

2.2.2. It is a market for manufactured consumer goods, forestry inputs and equipment. This suggests that the Forestry Sector provides "market linkages" to stimulate growth elsewhere in the economy . Through forward and backward linkages, growth in forestry output and productivity contributes to the development of new industry and to the rise of GNP over all.

2.2.3. Given the structural characteristics of the Venezuelan Economy (with fundamental weight on the oil sector), the participation of the Forestry Sector is still not significant but it has great potential. At 1984 prices, the Forestry Sector has been participating with an annual average of 0.06% of total GNP for the past 5 years.

2.2.4. Given the increasing demand for tropical wood and tropical wood products, Venezuela has the possibility of increasing its participation in world markets. This is also true in the case of pulp and paper. With an aggressive policy of expansion, the Forestry Sector will grow at a faster pace. It will result in a major diversification of the economy, creating another permanent source of foreign currency for Venezuela.