Development of the standing timber stock 1800–2013

Estimation of timber stock after 1920s refers to the years the respective National Forest Inventories (NFI) were carried out. Historical methods have been used to assess the volumes of standing timber stock before 1920’s, when the first NFI was carried out. This is why the estimation is less reliable, the more distant the evaluated period is.

The decrease starting in 1940s is due to the cession of land areas to the Soviet Union after World War II.

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