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Map 1: European countries by forest cover (as a % of land area): 2015

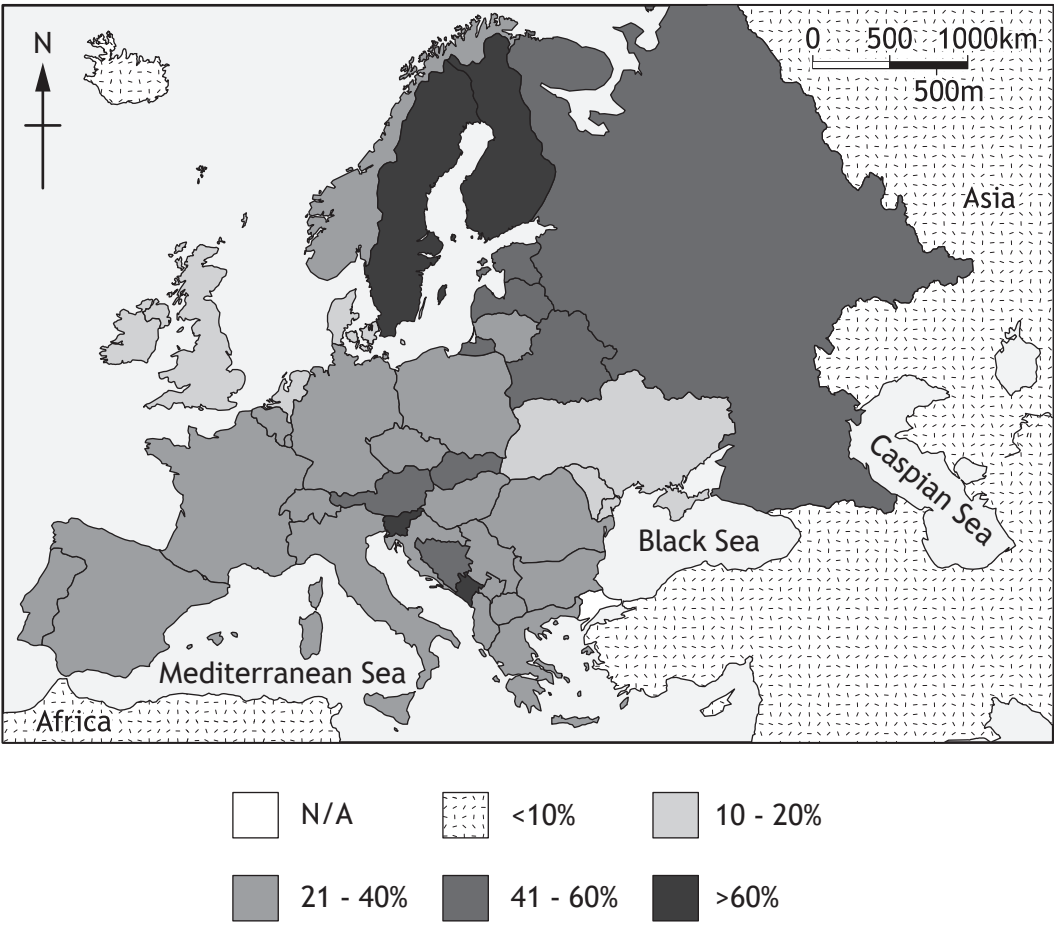


Table 1: Area of woodland cover in UK 2007-2017 (thousands of hectares)

Year	England	Wales	Scotland	Northern Ireland	Total woodland
2007	1127	285	1341	87	2840
2008	1127	285	1342	87	2841
2009	1128	284	1341	88	2841
2010	1130	284	1343	88	2845
2011	1294	304	1385	88	3071
2012	1295	304	1392	88	3079
2013	1300	305	1410	111	3126
2014	1302	306	1419	111	3138
2015	1304	306	1432	112	3154
2016	1306	306	1436	112	3160
2017	1306	307	1440	112	3166

Table 2: Woodland cover, total agricultural area &amp; visits to woodland areas: UK (2007-17)

Year	UK woodland cover (000's hectares)	UK total agricultural area (000's hectares)	No. of visits to woodland areas*
2007	2840	178.97	580
2008	2841	177.03	640
2009	2841	173.25	500
2010	2845	172.34	570
2011	3071	171.72	740
2012	3079	171.90	750
2013	3126	172.59	750
2014	3138	172.40	760
2015	3154	171.47	790
2016	3160	173.60	800
2017	3166	172.35	840

\* (survey based on 1000 respondents)

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Diagram 1: Extract from a newspaper article

## **Forest levels booming as UK woodland returns to highest level in more than 250 years.**

British woodland has returned to the levels of the 1750s, with tree cover having more than doubled since the end of the First World War, a United Nations report has shown.

The growth is attributed in part, to individuals branching out into forestry eg for investment purposes, which now accounts for almost half of all our tree cover.

But experts warned that Britain still had a long way to go before hitting the European average of 44 per cent. Finland boasts the highest level of tree cover in the EU with 72 per cent of land area covered in forest.

An increase in tree planting is hoped to help the fight against climate change, as well as create economic growth and protect jobs in rural areas.

The Woodland Trust has launched a campaign to plant 20 million trees in Britain over the next five decades in a bid to bring tree cover closer in line with the European average but the Trust warns that development at the rural-urban fringe is leading to large amounts of woodland being felled at a faster rate than it is being planted. Currently only 700 hectares a year are being planted, well below the target of around 5000 hectares.

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