

A UNITED VOICE

The Canadian Federation of Forest Owners (CFFO) is a national federation of private forest land owners. The CFFO promotes the economic and social interests of Canadian private forest land owners in sustainable management by representing their views through a united national voice.

CFFO strives to balance the public interest and private property rights within a policy and incentive framework that fosters responsible stewardship.

450,000 forest landowners

13% of managed forest land in Canada.

18% of timber supply in Canada.

25 million ha of Canada's managed forest land is **privately owned**.

19 million ha is **private woodlots**, averaging ~ 40 ha in size, owned by rural families.

6 million ha is **private industrial forest**, averaging ~ 10,000 ha in size, owned by a mix of forest products companies, individuals, municipalities, pension funds and other organizations.

CFFO Corporate Members manage an **additional 15 million ha** of managed publicly-owned forest land.

ESSENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL GOODS AND SERVICES



Recreation, fitness and health benefits



Sport fishing and wildlife habitat



Biodiversity



Landscape aesthetics



Water quality and water conservation



Watershed regulation and flood control



Carbon reservoir



Protected areas

REPRESENTING FOREST OWNERS — LARGE AND SMALL

CFFO is made up of two chambers:

Association Chamber

- Provincial woodlot associations.
- 450,000 small, family-owned private woodlots less than 2,000 ha in size.

Corporate Chamber

- Private industrial forest owners.

PROTECTING THE FUTURE OF OUR FORESTS

Responsible Stewardship: Balancing economic realities, community and Indigenous interests and environmental values on our forest lands.

Indigenous Rights: Supporting UNDRIP and relationships with our Indigenous members, neighbours and business partners.

Community Cooperation: Working with our communities to provide outdoor recreation opportunities.

SAR Advisory Committee: Contributing to the Minister of Environment and Climate Change's Species at Risk Advisory Committee.

Forest Research: Most of today's most innovative practices were pioneered on private forest lands.

Scientific Information: Ensuring the long-term sustainability of high quality timber, water, soils, wildlife, old forest habitat, ecological diversity, carbon cycles and climate mitigation.

Third Party Certified: Managing lands and forestry practices that are certified to Forest Stewardship Council® (FSC®), Sustainable Forestry Initiative® (SFI®) and ISO 14001.

IFFA: Membership in the International Family Forestry Alliance, promoting the development of family forestry and advocating supportive policies.



HEALTHY COMMUNITIES

The role of CFFO and its members is to promote the economic and social interests of Canadian private forest landowners in sustainable management. CFFO members strive to balance the public interest and private property rights within a policy and incentive framework that fosters responsible stewardship.

FISHERIES ACT

- Engagement with forest owners, including advisory panels, to take advantage of their water quality and fish habitat conservation expertise and share information. [Section 4.01 (1)]
- Stewardship, agreements, cooperation and partnerships with land owners to explore new ways to manage and protect fish and aquatic habitat. [Section 34.3]
- Reduce or eliminate the need for enforcement by building on existing best management practices, existing provincial laws, and forest certification systems. [Section 34.2(1) and (3)]

UNITED NATIONS DECLARATION ON THE RIGHTS OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES (UNDRIP)

- Support for the successful application of UNDRIP.
- Indigenous rights and interest exist regardless of property lines and that private lands will either be affected by or raised in discussions throughout the implementation of these important principles.
- Participation in the dialogue for solutions regarding Indigenous rights and private lands.

SPECIES AT RISK ACT (SARA)

- Support a two-step approach to identifying wildlife habitat for protection:
 - Look first to public land (parks and protected areas and other public land) and then to private land, with the support and agreement of the owner. Refer to the existing NB SARA - Section 27(3)
 - "conservation through active management" – protection through active management.
- SARA / Forest certification pilot projects.



402 million ha of forested land in Canada

PROTECTED AREAS

- Consider what is already being "protected"
- Consider what is "protected" under the IUCN categories:
 - "ecosystem conservation and protection" – forest management focused on biodiversity, wildlife habitat, recreation opportunities, water quality and quantity
 - "conservation through active management" – protection through active management
- Use internationally recognized forest certification schemes, including third party audits, to measure and verify what is being protected
- Recognize and support protection efforts through:
 - Conservation agreements
 - Safe Harbour agreements
 - Carbon Offsets or exchanges

CARBON & CLIMATE CHANGE

According to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, a sustainable forest management strategy will generate the largest sustained mitigation benefit over the long term (IPCC 2007).

CFFO members support and play a role in sustainable forest management in Canada by:

- Growing trees and managing forests on our lands for timber production and other values, and supplying logs that end up in long-lived forest products.

PERSONAL SILVICULTURAL SAVINGS & INVESTMENT PLAN (PSSIP)

Silviculture and forest management costs often exceed revenues.

The creation of a PSSIP would allow woodlot owners to place a portion of their forestry revenue in a tax shelter for the purpose of future investments in silviculture and other forms of forest management.

