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WWF-Canada and our Forests

> Section A) How WWF-Canada Helps Canada's Forests

About 10 percent of the world's forests are in Canada. When you're standing at the edge of a forest looking in, it might seem like it goes on forever. But the truth is, the world uses so many wood products from Canada that if we're not careful, we could use up all our forests.

We now know it's important to preserve forests for all the animals, plants and people who rely on them. But whose job is it to protect the forests? And who decides which forests to preserve and which are OK to cut down for lumber?

WWF-Canada works with the provincial governments, forestry companies and local communities to decide what areas of the forests need to be protected. They must consider that the forest industry provides many jobs for Canadians. So it's important to find ways to take the wood we need in a way that keeps forest habitats healthy for all the plants and animals that live there.

To do so, WWF-Canada looks at each forest to decide. Are there towns or First Nations communities that depend on that forest? Are there certain types of animals or plants that will become endangered if the forest is cut down? Is the forest protecting a nearby lake that plants, animals and humans need? It's also important to protect some of every kind of forest, so we protect a range of tree species and habitats. These are some of the things that WWF-Canada thinks about when it decides which forests need to be protected.

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1. Who works with WWF-Canada to help protect our forests?

2. Why must we be careful not to cut down too many trees in our forests?

3. What are three things that should be considered when deciding which forests to protect? Why?

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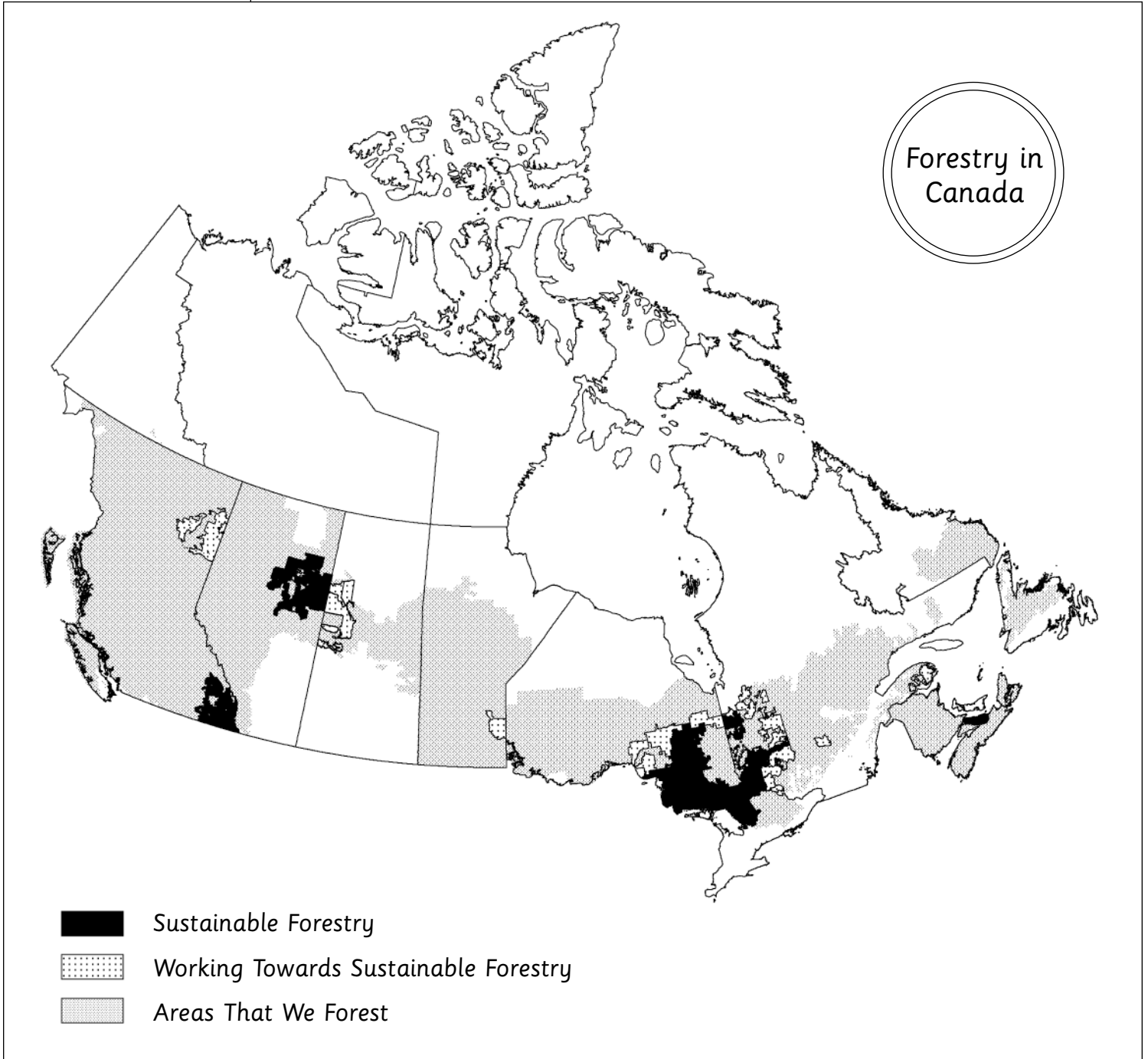
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> **Section B) Mapping Areas in Canada Used for Forestry**





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1. Label the provinces and territories.

- i) Put a dot where you live on the map.
- ii) The dotted areas show forests that are working toward sustainable forestry. Colour these yellow.
- iii) The light grey areas show all other forests in Canada that we use for forestry. Colour these light green.
- iv) Which province or territory do you think contains the most amount of forest with sustainable forestry?

- v) Which provinces or territories that log their forests have the least amount of forest with sustainable forestry?

- vi) What kind of forestry is in your province or territory?

- vii) What kind of forestry do the territories have?

- viii) Why do you think this is?





> Section C) Forests and You

Preserving our forests affects different people and creatures in different ways. In the box below, think about how protecting the forest would affect the groups listed below:

How does protecting our forests affect us all differently?	
A First Nations community living near a forest	
A deer living in the forest	
A logger	
You	

> Section D) How Can You Help Save Canada's Forests?

Does your province or territory have lots of forests that haven't been logged, or that use sustainable forestry? If so, write a letter to your local Member of Parliament thanking him or her for working to conserve Canada's forests. If your province has lots of forests used for logging that do not use sustainable forestry, write a letter to your local Member of Parliament asking why he or she isn't helping to conserve Canada's forests. Be sure to include some reasons why sustainable forestry is important to you and your community. Include the map from Section B with your letter.





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1. WWF-Canada works with the provincial governments, forestry companies and local communities to decide which areas of the forests need to be protected.
2. Open – Should touch on all the ways we rely on forests for products, for beauty, for the habitats of plants, animals and people, for clean water. Also, should mention sustainability – logging forests in ways so that they continue to thrive.
3. Open – Are there towns or communities that depend on that forest? Are there certain types of animals or plants that will become endangered if the forest is cut down? Is the forest protecting a nearby lake that fish, animals and humans need?

Section B) Mapping Canada's Forests Used for Forestry

1. iv) Ontario
v) Newfoundland and Labrador
vi) Open
vii) None
viii) Open – should include reference to low population, northern climate, and lack of forests (knowledge from Activity 3)

Section C) Forests and You

How does protecting our forests affect us all differently?	
A First Nations community living near a forest	Open – Could touch on the spiritual, cultural and practical ways that the community is connected to the forest: for hunting, gathering, and beauty. If forestry isn't limited, they could lose areas that they rely on.
A deer living in the forest	Open – Should touch on the deer's reliance on the forest for food and shelter. Without protected areas of forest, this animal has nowhere to live and nothing to eat.





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A logger	Open – Could touch on both positive and negative feelings. Some loggers might feel that restricting areas of forestry would limit profits. But forestry employees should know that preserving forests preserves their source of livelihood for longer.
You	Open – Student should consider how they value forests as places to camp and visit, as habitats for their favourite animals, and as a source of wood and paper products. Student should consider which specific products they rely on, from wood for houses to paper for books.

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