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## Forest Industry at a Glance



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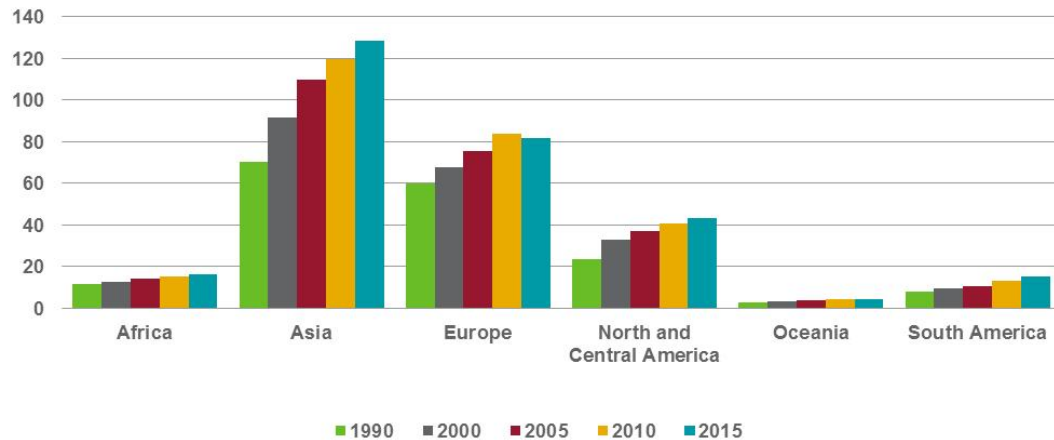
### Global Planted Forests

According to the FAO report *"Global Forest Resources Assessment 2015"*, the global planted forest surface area reached 289.6 million ha in 2015 or 7.8% of the total global forest area. In 1990, the planted forest area was 176 million ha or 4.9% of the total.

The pace of plantation has however slowed down over recent years. Over the 2000-2005 period, the average annual plantation area was 6.4 million ha/a, declining to 5.3 million ha/a over the 2005-2010 period and to 2.5 million ha/a over the last five years.

Asia has the largest planted forest area, particularly China. This country controls respectively 61% of the Asian planted forest area and 27% of the world's planted forests. In fact 38% of Chinese forest area is planted forests. Chinese investments in plantations are not only targeting industrial wood production but largely soil protection/erosion and energy production.

**Global Planted Forest Area**  
(millions of ha)



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