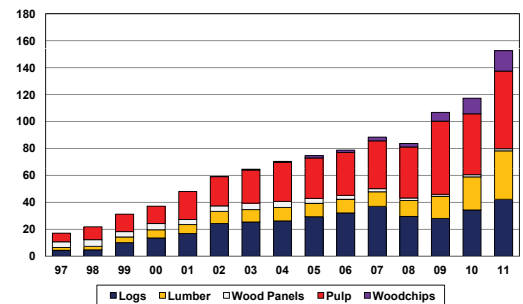


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China's imports of logs, lumber, woodchips and pulp hit record levels in 2011, when its timber supply deficit surged more than 30% to an estimated 152 million m<sup>3</sup>. Similarly, demand for timber in other wood deficit countries (like India) is also on the rise. While some countries clamor for wood resources, concerns about deforestation have caused an increasing share of the world's native forests to be set aside for conservation.

These global trends are increasing the market's dependence on man-made forest plantations (tree farms). Not surprisingly, an increasing number of players in the timber industry are interested in developing tree farms – often in new regions and with relatively unproven species. This type of investment requires analysis that incorporates political and economic factors, as well as direct costs, and biological growth rates.

**China Timber Deficit, 1997-2011**  
Million Cubic Meters



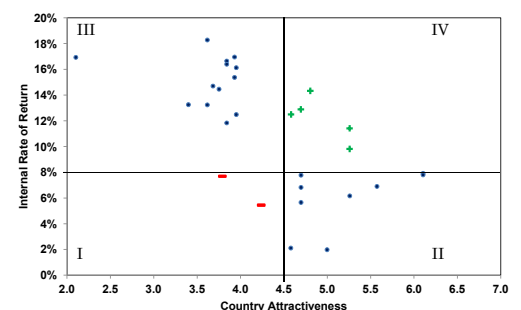
### Where are the most attractive countries/regions for timberland investments, and which species and management regimes offer the best returns?

This study provides an updated analysis of the most attractive forest resources and timberland investment opportunities. It covers more than 50 major timber producing countries in the world across North & South America, Asia, Oceania, Europe and Africa.

The **Global Tree Farm Economics Review** benchmarks investment costs and returns for a wide cross-section of potential plantation forest projects. It also analyzes major economic, geographic and political factors in each country that could impact returns for tree farm investors.

By combining country attractiveness with expected financial returns, the report identifies those countries with the best long-term potential for forest plantation investment and industry development.

**Hardwood Sawlogs Case Studies - risk vs. return**



Quadrant 4 shows the most favorable opportunities for investment: low risk, high return projects.

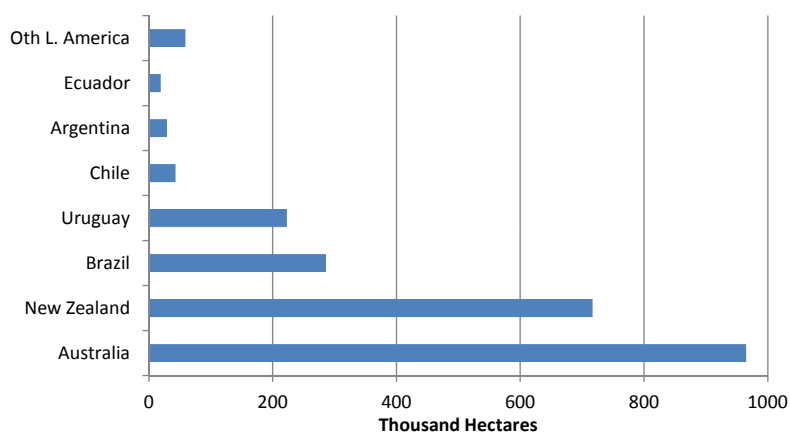
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## Who will benefit from this study?

**Global Tree Farm Economics Review** is invaluable for any owner, investor or potential investor in timberlands and plantations, including:

- Pension Funds
- Timber Investment Management Organizations (TIMOs)
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- Timberland owners
- Financial analysts
- Lending institutions
- Forest products companies
- Consulting firms

**Institutional Ownership of Timberland in Latin America and Oceania, 2011**



## Study Objectives

**Global Tree Farm Economics Review** analyzes a wide range of forest resources and timberland investment opportunities across the globe. It will help you compare the opportunities, species and management methods to determine which investments will provide the best returns. Included are:

- Country Profiles, providing an overview of native forest and plantation forest resources in more than 60 countries. The profiles include data on forest trade, timber harvest and certification, and overviews of key issues and opportunities for timberland investors.
- More than 100 case studies providing detailed data on growing costs, wood yields, harvesting costs and stumpage costs. Included is a calculated average growing cost per cubic meter and Internal Rate of Return (IRR) for various management regimens for 30 different species in 35 countries.
- Timberland Investment Attractiveness Rankings for 51 countries, including 7 international benchmarks on political and economic factors and tree-farm specific factors.
- Comparable data on growing costs, IRR, and tree farm investment attractiveness and how they have changed from previous editions of this report in 1997, 2002 and 2007.
- A comprehensive database of forest ownership, with more than 730 entries of ownership in 2011, organized by company in 61 countries.
- Timberland investment challenges and risks in each major timber producing country in the world.
- Expected long-term growing costs for pulpwood and for sawlogs in different regions.

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