

7. SILVICULTURE-Roundwood

7.1. Natural forests

Both protected and natural Venezuelan forests fall primarily under state ownership:

- The 50 million ha. of Forest Land are found in the following Venezuelan Regions:

<u>REGION</u>	<u>%</u>
Andes	8
Zulia	7
Centro Occidente	6
Centro	2
Capital	1
Llanos	2
Nor Oriental	3
Guayana	71
Insular	--
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	100%

- The management of these forests is primarily in the hands of medium-sized local companies. Large international forestry corporations have not participated actively in the management of Venezuelan natural forests. The exploitation of forests through annual permits is generally done by small scale sawmills with primitive technology.