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Australian forest and wood product statistics: March and June quarters 2021

Commercial plantations 2019–20 ('000 ha)

Hardwood	724
Softwood	1,028
Total	1,775

New plantations 2019–20 ('000 ha)

Hardwood	0.3
Softwood	1.2
Total	1.5

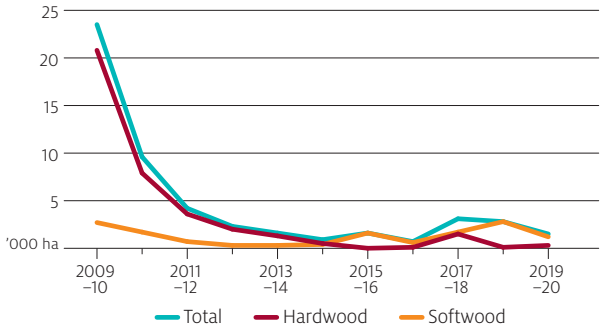
Total import value 2020–21 ($m)

Change from 2019–20	–3%
Total	5,434

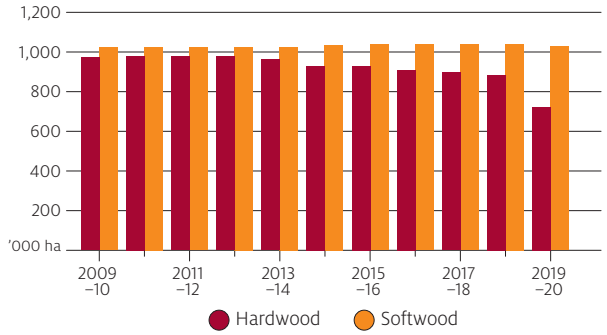
Total export value 2020–21 ($m)

Change from 2019–20	–18%
Total	2,703

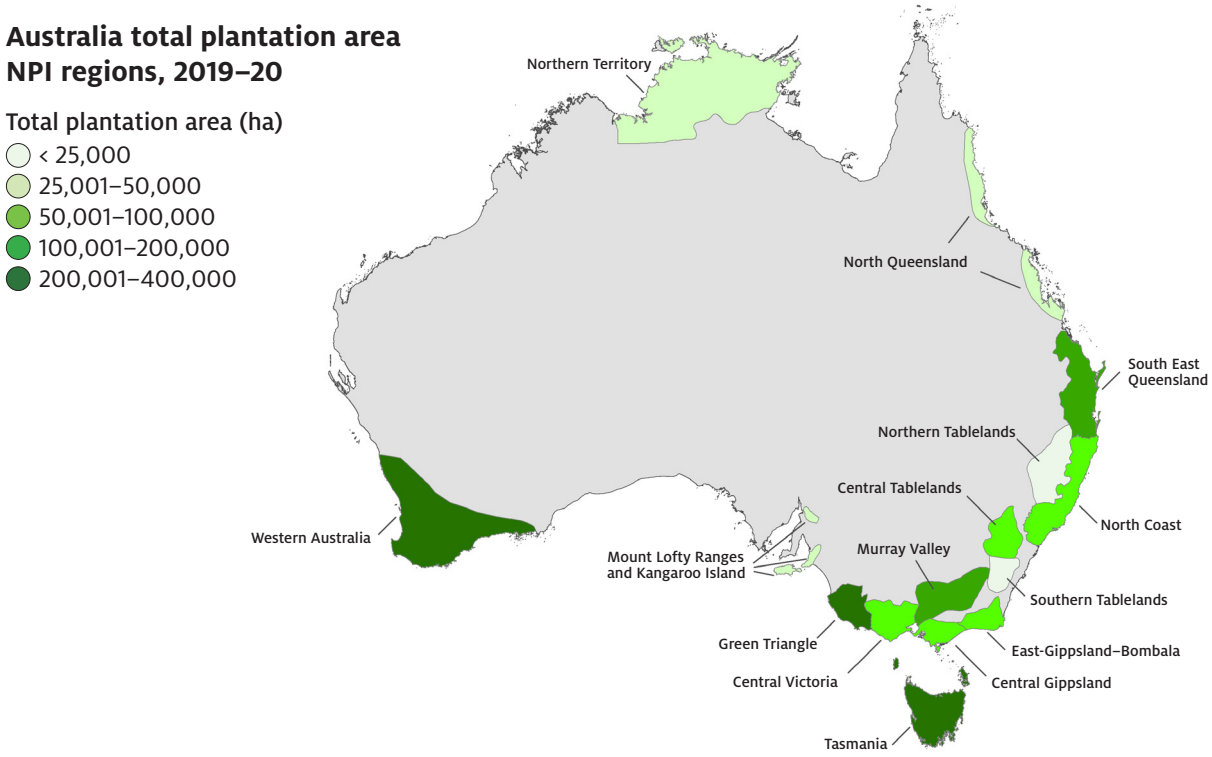
In recent years minimal new plantations have been established in Australia



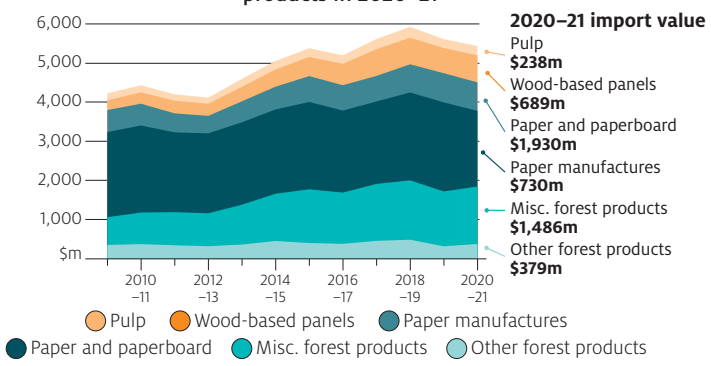
Since 2009–10 Australia's hardwood plantation area has begun to decline while softwood plantation area remains stable



Australia total plantation area NPI regions, 2019–20

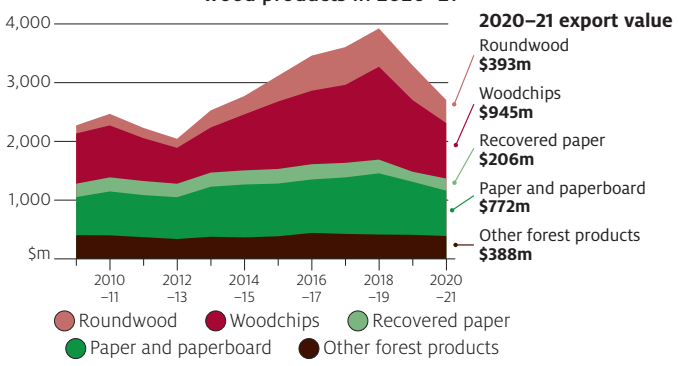


A decline in the value of paper and paperboard imports results in a 3% decrease of the total value of imported wood products in 2020–21



Note: Other forest products includes railway sleepers, pulp, wood-based panels sawnwood, and paper manufactures.

Reductions in roundwood, woodchip and paper and paperboard exports contribute to an 18% decrease in total value of exported wood products in 2020–21



Note: Other forest products includes roundwood, recovered paper, woodchips, pulp, and sawnwood.

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