

Area of native forest logged and cleared per year in South West Western Australia

Every year, about 7,500 ha of publicly owned native forests are logged or cleared in the South West of WA's Global Biodiversity Hotspot.

The table below is reproduced from the Forest Products Annual Report 2018-2019 and shows the area of native forest logged per year from 1967 to 2018.

In recent years, the total area logged has been 6000 – 7,500 hectares, with the average between 2015 and 2018 being 6,526 hectares.

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Trends in the area of native forest harvested (hectares)

Year	Jarrah forest	Mixed jarrah/karri forest	Jarrah/wandoo forest	Karri forest	
				Clearfelled or partially cut	Thinned
1976-77	32,520	-	1,170	2,610	-
1977-78	26,020	-	740	4,450	-
1978-79	25,540	-	530	2,710	-
1979-80	25,150	-	860	2,110	60
1980-81	22,930	-	1,440	2,080	180
1981-82	24,680	-	610	2,180	320
1982-83	23,740	-	330	990	190
1983-84	21,540	-	580	1,490	260
1984-85	20,010	-	1,440	2,360	500
1985-86	22,640	-	650	1,590	340
1986	19,340	-	1,150	1,090	490
1987	17,180	-	1,380	1,310	700
1988	23,400	-	490	1,180	840
1989	15,130	-	200	1,510	910
1990	12,960	-	100	1,560	340
1991	10,910	-	-	1,920	250
1992	13,990	-	30	1,540	310
1993	14,250	-	40	1,630	80
1994	14,050	-	50	1,440	-
1995	17,830	-	30	2,410	-
1996	22,320	-	50	1,300	60
1997	18,240	-	60	1,870	60
1998	19,250	-	60	1,970	320
1999	14,200	-	50	1,890	360
2000	20,570	-	10	1,310	70
2001	15,150	-	-	1,380	120
2002	12,870	-	30	700	350
2003	8,520	-	-	720	485
2004	8,860	-	-	330	920
2005	6,220	-	30	460	1,070
2006	8,425	33	380	363	1,127
2007	7,189	16	59	547	999
2008	6,583	36	0	347	661
2009	8,993	94	0	650	921
2010	4,522	33	0	371	1,212
2011	6,149	7	35	465	853
2012	6,762	28	0	344	650
2013	5,883	2	0	292	554
2014	5,070	4	0	290	480
2015	5,462	29	0	210	657
2016	6,668	37	0	438	667
2017	4,958	16	0	301	866
2018	4,677	0	0	354	846

¹ Figures do not include areas cleared for mining or utilities.

A further approximately 1000 ha of jarrah forest are cleared for bauxite and gold mining every year.

See Alcoa's Pinjarra and Huntly Revised Proposal Referral Supporting Document 2020 at <https://www.alcoa.com/australia/en/pdf/Alcoa-Referral-Supporting-Document.pdf>; and

South 32's Environmental Scoping Document 2020 here https://www.south32.net/docs/default-source/worsley-mine-documents/environmental-scoping-document.pdf?sfvrsn=5e18741_4

Newmont Boddington Gold's PER documentation here:

https://www.epa.wa.gov.au/sites/default/files/PER_documentation/1926-PER-Rev2.pdf