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**Geography
Supplementary Item D
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Map 1: European countries by forest cover (as a % of land area): 2015

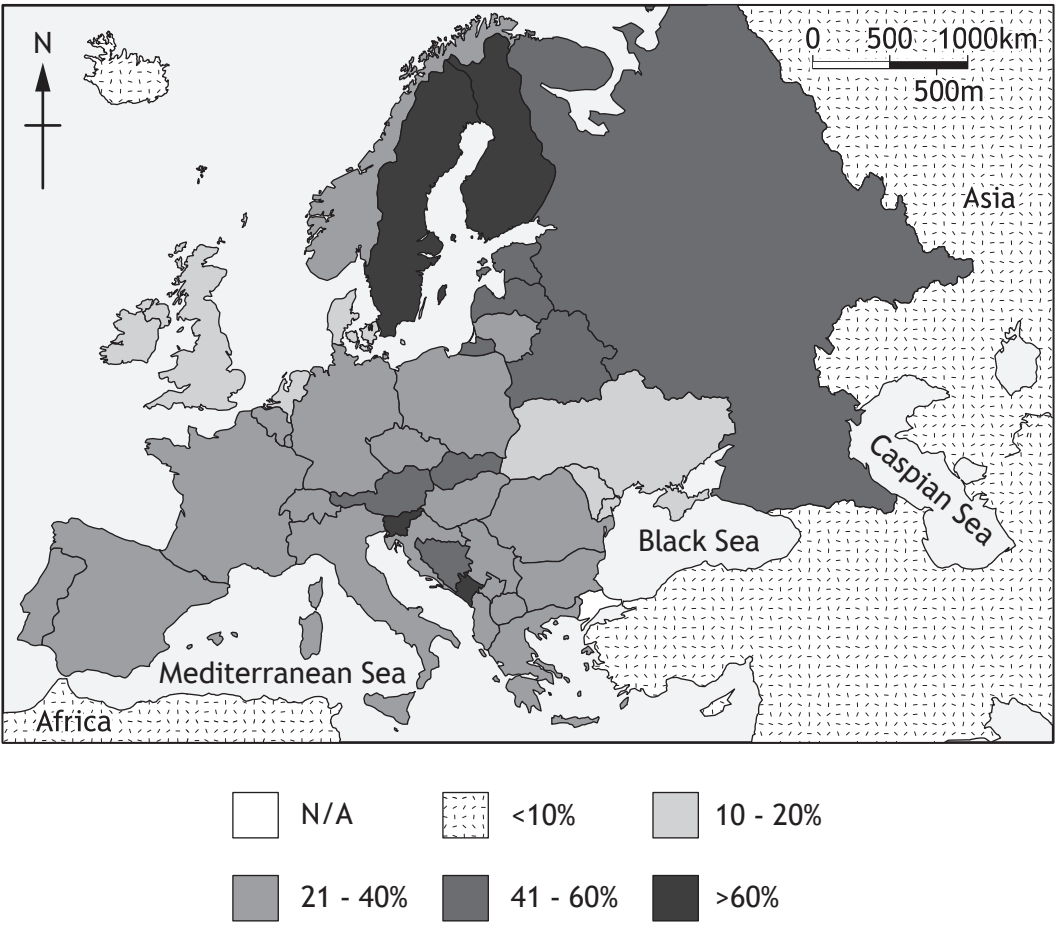


Table 1: Area of woodland cover in UK 2007-2017 (thousands of hectares)

| 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 & 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)

[Turn over for Diagram 1

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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