

Sustainable forest management in western Australia

Sustainable forest management implies benefiting from the forests today without compromising on the future generations' ability to benefit from the same forests.

Forests are valued for reasons that include but are not limited to animal and habitat protection, recreation, protection of streams and water supply, cultural and historic values and for jobs and forest products.

Management practices

Sustainable forest management means using forest resources today while managing and protecting them in such a way that enables all future generations to be able to meet their needs and values too.

Forests translate into safe ecosystems, safe recreational access, a reliable supply for wood products that we use everyday and others.

For a forest to be sustainable, it has to support all our economic, social and environmental needs.

The threats to sustainable forests include permanent land clearing, diseases like die back, and pests like foxes and cats which affect biodiversity. These must be dealt with to ensure that forest management is sustainable.

To determine forest sustainability, you need to look at all the forests in a given area such as an entire state, or even country and not just a single tree or forest.