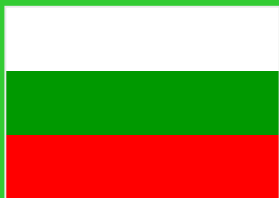


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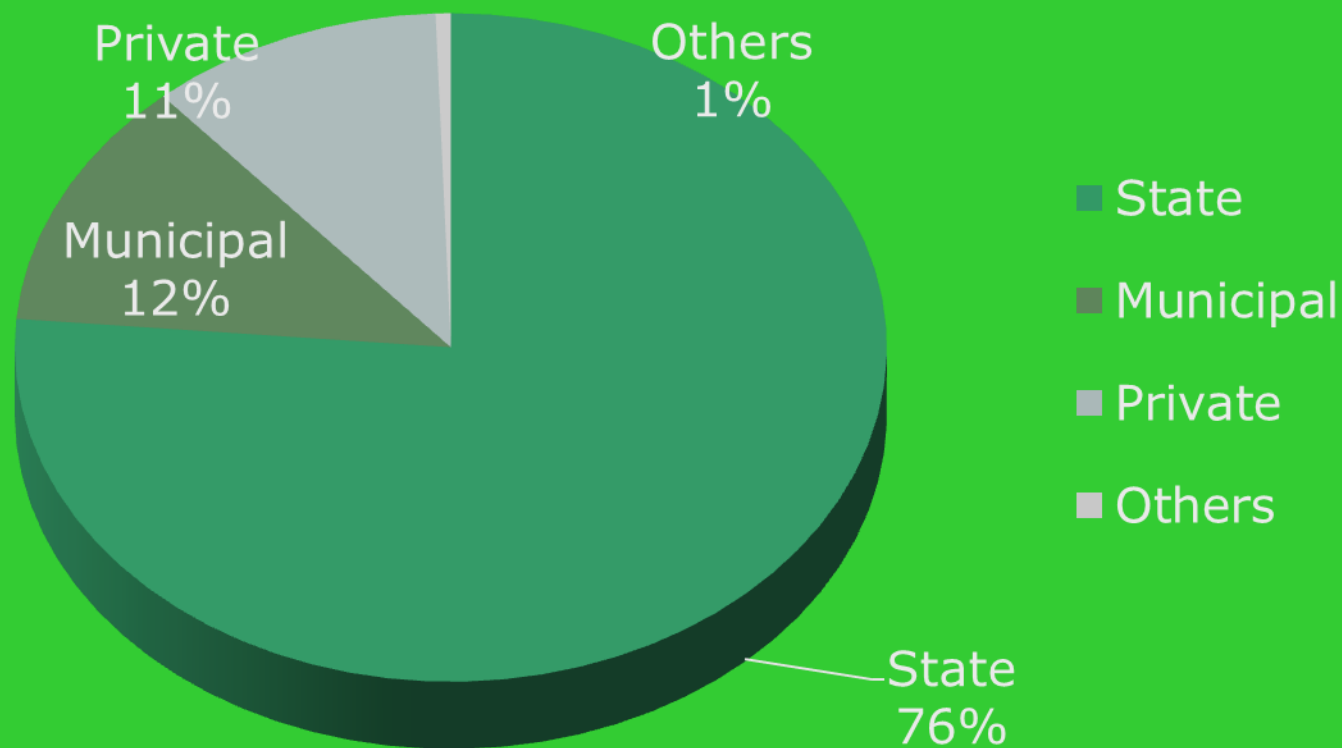


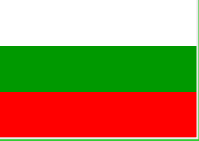
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Forest territories ownership:





The forests in Bulgaria (data towards 31.12.2015)

Forest data:

- 4 222 874 ha forest territories (about 37,4% of the country's territory);
- approximately 67 % broadleaved forests;
- 650 000 000 m³ total volume;
- 14.4 million m³ annual increment;
- 3.8 m³ – average annual increment per ha;

- 8 389 273 m³ annual harvesting (standing timber):
 - **4 015 561** m³ – from regeneration fellings
 - **4 373 712** m³ – from thinnings

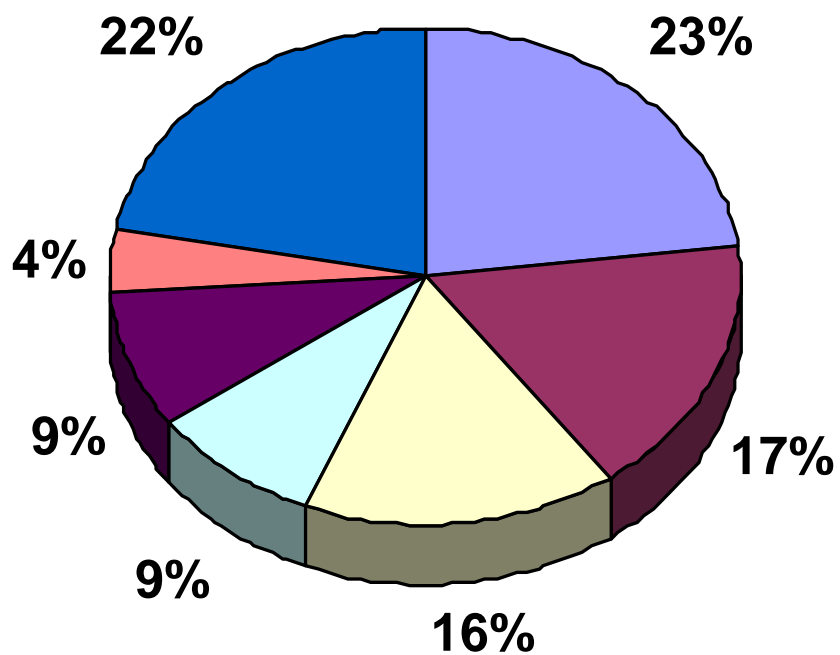
Regarding their functions forests are divided as follows:

- protective;
- special;
- economic.



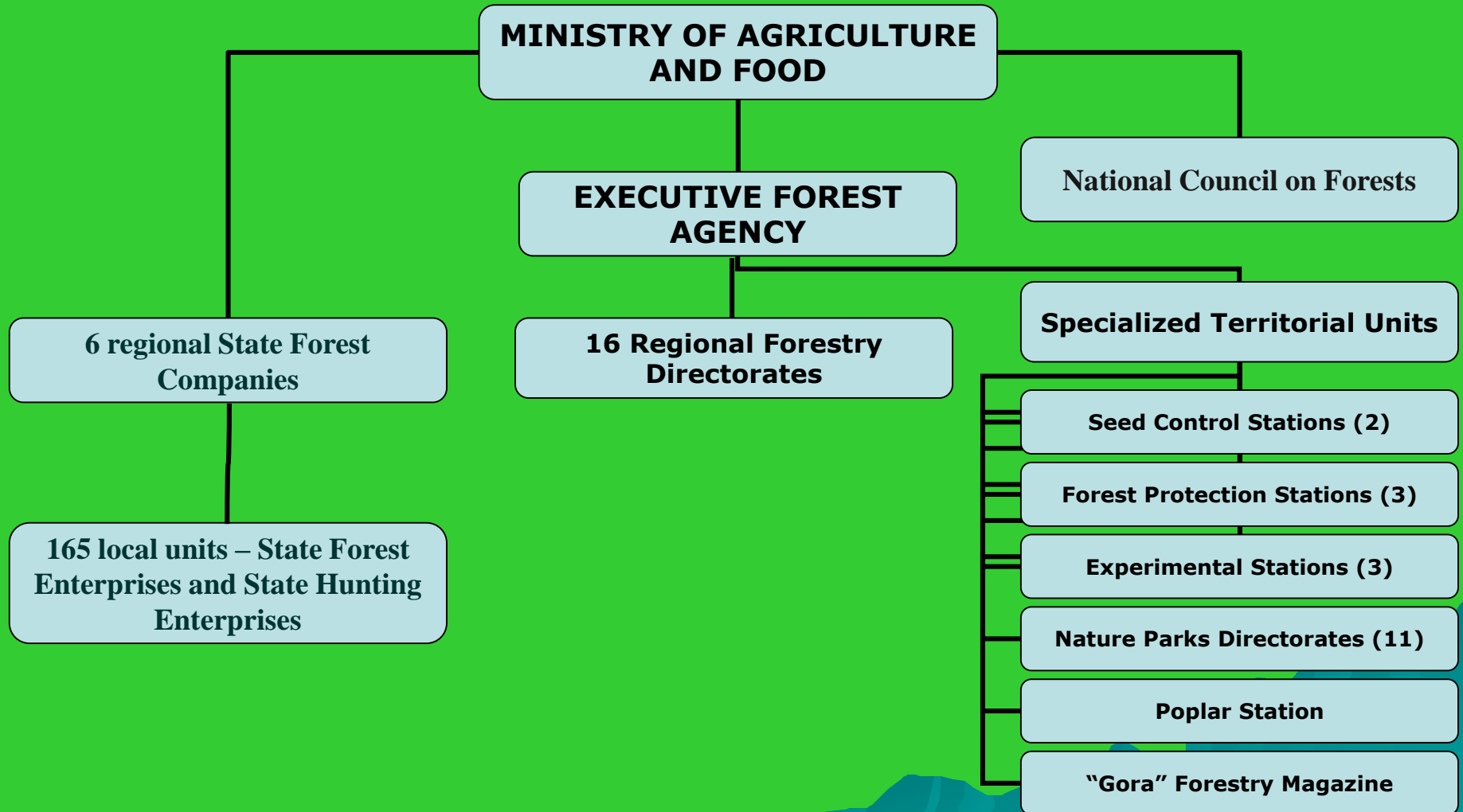


Tree species distribution:





ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE





Structure of the forest sector

Economic Management Functions

6 regional State Forest Companies/ local units

Subunits – state forestry and hunting enterprises

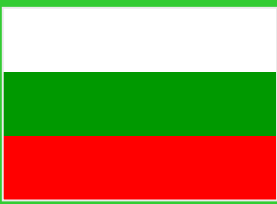
- Forest Operations - silviculture, maintenance of forest roads etc.
- Harvesting - Supervision of harvesting and other operations by private companies
- Sale of Timber
- Sale of non Timber Products
- Hunting and Fishing management operations
- Forest protection (fires & pests)
- New Business Development

Control and Administration Functions

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Forest policing (Policy & Strategy)

- Legislation
- Regulation/Control and inspection
- Forest inventory
- Support to private forest owners - extension services
- Forest protection – coordination, planning and control (erosion control, forest fire management)
- National data base
- Seed control
- Nature park management
- Research



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Control of logging, transportation, processing and trade of timber and non-wood forest products.

From 1st July 2016 a new method for issuing transportation ticket was implemented.

The transportation ticket is issued by tabled with connected printer.

All data, that contain the tickets are send into a central server.



Prevention and fight with the forest fires

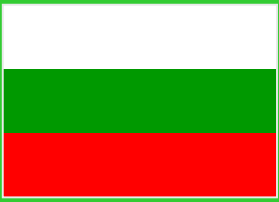




CONTROL OF GAME MANAGEMENT AND HUNTING

- ◆ 85% from the game is managed by hunting parties
- ◆ 15% from the game is managed game enterprises, juridical persons
- ◆ more than 130 000 hunters in the country





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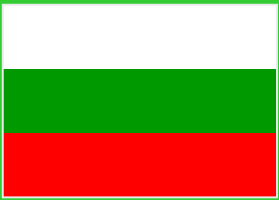
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Organize the development and control the implementation of the management plans for the natural parks

Preserves the protected kinds of animals and plants and follows for the observation of the regimes of the protected territories and protected zones.

EFA doesn't have any reporting obligations for protected sites.

The national parks are under jurisdiction of Ministry of environment and water.

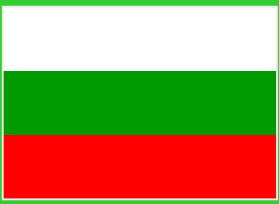


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- Develop Strategic Development Plan of the Forestry Sector;
- Organize the inventory of the forest territories;
- Control the development and implementation of the forestry plans;
- Create and maintain an information system for the forest territories and the activities in them;
- Competent body of implementation of Regulation (EC) 995/2010



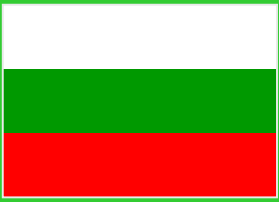
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When information about violation, crime and corruption in the forests is received, The Center 112 informs Office 112 in EFA, or the police. The telephone numbers of our duty employees in Regional forestry directorates are available and the experts organize the checks.

Annually in my department are processing more than 400 correspondences, associated with signals from citizens and NGOs concerning illegal activities. Individual signals are received in the Regional forestry directorates.



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