)

Without any shadow of a doubt. We put the hill into forestry,
we enhanced the quality of the sheep that we retained,

England

- ✗ Ongoing failure to deliver since 2014
- ✓ Applications can now be made all year
- ✓ Woodland carbon guarantee: top-up funding
- ✓ Local Authority planting targets, some with government backing
- ✓ Increased political will: pressure from big names like Friends of the Earth

"To respond to the climate emergency, we need you to plant trees now." – Zac Goldsmith, Forestry Minister.



Wales

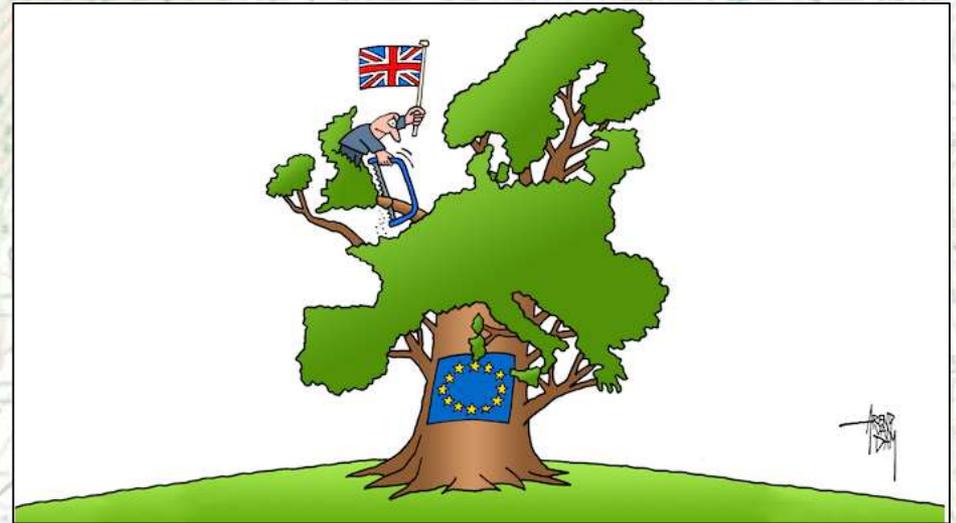
- ✗ Ongoing failure to deliver since 2014
- ✗ Political opposition from farming and wildlife lobbies
- ✗ Insufficient funding and poor administration of applications
- ✓ Highest number of applications to plant since Glastir began
- ✓ Growing awareness of need to plant trees



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Risks

- Access to labour
- Loss of political momentum
- Specialist machine parts
- Plant health

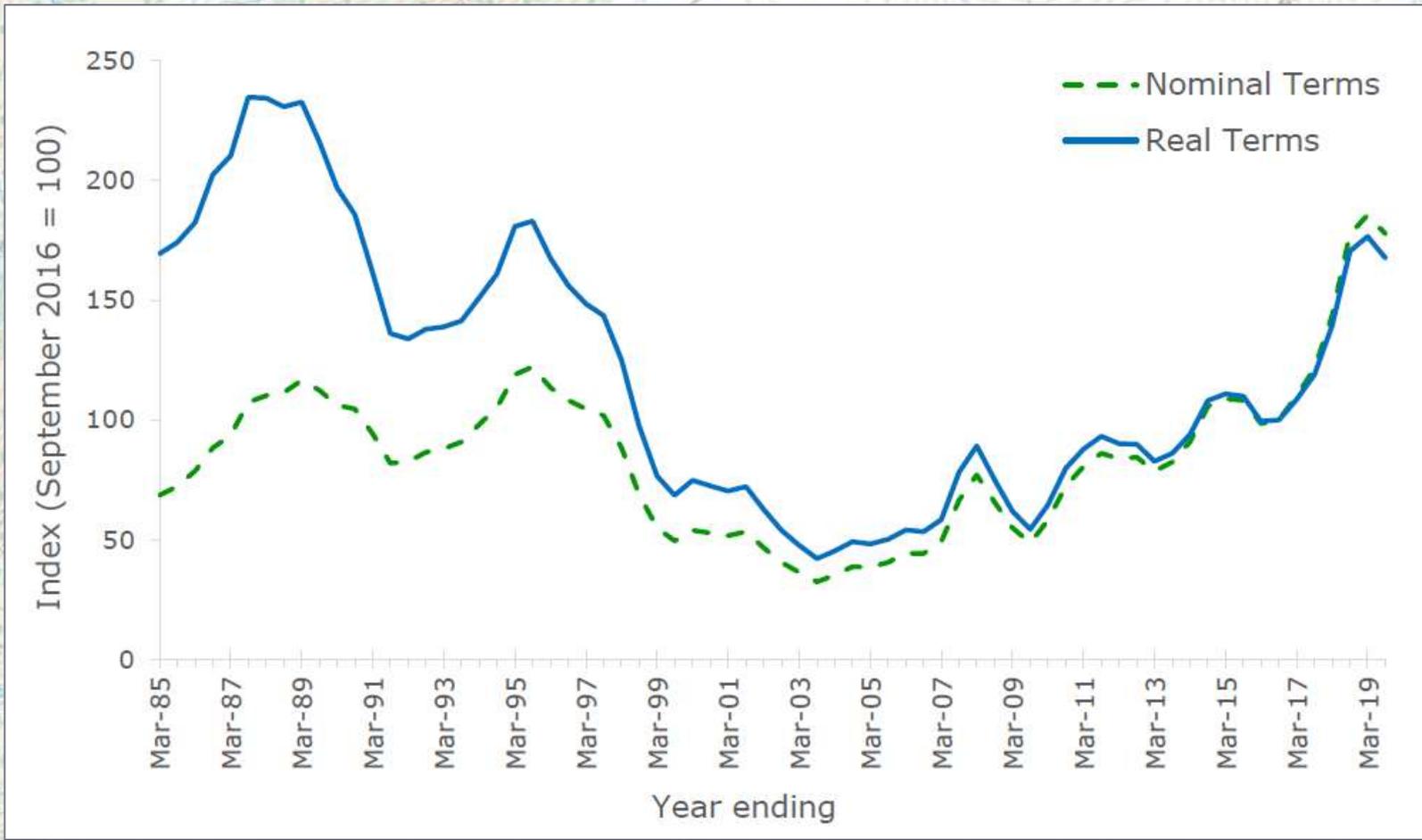


Opportunities

- Rural support redesign
- Potential competitive advantage

Coniferous standing sales index

Market outlook



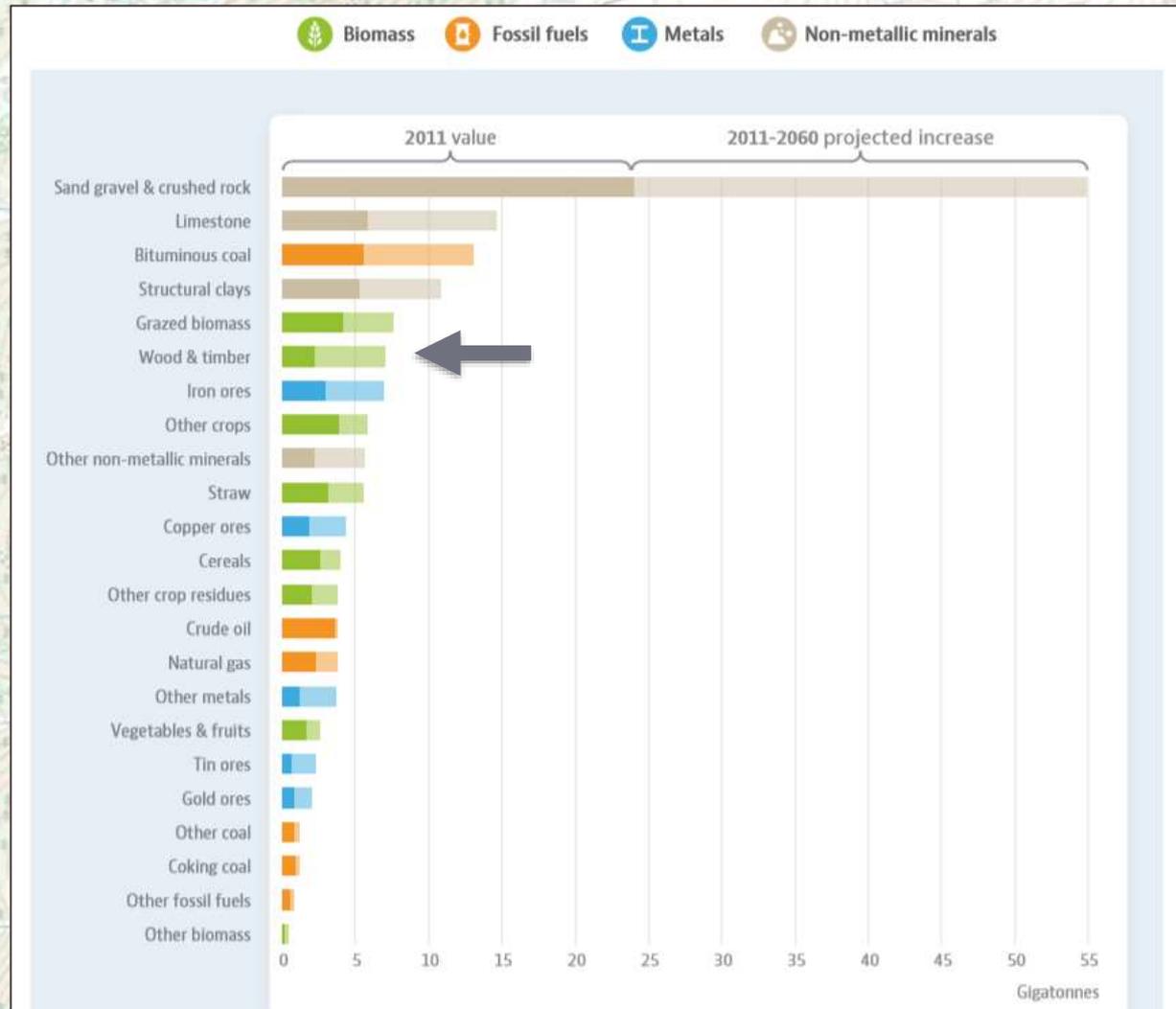
Impact of spruce bark beetle

Market outlook



Abundant timber is temporary

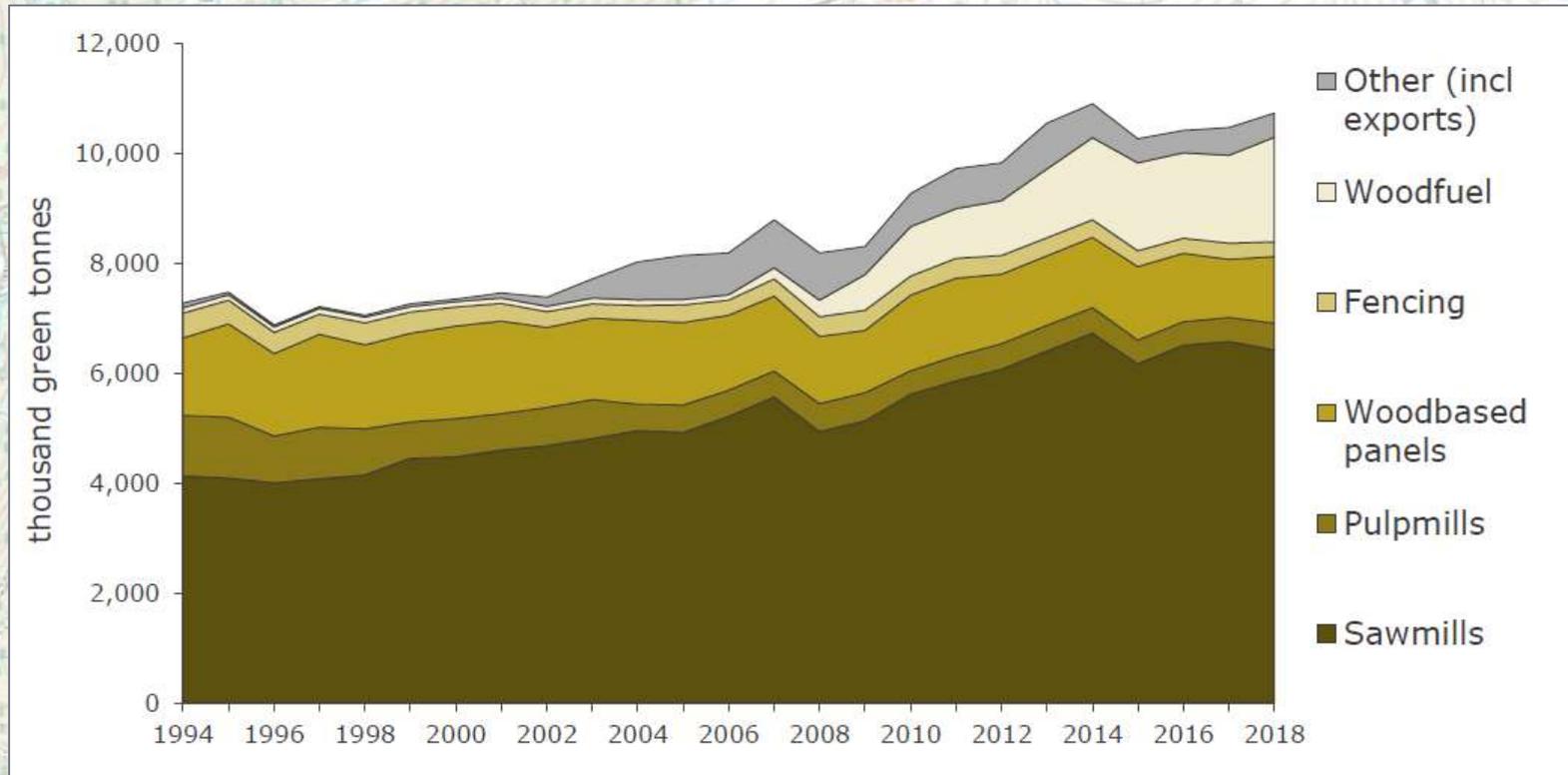
Market outlook



OECD global material resources outlook to 2060

Deliveries of UK-grown softwood, 1994-2018

Timber trends

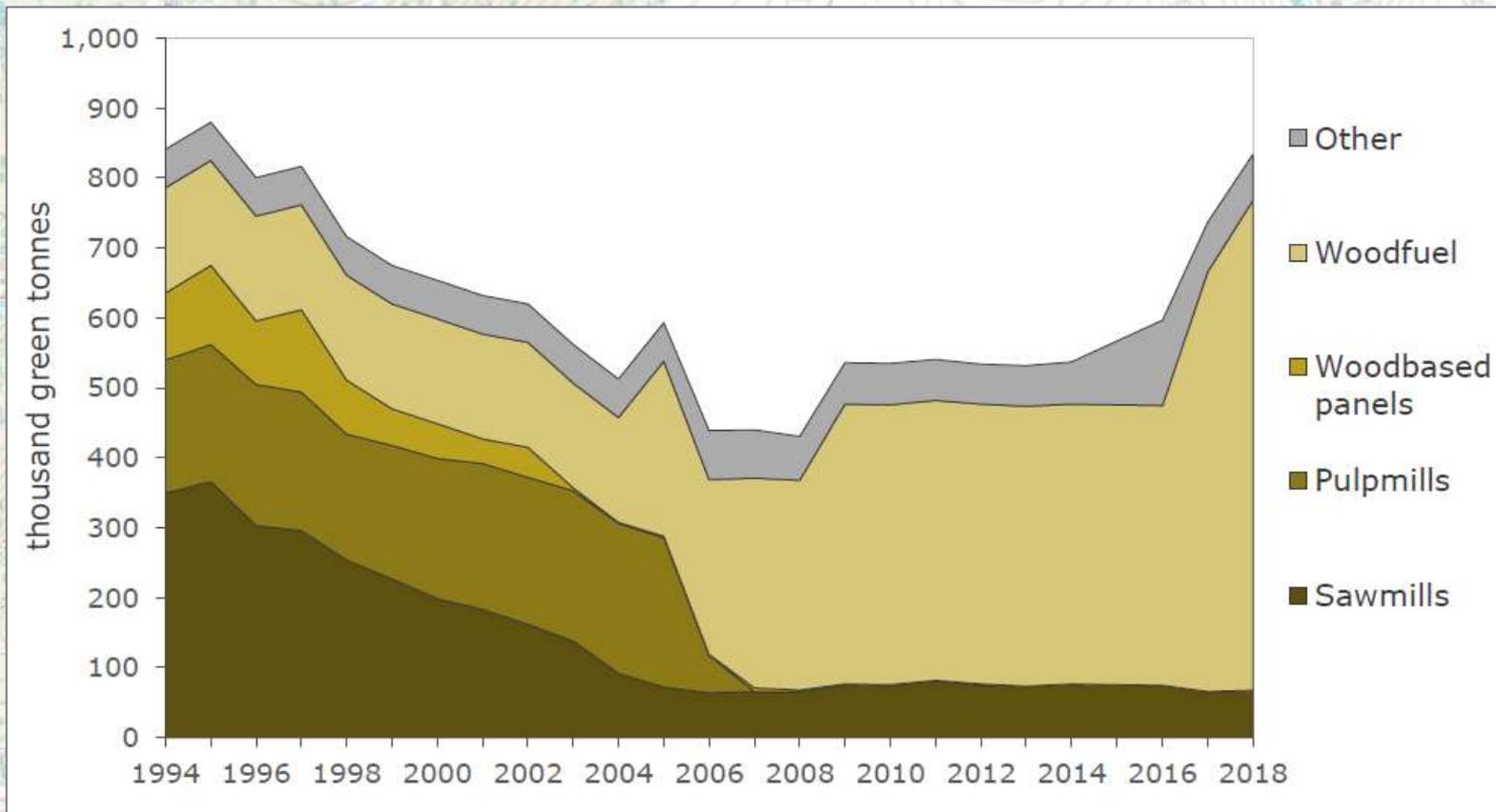


Forestry Statistics

Biomass has become important ...

Deliveries of UK-grown hardwood, 1994-2018

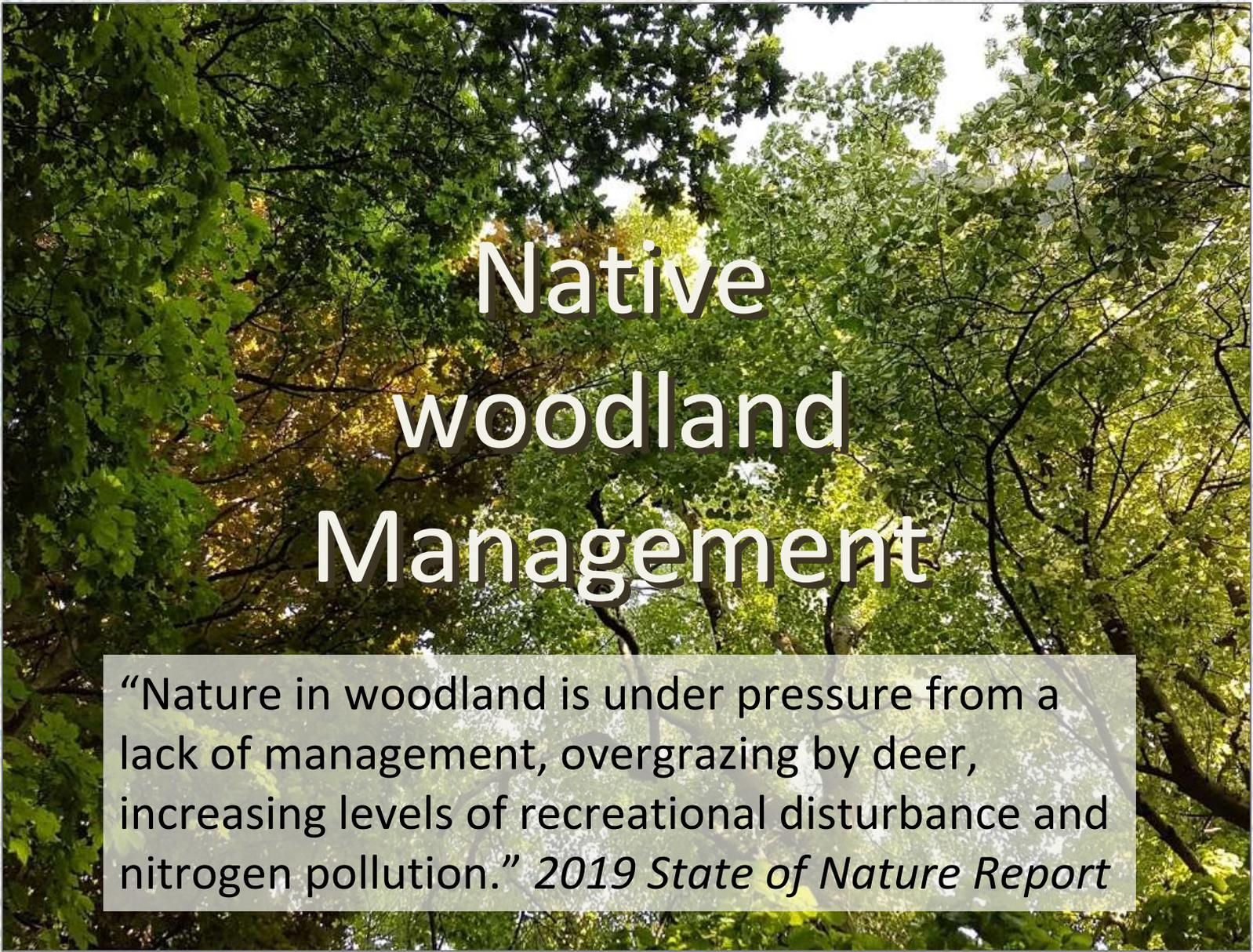
Timber trends



... and crucial for hardwoods

Forestry Statistics
(methodology revised 2016)

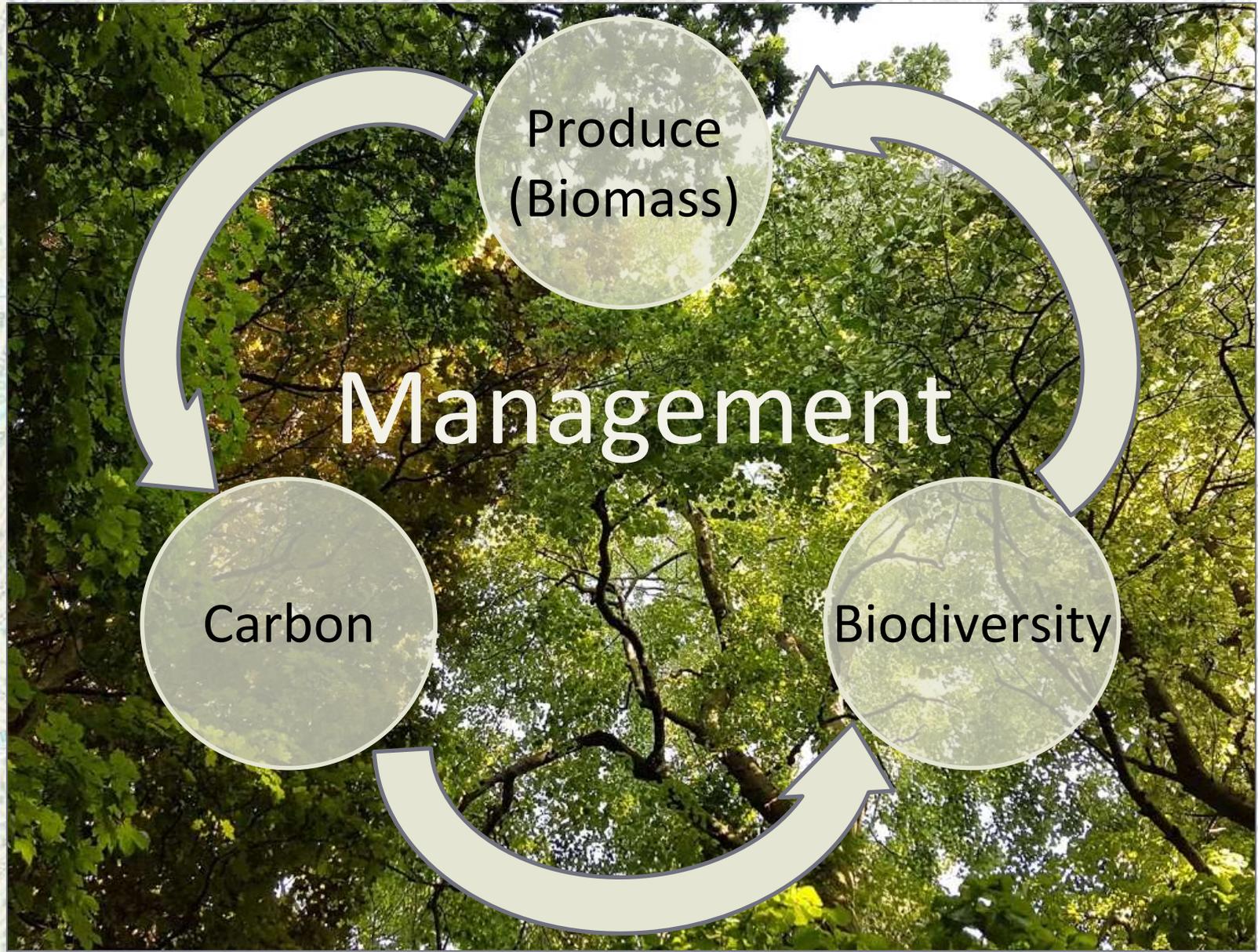
Hardwoods are also important for biomass: supplying around 25%



Native woodland Management

“Nature in woodland is under pressure from a lack of management, overgrazing by deer, increasing levels of recreational disturbance and nitrogen pollution.” *2019 State of Nature Report*

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Welcome to the Woodland Wildlife Toolkit

Do you own or manage a wood, or advise on woodland management?

This toolkit provides advice on managing woodlands for wildlife, in particular rare and declining species that are dependent on woodland habitats.

See **woodland guidance** for practical advice on management techniques, information on woodland management issues and legal considerations.

The **species factsheets** tab gives summary information for all the species in the toolkit.

Use **search your wood's wildlife** to help you:

- Find out which **important wildlife** is likely to be in or near your woodland based on **available survey or distribution data**
- Understand the habitats and features that these species need
- Provide these habitats through practical woodland management

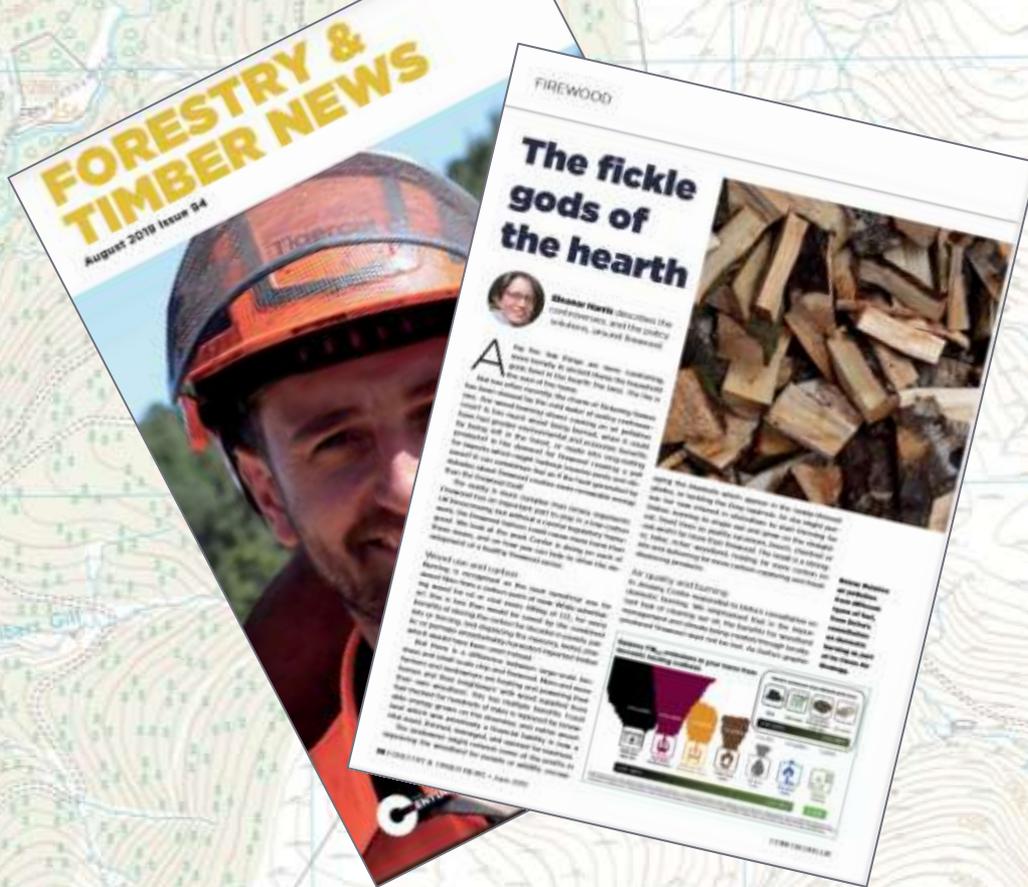
Use **assess your wood's condition** to get an overview of the condition of your wood's habitats and identify any issues you may need to address.

See **management planning** to access management plan templates and a link to **myForest** - a web tool developed by Sylva Foundation that helps woodland owners and managers map, store data, and create management plans for their woodlands.

made by Sylva Foundation using Slim, Bootstrap, jQuery, and Mapbox

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