



## ~ Methodology ~

# ANNUAL REPORT ON GROWING OF FORESTS AND SYLVICULTURE

### LEGAL BASIS

The survey is carried out on the basis of the Work Plan of the Republika Srpska Institute of Statistics for 2026, in accordance with the Statistical Programme of Republika Srpska for the period 2026-2029 ("Official Gazette of Republika Srpska" No. 4/26) and Law on Statistics of Republika Srpska ("Official Gazette of Republika Srpska" No. 85/03).

### METHODOLOGICAL BASIS

#### Aim and content

The aim of this statistical activity is to present works on growing of forests and silviculture for state and private forests at the end of the calendar year. These works include artificial afforestation, tending and reclamation of high and coppice forests and reclamation of other categories of forests.

#### Observation units / reporting units

Reports are submitted by forest holdings and administrations within the PFE "Šume Republike Srpske" and by all organisations and enterprises that are engaged in forestry activities in state and private forests.

#### Coverage

This statistical survey covers forest owners on the territory of Republika Srpska.

#### Method and period of data collection

Collection of data within this survey is carried out using the reporting method. The periodicity of the statistical activity is annual.

#### Protection of confidential data

Aggregate data are published. Individual data are protected pursuant to Articles 25 and 27 of the Law on Statistics of Republika Srpska and in accordance with the Rules of protection of confidential data.

#### Definitions of main features - indicators

**Artificial afforestation** presents areas (ha) afforested during a calendar year. Afforested areas may be in forests and outside forests. Afforested areas in forests may be in clearings and other areas suitable for afforestation. Afforested areas outside forests may be rocky soils and bare grounds, quicksand and salt marshes, eroded land, agricultural land and other land. Presented are kinds of trees used to carry

out the afforestation, type of afforestation (planting or sowing) and number of used seeding material (thousand pieces).

**Tending and reclamation** of high forests and coppices includes tending of new growth, cleaning, thinning, enrichment of forests (with conifers or noble broadleaves), conversion, substitution and reconstruction.

**Reclamation of other forest categories** – other forest categories include thickets, maquis shrubland, shrubberies and beech forests. Scope of performed works is presented in ha.

## **IMPLEMENTATION ORGANISATION**

### **Authorities implementing the statistical survey**

Data collection is carried out through a web application. Control and data processing is performed in the Division for Production Statistics of the Institute. Data are collected using the reporting method. Instructions for completing the questionnaire are provided in the questionnaire itself.

Data entry and processing, in accordance with the criteria of logical and computation controls, are performed in IST application.

### **Obligation to provide data**

Reporting units are obliged to submit data to the Republika Srpska Institute of Statistics pursuant to the Law on Statistics of Republika Srpska.

### **Implementation frequency**

Reporting units are obliged to submit data to the Republika Srpska Institute of Statistics until 25<sup>th</sup> March for the previous year.

Deadline for the final data is 1<sup>st</sup> July each year.

## **INSTRUMENTS**

### **Questionnaire**

The questionnaire “Monthly report on growing of forests and silviculture – ŠUM -41” is used to carry out this survey.

### **Instructions for completing the questionnaire**

Instructions for completing the questionnaire are provided in the questionnaire itself.

## **PUBLISHING**

Data are published for the level of Republika Srpska, in the “Statistical Yearbook” and in the “Forestry Bulletin”, as well as at the website of the Institute.

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