## **ECONOMIC VALUE** OF FORESTS



importance of forests? Forests are an important

Are you aware of the economic

## source of income: Forestry activities, wood processing,

and the pulp and paper industries combined contribute

1% (127 billion €)

to the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of Europe as a whole. -And this amount does not include the forest sector's additional contribution

manufacturing of furniture, manufacturing of wood processing equipment and trade in forest products.-Almost 4 million people in Europe earn

through other economic activities, such as forest based tourism, wood energy,

their living from working in forestry and forest-based industries.





when more than 578 million m<sup>3</sup> of wood were produced in Europe. Europe is a **net exporter of wood products** and remains one of the main wood producers in the world.

reached **21,152 million €** in 2010,



Concern about deforestation of tropical forests has reduced demand for tropical timber products and their imported volumes into Europe have dropped since 2000: they have been partly replaced by wood from Europe's well-managed forests.



## Total value of marketed non-wood goods reached **2,765 million €** in Europe in 2010,

**NON-WOOD GOODS** 

Other plant products: Christmas trees: 2,117 **64** million € O million € million €

(76.6%) came

from marketed

plant

products

and truffles: 94 million €

Mushrooms

Resins, raw material for medicines, Fruits, berries aromatic products, colorants... and edible nuts: million €

**71** million €

Decorative foliage,

ornamental plants:

million € **325** million € 🛈

Game meat:

Living animals: million €

Pelts, hides, skins

35 million €

(e.g. hunting and

fishing licenses, renting

and trophies:

648 Raw materials for million € medicine, colorants: (23.4%) came from marketed animal

Wild honey

and bee's wax:

Other animal products:

**21** million €

**FOREST SERVICES** 

products

Other services

nillion €

Even if data on marketed services are very limited, it is clear that they represent a non-negligible income for forest owners. Social services

**Total value** 

of huts, sports) of marketed **401** million € services in 2010 was about Amenity services million € (those related to spiritual, cultural and historical functions)

Biospheric services (e.g. carbon sequestration) million €

(e.g. licenses for wind farms.

gravel extraction, etc.)

**205** million €



Ecological services (e.g. provision of water)