

FOREST DATA CALCULATION

Fact

The annual growth volume of European forests is ~612 million cubic meters¹. This is enough to fit in the entire global human population.

Calculation:

The global average weight of a person is 62 kg ² which would lead to the total mass of 474 million tonnes = 474 million m³. This is clearly under the annual forest growth of 612 million m³ (even if we assume that in the past decade the average weight may have further increased).

¹ State of Europe's Forests 2020. https://foresteurope.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/SoEF_2020.pdf

² Walpole, Sarah C; Prieto-Merino, David; Edwards, Phil; Cleland, John; Stevens, Gretchen; Roberts, Ian; et al. (18 June 2012). "The weight of nations: an estimation of adult human biomass". BMC Public Health. BMC Public Health 2012, 12:439. 12 (1): 439. <https://bmcpublihealth.biomedcentral.com/articles/10.1186/1471-2458-12-439>