

Today, approximately 510,000 ha. are under plantations although it has been estimated that Venezuela has potential for 19.21 million ha. that could be planted in 682 units in the 23 "Federal Entities" that form the country, principally in the states of Bolivar, Guarico, Anzoategui, Zulia, Barinas and Portuguesa.

3.2. Natural Forest Management ⁽⁴⁾

The Venezuelan natural forests have been only partially surveyed in the past 30 years. Recent estimates suggest:

<u>USE CAPACITY</u>	<u>OWNERSHIP</u>	<u>No. of ha. (million)</u>
<u>Permanent Production</u>	Public/Private	<u>17</u>
Forest Reserves	Public	12
Forest Lots	Public	2
Protected	Public/Private	3
<u>Park Lands</u>	Public	<u>13</u>
<u>Other</u>	Public/Private	<u>20</u>

⁴: The term "Forest Management" in Venezuela means that before a forestry operation can get underway, the technical features of its harvesting and reforestation plans must be detailed in a "Management Plan". The Venezuelan Forest Service (SEFORVEN) will only recognize a Management Plan prepared by a qualified forester.