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**Forest Regeneration in Romania**

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**Summary**

Romanian forests cover 6.3 million ha, representing 26.7% of the country's total area. The National Forestry Administration (NFA) is a legal state-owned entity that operates as a financially autonomous organisation under the authority of the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Forests, with responsibilities for administrating the state forests. The NFA is mandated to implement the National Forest Strategy for the forests under its stewardship, and to ensure the protection, conservation and long-term development of state forest assets. Priority objectives of the National Forest Strategy include: safeguarding the continuity and enlargement of the forest area through the regeneration of all harvested areas; the afforestation of bare-lands; and the ecological reconstruction of degraded lands.

The NFA will regenerate 17,200 ha of state forest land under its administration in 2002. Apart from the establishment of new forest, maintenance of recently established plantations will be undertaken on an area of 5,725 ha. The NFA 2002-03 forest regeneration programme will increase by 7,700 ha to take into account a recent Governmental Decision on the transfer of degraded agricultural land from the State Domain Agency to the national forest fund, for ecological reconstruction.

In relation to forest regeneration and vegetation establishment activities, Romanian foresters are promoting natural regeneration and the use of native species adapted to local site conditions.

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