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Damages to forests, 2024

Total damages in state forests of the Republic of Serbia in 2024, expressed in timber volume, amounted to 181 544 m³, out of which, about 37 600 m³ were damages caused by man. Natural inclemencies (wind, rain, hail, snow) caused damages of approximately 96 837 m³ of the timber volume, which was about 53% of the total damages in state forests. During 2024, 98 cases of fire in state forests were recorded and fired area was 3 573 ha, and damaged timber volume was 19 121 m³. Fired area in private forests amounted to 2 497 ha and damaged timber volume was 13 613 m³. In 2024, in state forests, plant diseases caused damages of approximately 7 916 m³.

1. Damages to state forests

	Republic of Serbia						
	Total	Beogradski region	Region Vojvodine	Region Šumadije i Zapadne Srbije	Region Južne i Istočne Srbije	Region Kosovo i Metohija	
2023			-	·			
Felled timber volume, m ³	264633	440	116262	61822	86109		
2024							
Felled timber volume, m ³	181544	332	66394	58799	56019		
Area, ha	8134	4	917	4079	3134		
Damages caused by man, m ³	37638	298	858	3017	33465		
Area, ha	343	3	21	66	253		
Damages caused by insects, m ³	20032	34	-	19959	39		
Area, ha	493	1	22	469	1		
Damages caused by game and domestic animals, m ³	-	-	-	-	-		
Area, ha	53	-	53	-	-		
Damages by natural inclemencies, m ³	96837	-	64154	21932	10751		
Area, ha	3213	-	479	2436	298		
Damages caused by plant diseases, m ³	7916	-	-	7849	67		
Area, ha	459	-	61	397	1		
Damages caused by fire, m ³	19121	-	1382	6042	11697		
Area, ha	3573	-	281	711	2581		
Number of fires	98	-	16	31	51		

2. Damages caused by fire

	Republic of Serbia						
	Total	Beogradski region	Region Vojvodine	Region Šumadije i Zapadne Srbije	Region Južne i Istočne Srbije	Region Kosovo i Metohija	
2023							
Damaged timber volume, m ³	680	-	-	-	680		
2024							
Fired area, ha	6070	-	281	884	4905		
Damaged timber volume, m ³	32734	-	1382	6251	25101		
Number of fires	133	-	16	46	71		
State forests							
Fired area, ha	3573	-	281	711	2581		
Damaged timber volume, m ³	19121	-	1382	6042	11697		
Number of fires	98	-	16	31	51		
Private forests			-		-		
Fired area, ha	2497	-	-	173	2324		
Damaged timber volume, m ³	13613	-	-	209	13404		

3. Structure of illicitly felled timber in state forests, 2024

	Republic of Serbia						
	Total	Beogradski region	Region Vojvodine	Region Šumadije i Zapadne Srbije	Region Južne i Istočne Srbije	Region Kosovo i Metohija	
Total	37010	240	806	2823	33141		
Broadleaves	35518	240	806	2390	32082		
Industrial and technical wood	4425	70	48	357	3950		
Fuel wood	27791	146	668	1813	25164		
Refusal	3302	24	90	220	2968		
Conifers	1492	-	-	433	1059		
Industrial and technical wood	974	-	-	348	626		
Fuel wood	366	-	-	55	311		
Refusal	152	-	-	30	122		

Methodological notes

The Report on damages to forests in the Republic of Serbia is issued annually and it is based on the forestry surveys, conducted by the Statistical Office of the Republic of Serbia. The report is submitted by public enterprises dealing with forestry: "Srbijasume" and "Vojvodinasume", as well as public enterprises of national parks and units that are parts of other enterprises and cooperatives engaged in forestry. Regarding the state forests, the following sorts of damages have been recorded: damages caused by man, damages caused by insects, damages caused by game and domestic animals, damages by natural inclemencies, damages caused by plant diseases and damages caused by fire. Damages caused by fire are expressed regarding both state and private forests and presented are the fired areas (ha) and damaged timber volume (m³).

Starting from 1999 the Statistical Office of the Republic of Serbia has not at disposal and may not provide available certain data relative to AP Kosovo and Metohija and therefore these data are not included in the coverage for the Republic of Serbia (total).

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