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## **Denmark - Forest at the seaside**

By nature, Denmark is a forest covered country. However, due to the need for agricultural land, timber and fuel wood the forest area was reduced to 3% of the total land area at the end of the 18th century.

Today our forest area covers about 14% and is still increasing. Two thirds of the forests in Denmark are owned by private persons and families. The remaining one-third is divided among the state and municipalities.

Our forests are managed as multiple-use forests, timber production still being the main output of the private forests, but also hunting, conservation and recreation increasing in importance. Two thirds of the forest area are planted with conifers but due to storm damages in spruce plantations and a general decline in the profitability of this species, the species distribution is now changing towards broad-leaves.

Forest area: 0,61 mio. ha = 14%

Annual felling: 2,8 mio. cbm

The Danish Forest Association, founded in 1888, is the official organization representing the interests of forest owners in Denmark. Major working fields are: Forestry related legislation, taxation, forest economics, timber trade, timber marketing, advice to owners and information to the public. The Danish Forest Association publishes the leading Danish forestry journal "Skoven".