

## 5.6. Forest Industry Output

Sawmills and panel producers are the consumers of the Venezuelan industrial wood production, with tropical species constituting the bulk of the input. Over the last five years sawmilling output has shown the following trends:

**VENEZUELA**  
**ESTIMATES OF SAWMILLING PRODUCTION**  
( '000 m<sup>3</sup>/year of Lumber)

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<u>YEAR</u>	<u>NATURAL FOREST SPECIES</u>	<u>PINE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
1989	334	21	355
1990	160	19	179
1991	175	40	215
1992	206	45	251
1993	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.

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N.A.: Data not available

Tropical species make the greatest contribution but plantation pine has been increasing and will be still greater in subsequent years.

Wood panels also represent an important segment of the Venezuelan forest industry.