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## Irish Forestry and Forest Products Association

The forestry and forest products sector currently employs almost twelve thousand people and the total value to the Irish economy is  $\in$  2.2 billion. The sector is the most diverse and potentially innovative industry grouping of the Irish economy.

IFFPA will promote the potential of the forestry and forest-based business sector to the Irish economy, the environment, and to social and leisure amenities. It is the only industry association that represents the sector as a whole and provides mechanisms for collaboration on a sector-wide basis. The association operates at both a national and international level to gain support for a sustainable industry sector, which is vital to Irish society and the national interest.

As a membership organisation, IFFPA works to educate and communicate the wide-ranging potential benefits of forestry and forest products to a wide audience, including the Government, state agencies, and consumers.

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