

SIZE AND NUMBER OF INDIVIDUAL PRIVATE GRANT-AIDED AFFORESTATION (1980-2019)

Year	Number of forests		Mean forest size (ha)		Year	Number of forests		Mean forest size (ha)	
	Annual	Cumulative	Annual	Cumulative		Annual	Cumulative	Annual	Cumulative
1980	53	53	3.4	3.4	2000	1,292	14,657	10.7	9.7
1981	46	99	7.0	5.1	2001	1,371	16,028	10.4	9.7
1982	70	169	4.2	4.7	2002	1,269	17,297	9.7	9.7
1983	82	251	4.3	4.6	2003	1,132	18,429	8.6	9.7
1984	108	359	3.2	4.2	2004	950	19,379	8.9	9.6
1985	156	515	6.7	4.9	2005	1,343	20,722	8.3	9.5
1986	269	784	7.8	5.9	2006	1,128	21,850	7.9	9.5
1987	386	1,170	7.5	6.4	2007	836	22,686	7.1	9.4
1988	484	1,654	9.3	7.3	2008	685	23,371	8.1	9.3
1989	720	2,374	11.7	8.6	2009	731	24,102	8.7	9.3
1990	718	3,092	11.6	9.3	2010	946	25,048	8.1	9.3
1991	779	3,871	9.4	9.3	2011	891	25,939	7.4	9.2
1992	620	4,491	9.3	9.3	2012	908	26,847	6.4	9.1
1993	1,036	5,527	8.0	9.1	2013	1,007	27,854	6.6	9.0
1994	1,342	6,869	10.1	9.3	2014	1,021	28,875	6.0	8.9
1995	1,467	8,336	11.1	9.6	2015	929	29,804	6.5	8.8
1996	1,479	9,815	9.3	9.5	2016	987	30,791	6.6	8.8
1997	1,275	11,090	9.1	9.5	2017	892	31,683	6.3	8.7
1998	1,134	12,224	9.7	9.5	2018	588	32,271	6.8	8.7
1999	1,141	13,365	10.3	9.6	2019	432	32,703	6.9	8.6

When assessing the average size of the total forest holdings of individual owners a profile of a less fragmented private forest estate emerges, compared to using a simple average of afforestation areas. By 2019, the average cumulative area afforested by individual owners was 12.2 ha (Table opposite), compared to the average afforestation area of 8.6 ha (Table above). Looking only at the average size of individual afforestation areas ignores the fact that some owners have afforested multiple forest holdings over time.