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Introduction

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Introductory text

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1 Forest extent, characteristics and changes

1a Extent of forest and other wooded land

National Data

Data sources + type of data source eg NFI, etc

Data elaborated by the Environment and Resource Authority Malta and the Ambjent Malta Department, Ministry for the Environment, Sustainable Development and Climate Change.

For reporting for 1900 and 2000 Source: UNECE/FAO 2000; Reference year: 1993 and 1996. Desk study available at: <http://www.fao.org/3/a-az269e.pdf>

National classification and definitions

The definition of forest in Malta is an area covering a minimum of 1 ha with trees having a potential to reach a minimum height of 2 - 5m at maturity in situ; managed under Natura 2000 management plans, which support any of the following habitats:

92A0 - *Salix alba* and *Populus alba* galleries

9320 - *Olea* and *Ceratonia* forests

9340 - *Quercus ilex* and *Quercus rotundifolia* forests

9540 - Mediterranean pine forests with endemic Mesogean pines

5230 - Arborescent matorral with *Laurus nobilis*

Original data

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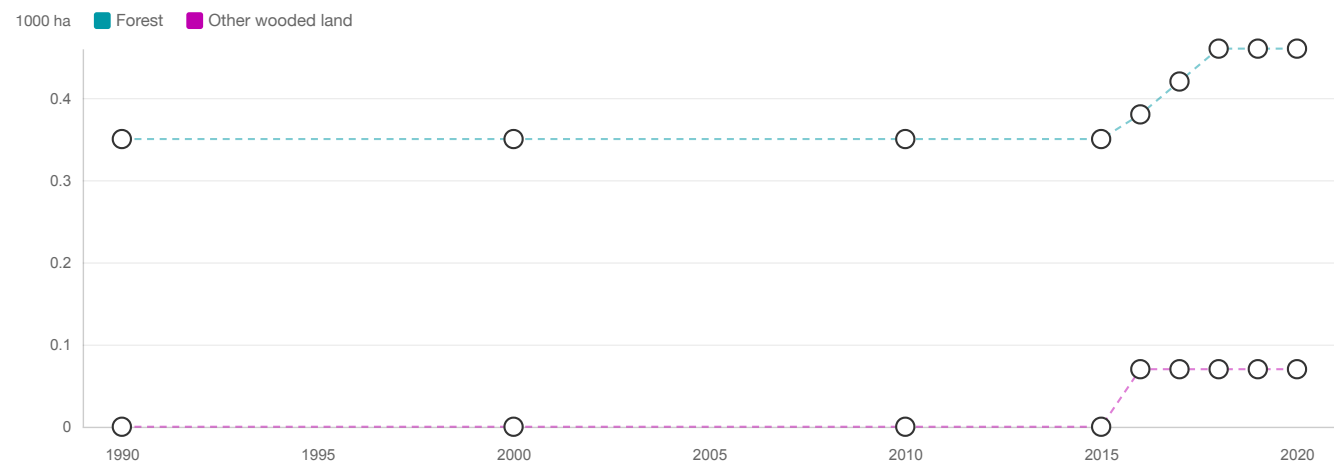
Analysis and processing of national data

Estimation and forecasting

Data extracted from Natura 2000 biotope maps for woodland and forest falling within Natura 2000 sites.

Reclassification into FRA 2020 categories

Not applicable



FRA categories	Area (1000 ha)								
	1990	2000	2010	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Forest (a)	0.35	0.35	0.35	0.35	0.38	0.42	0.46	0.46	0.46
Other wooded land (a)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.07
Other land (c-a-b)	31.65	31.65	31.65	31.65	31.55	31.51	31.47	31.47	31.47
Total land area (c)	32.00	32.00	32.00	32.00	32.00	32.00	32.00	32.00	32.00

The FAOSTAT land area figure for the year 2015 is used for all reference years

Climatic domain	% of forest area 2015	Override value
Boreal	0.00	
Temperate	0.00	
Sub-tropical	100.00	
Tropical	0.00	

Comments

The change in forest cover from 2016 to 2017 is due to planting carried out within the framework of the Life Saving Buskett project (LIFE12 NAT/MT/00182).

1b Forest characteristics

National Data

Data sources + type of data source eg NFI, etc

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National classification and definitions

Not applicable

Original data

Not applicable

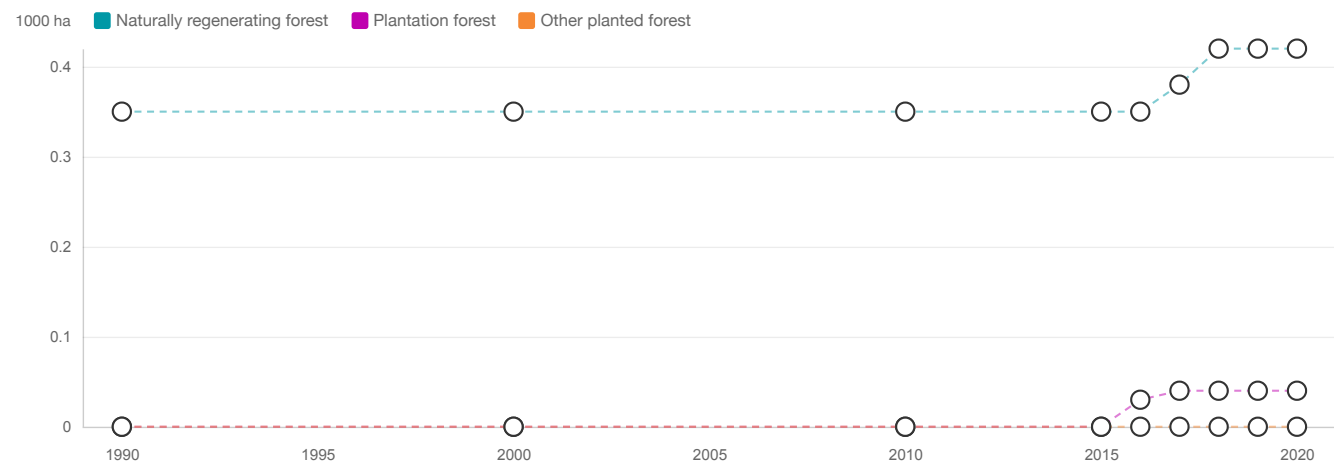
Analysis and processing of national data

Estimation and forecasting

Not applicable

Reclassification into FRA 2020 categories

Not applicable



FRA categories	Forest area (1000 ha)								
	1990	2000	2010	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Naturally regenerating forest (a)	0.35	0.35	0.35	0.35	0.35	0.38	0.42	0.42	0.42
Planted forest (b)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04
Plantation forest	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04
...of which introduced species	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00					
Other planted forest	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total (a+b)	0.35	0.35	0.35	0.35	0.38	0.42	0.46	0.46	0.46
Total forest area	0.35	0.35	0.35	0.35	0.38	0.42	0.46	0.46	0.46

Comments

1c Primary forest and special forest categories

National Data

Data sources + type of data source eg NFI, etc

Not applicable

National classification and definitions

Not applicable

Original data

Not applicable

Analysis and processing of national data

Estimation and forecasting

Not applicable

Reclassification into FRA 2020 categories

Not applicable

FRA categories	Area (1000 ha)				
	1990	2000	2010	2015	2020
Primary forest	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Temporarily unstocked and/or recently regenerated					
Bamboos	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Mangroves	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Rubber wood	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Comments

1d Annual forest expansion, deforestation and net change

National Data

Data sources + type of data source eg NFI, etc

Not applicable

National classification and definitions

Not applicable

Original data

Not applicable

Analysis and processing of national data

Estimation and forecasting

Not applicable

Reclassification into FRA 2020 categories

Not applicable

FRA categories	Area (1000 ha/year)			
	1990-2000	2000-2010	2010-2015	2015-2020
Forest expansion (a)				
...of which afforestation				
...of which natural expansion				
Deforestation (b)				
Forest area net change (a-b)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.02

Comments

1e Annual reforestation

National Data

Data sources + type of data source eg NFI, etc

Not applicable

National classification and definitions

Not applicable

Original data

Not applicable

Analysis and processing of national data

Estimation and forecasting

Not applicable

Reclassification into FRA 2020 categories

Not applicable

FRA categories	Area (1000 ha/year)			
	1990-2000	2000-2010	2010-2015	2015-2020
Reforestation				

Comments

1f Other land with tree cover

National Data

Data sources + type of data source eg NFI, etc

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National classification and definitions

Not applicable

Original data

Not applicable

Analysis and processing of national data

Estimation and forecasting

Not applicable

Reclassification into FRA 2020 categories

Not applicable

FRA categories	Area (1000 ha)				
	1990	2000	2010	2015	2020
Palms (a)					
Tree orchards (b)					
Agroforestry (c)					
Trees in urban settings (d)					
Other (specify in comments) (e)					
Total (a+b+c+d+e)	–	–	–	–	–
Other land area	31.65	31.65	31.65	31.65	31.47

Comments

2 Forest growing stock, biomass and carbon

2a Growing stock

National Data

Data sources + type of data source eg NFI, etc

Not applicable

National classification and definitions

Not applicable

Original data

Not applicable

Analysis and processing of national data

Estimation and forecasting

Not applicable

Reclassification into FRA 2020 categories

Not applicable

FRA categories	Growing stock m³/ha (over bark)								
	1990	2000	2010	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Naturally regenerating forest									
Planted forest									
...of which plantation forest									
...of which other planted forest									
Forest									
Other wooded land									

FRA categories	Total growing stock (million m³ over bark)								
	1990	2000	2010	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Naturally regenerating forest									
Planted forest									
...of which plantation forest									
...of which other planted forest									
Forest									
Other wooded land									

Comments

2b Growing stock composition

National Data

Data sources + type of data source eg NFI, etc

The definition of forest in Malta is an area covering a minimum of 1Ha with trees having a potential to reach a minimum height of 2 - 5m at maturity in situ; managed under Natura 2000 management plans, which support any of the following habitats listed below.

National classification and definitions

Not applicable

Original data

Not applicable

Analysis and processing of national data

Estimation and forecasting

Not applicable

Reclassification into FRA 2020 categories

Not applicable

FRA categories	Scientific name	Common name	Growing stock in forest (million m³ over bark)				
			1990	2000	2010	2015	2020
Native tree species							
#1 Ranked in terms of volume	Salix alba						
#2 Ranked in terms of volume	Populus alba						
#3 Ranked in terms of volume	Olea woodiana						
#4 Ranked in terms of volume	Ceratonia						
#5 Ranked in terms of volume	Quercus ilex						
#6 Ranked in terms of volume	Quercus rotundifolia						
#7 Ranked in terms of volume	Mesogean pines						
#8 Ranked in terms of volume	Laurus nobilis						
#9 Ranked in terms of volume							
#10 Ranked in terms of volume							
Remaining native tree species							
Total volume of native tree species			–	–	–	–	
Introduced tree species							
#1 Ranked in terms of volume							
#2 Ranked in terms of volume							
#3 Ranked in terms of volume							
#4 Ranked in terms of volume							
#5 Ranked in terms of volume							
Remaining introduced tree species							
Total volume of introduced tree species			–	–	–	–	

FRA categories	Scientific name	Common name	Growing stock in forest (million m³ over bark)				
			1990	2000	2010	2015	2020
Native tree species							
Total growing stock			–	–	–	–	–

Comments

2c Biomass stock

National Data

Data sources + type of data source eg NFI, etc

Not applicable

National classification and definitions

Not applicable

Original data

Not applicable

Analysis and processing of national data

Estimation and forecasting

Not applicable

Reclassification into FRA 2020 categories

Not applicable

FRA categories	Forest biomass (tonnes/ha)								
	1990	2000	2010	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Above-ground biomass									
Below-ground biomass									
Dead wood									

Comments

2d Carbon stock

National Data

Data sources + type of data source eg NFI, etc

Not applicable

National classification and definitions

Not applicable

Original data

Not applicable

Analysis and processing of national data

Estimation and forecasting

Not applicable

Reclassification into FRA 2020 categories

Not applicable

FRA categories	Forest carbon (tonnes/ha)								
	1990	2000	2010	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Carbon in above-ground biomass					0.00	0.00	0.00		
Carbon in below-ground biomass					0.00	0.00	0.00		
Carbon in dead wood									
Carbon in litter									
Soil carbon									

Soil depth (cm) used for soil carbon estimates	
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Comments

3 Forest designation and management

3a Designated management objective

National Data

Data sources + type of data source eg NFI, etc

national correspondent

National classification and definitions

Not applicable

Original data

Not applicable

Analysis and processing of national data

Estimation and forecasting

Not applicable

Reclassification into FRA 2020 categories

Not applicable

Primary designated management objective

FRA 2020 categories	Forest area (1000 ha)				
	1990	2000	2010	2015	2020
Production (a)					
Protection of soil and water (b)					
Conservation of biodiversity (c)					
Social Services (d)					
Multiple use (e)					
Other (specify in comments) (f)					
None/unknown (g)	0.35	0.35	0.35	0.35	0.46
Total forest area	0.35	0.35	0.35	0.35	0.46

Total area with designated management objective

FRA 2020 categories	Forest area (1000 ha)				
	1990	2000	2010	2015	2020
Production					
Protection of soil and water					
Conservation of biodiversity					
Social Services					
Other (specify in comments)					

Comments

Forests and woodlands that are protected in Malta are managed for the protection of soil and water and the conservation of biodiversity.

3b Forest area within protected areas and forest area with long-term management plans

National Data

Data sources + type of data source eg NFI, etc

national correspondent

National classification and definitions

Not applicable

Original data

Not applicable

Analysis and processing of national data

Estimation and forecasting

Not applicable

Reclassification into FRA 2020 categories

Not applicable

FRA categories	Area (1000 ha)								
	1990	2000	2010	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Forest area within protected areas					0.03	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04
Forest area with long-term forest management plan					0.03	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04
...of which in protected areas					0.03	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04

Comments

All forests in Malta are protected by legislation and have long-term management plans.

4 Forest ownership and management rights

4a Forest ownership

National Data

Data sources + type of data source eg NFI, etc

National correspondent

National classification and definitions

Not applicable

Original data

Not applicable

Analysis and processing of national data

Estimation and forecasting

Not applicable

Reclassification into FRA 2020 categories

Not applicable

FRA categories	Forest area (1000 ha)			
	1990	2000	2010	2015
Private ownership (a)				
...of which owned by individuals				
...of which owned by private business entities and institutions				
...of which owned by local, tribal and indigenous communities				
Public ownership (b)				
Unknown/other (specify in comments) (c)	–	–	–	–
Total forest area	0.35	0.35	0.35	0.35

Comments

4b Holder of management rights of public forests

National Data

Data sources + type of data source eg NFI, etc

Not applicable

National classification and definitions

Not applicable

Original data

Not applicable

Analysis and processing of national data

Estimation and forecasting

Not applicable

Reclassification into FRA 2020 categories

Not applicable

FRA categories	Forest area (1000 ha)			
	1990	2000	2010	2015
Public Administration (a)				
Individuals (b)				
Private business entities and institutions (c)				
Local, tribal and indigenous communities (d)				
Unknown/other (specify in comments) (e)	–	–	–	–
Total public ownership	–	–	–	–

Comments

5 Forest disturbances

5a Disturbances

National Data

Data sources + type of data source eg NFI, etc

national correspondent

National classification and definitions

Not applicable

Original data

Not applicable

Analysis and processing of national data

Estimation and forecasting

Not applicable

Reclassification into FRA 2020 categories

Not applicable

FRA categories	Area (1000 ha)																	
	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Insects (a)																		
Diseases (b)																		
Severe weather events (c)																		
Other (specify in comments) (d)																		
Total (a+b+c+d)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total forest area	0.35	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.35	-	-	-	-	0.35	0.38	0.42

Comments

5b Area affected by fire

National Data

Data sources + type of data source eg NFI, etc

Not applicable

National classification and definitions

Not applicable

Original data

Not applicable

Analysis and processing of national data

Estimation and forecasting

Not applicable

Reclassification into FRA 2020 categories

Not applicable

FRA categories	Area (1000 ha)																	
	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Total land area affected by fire																		
...of which on forest																		

Comments

5c Degraded forest

Does your country monitor area of degraded forest		No
If "yes"	What is the national definition of "Degraded forest"?	
	Describe the monitoring process and results	

Comments

6 Forest policy and legislation

6a Policies, Legislation and national platform for stakeholder participation in forest policy

National Data

Data sources + type of data source eg NFI, etc

Natura 2000 management plans <https://era.org.mt/en/Pages/Natura-2000-Management-Planning.aspx>

National classification and definitions

n/a

Original data

n/a

Indicate the existence of	Boolean (Yes/No)	
	National	Sub-national
Policies supporting SFM	Yes	No
Legislations and regulations supporting SFM	Yes	No
Platform that promotes or allows for stakeholder participation in forest policy development		
Traceability system(s) for wood products		

Comments

Natura 2000 management plans: <https://era.org.mt/en/Pages/Natura-2000-Management-Planning.aspx>

Policies that cover SFM: target 3 of Malta's NBSAP

6b Area of permanent forest estate

National Data

Data sources + type of data source eg NFI, etc

national correspondent

National classification and definitions

Not applicable

Original data

Not applicable

FRA 2020 categories	Forest area (1000 ha)					
	Applicable?	1990	2000	2010	2015	2020
Area of permanent forest estate						

Comments

7 Employment, education and NWFP

7a Employment in forestry and logging

National Data

Data sources + type of data source eg NFI, etc

national correspondent

National classification and definitions

Not applicable

Original data

Not applicable

FRA 2020 categories	Full-time equivalents (1000 FTE)											
	1990			2000			2010			2015		
	Total	Female	Male	Total	Female	Male	Total	Female	Male	Total	Female	Male
Employment in forestry and logging												
...of which silviculture and other forestry activities												
...of which logging												
...of which gathering of non wood forest products												
...of which support services to forestry												

Comments

Commercial forestry and logging in Malta is not practiced.

7b Graduation of students in forest-related education

National Data

Data sources + type of data source eg NFI, etc

national correspondent

National classification and definitions

Not applicable

Original data

Not applicable

FRA 2020 categories	Number of graduated students											
	1990			2000			2010			2015		
	Total	Female	Male	Total	Female	Male	Total	Female	Male	Total	Female	Male
Doctoral degree												
Master's degree												
Bachelor's degree												
Technician certificate / diploma												
Total												

Comments

7c Non wood forest products removals and value 2015

National Data

Data sources + type of data source eg NFI, etc

national correspondent

National classification and definitions

Not applicable

Original data

Not applicable

	Name of NWFP product	Key species	Quantity	Unit	Value (1000 local currency)	NWFP category
#1						
#2						
#3						
#4						
#5						
#6						
#7						
#8						
#9						
#10						
All other plant products						
All other animal products						
Total					-	

Name of currency	
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Comments

No harvesting of non wood products for commercial reasons is practiced in Malta.

8 Sustainable Development Goal 15

8a Sustainable Development Goal 15

SDG Indicator 15.1.1 Forest area as proportion of total land area 2015

Indicator	Percent							
	2000	2010	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Forest area as proportion of total land area 2015	1.09	1.09	1.09	1.19	1.31	1.44	1.44	1.44

Name of agency responsible	
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SDG Indicator 15.2.1 Progress towards sustainable forest management

Sub-Indicator 1	Percent						
	2000-2010	2010-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020
Forest area annual net change rate	0.00	0.00	7.89	9.52	8.70	0.00	0.00

Name of agency responsible	
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Sub-Indicator 2	Forest biomass (tonnes/ha)							
	2000	2010	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Above-ground biomass stock in forest	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–

Name of agency responsible	
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Sub-Indicator 3	Percent (2015 forest area baseline)							
	2000	2010	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Proportion of forest area located within legally established protected areas	–	–	–	8.57	11.43	11.43	11.43	11.43

Name of agency responsible	
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Sub-Indicator 4	Percent (2015 forest area baseline)							
	2000	2010	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Proportion of forest area under long-term forest management plan	–	–	–	8.57	11.43	11.43	11.43	11.43

Name of agency responsible	
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Sub-Indicator 5	Forest area (1000 ha)							
	2000	2010	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Forest area under independently verified forest management certification schemes	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	–	–