

Table 22.1a. Relative standard errors (%) of area of forest land by IUCN¹ category, ownership and terrestrial ecozone in Canada.

Terrestrial ecozone	IUCN category	Ownership							Total
		Federal	Provincial	Territorial	Municipal	Indigenous	Private	Other ²	
Taiga Plains	NA	36.20	2.44	2.47	34.64	8.78	71.46	51.29	1.87
	IB	-	30.18	19.07	-	99.91	-	0.00	16.11
	II	15.65	46.11	18.24	-	-	-	100.01	11.52
	VI	54.75	-	39.14	-	94.82	-	-	30.40
	OTHER	-	-	13.55	-	70.02	-	99.44	13.31
	Subtotal	13.94	2.55	2.44	34.64	8.70	71.46	51.14	1.86
Taiga Shield	NA	46.82	1.53	3.82	72.49	10.52	45.47	30.10	1.43
	IB	-	13.30	42.18	-	71.27	-	9.00	12.80
	II	-	8.43	-	-	-	100.00	86.68	8.41
	Subtotal	46.82	1.54	3.81	72.49	10.44	45.47	28.98	1.43
Boreal Shield	NA	50.72	0.84	-	23.47	17.71	5.74	17.19	0.87
	IA	-	41.00	-	-	-	100.00	2.45	40.99
	IB	100.00	9.90	-	-	-	99.91	21.70	9.84
	II	31.58	6.37	-	-	3.32	67.54	43.76	6.19
	III	-	52.33	-	-	-	100.00	-	50.11
	IV	69.27	13.63	-	-	-	88.97	2.83	13.63
	VI	98.82	99.97	-	-	-	-	-	92.42
	OTHER	-	20.51	-	-	-	100.01	-	20.42
Subtotal	25.67	0.88	-	23.47	17.71	5.72	16.10	0.90	
Atlantic Maritime	NA	69.04	5.19	-	36.07	99.99	3.78	39.08	3.10
	IA	99.99	62.91	-	-	-	99.69	3.87	50.18
	IB	-	31.04	-	-	-	78.79	21.75	29.81
	II	45.69	23.76	-	100.00	-	93.23	99.41	21.06
	III	-	71.75	-	-	-	84.01	100.30	69.76
	IV	-	39.09	-	-	-	92.63	100.54	40.77
	VI	-	97.33	-	-	-	99.95	-	97.32
	OTHER	-	99.97	-	-	-	76.74	100.24	62.99
Subtotal	36.19	4.99	-	36.07	99.99	3.77	37.23	3.06	
Mixedwood Plains	NA	99.72	31.46	-	98.47	49.39	5.63	27.04	5.57
	IA	99.99	97.92	-	-	-	60.23	3.61	59.06
	II	73.65	70.44	-	-	-	91.42	1.00	45.60
	III	-	-	-	-	-	100.17	-	100.17
	IV	18.06	63.09	-	-	-	78.57	99.99	73.69
	VI	-	-	-	-	-	100.08	-	100.08
	OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	81.21	-	81.21
Subtotal	55.50	28.19	-	98.47	49.39	5.60	26.12	5.50	
Boreal Plains	NA	56.59	1.86	10.39	38.23	23.52	7.57	34.19	1.78
	IA	-	54.67	-	-	-	-	0.00	54.67
	IB	100.00	20.00	-	-	-	-	5.10	19.61
	II	11.28	19.19	3.61	-	-	-	40.94	9.72
	III	-	57.74	-	-	-	-	0.00	57.74
	IV	-	49.72	-	10.15	-	63.39	-	42.47
	V	-	100.00	-	-	-	-	-	100.00
	VI	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.16	6.16
OTHER	-	47.04	-	-	-	-	-	47.04	
Subtotal	11.17	1.86	10.39	38.23	23.52	7.52	34.19	1.79	
	NA	100.00	22.54	-	48.20	37.24	9.56	83.84	8.64
	IB	-	7.87	-	-	-	100.00	-	99.67
	II	-	45.01	-	-	-	100.00	100.00	44.74

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Prairies	III	-	99.99	-	-	-	99.99	-	99.46
	IV	-	54.69	-	-	-	54.78	-	42.99
	VI	-	-	-	-	-	95.44	-	95.44
	OTHER	-	100.00	-	-	-	-	0.00	100.00
	Subtotal	100.00	19.73	-	48.20	37.24	9.49	71.45	8.73
Taiga Cordillera	NA	99.99	-	5.48	-	23.76	-	72.44	5.35
	IB	-	-	34.22	-	-	-	-	34.22
	II	37.49	-	26.98	-	-	-	100.12	24.08
	III	-	-	99.99	-	-	-	-	99.99
	IV	-	-	83.70	-	45.04	-	23.90	51.80
	OTHER	-	-	20.78	-	99.99	-	3.87	20.59
Subtotal	37.47	-	5.17	-	22.31	-	70.66	5.01	
Boreal Cordillera	NA	84.12	4.78	3.63	70.66	15.18	64.37	92.64	2.86
	IB	-	18.92	-	-	-	-	-	18.92
	II	48.17	15.22	37.82	-	-	-	94.85	13.46
	IV	-	60.39	50.80	-	-	-	15.59	41.16
	Subtotal	46.68	4.54	3.63	70.66	15.18	64.37	67.77	2.81
Pacific Maritime	NA	77.10	4.45	-	54.16	37.61	18.92	47.92	4.34
	IA	-	71.52	-	-	-	-	-	71.52
	IB	-	25.76	-	-	-	-	-	25.76
	II	45.26	12.94	-	-	88.80	54.81	0.00	12.41
	III	-	70.35	-	-	-	99.98	-	69.49
	IV	-	-	-	-	-	91.85	-	91.85
Subtotal	40.11	4.22	-	54.16	37.61	18.64	47.92	4.09	
Montane Cordillera	NA	75.18	1.93	-	64.11	29.34	10.30	22.59	1.91
	IA	-	78.46	-	-	-	-	-	78.46
	IB	-	18.92	-	-	-	-	13.60	18.92
	II	14.69	9.74	-	-	-	80.53	100.18	8.13
	III	-	85.87	-	-	-	-	-	85.87
	IV	-	82.87	-	-	-	53.34	-	44.88
	OTHER	-	90.81	-	-	-	-	-	90.81
Subtotal	14.44	1.98	-	64.11	29.34	10.16	22.58	1.94	
Hudson Plains	NA	-	3.29	-	100.00	56.20	64.31	20.67	3.33
	IB	-	20.42	-	-	-	-	100.00	20.05
	II	42.59	34.46	-	-	-	-	69.83	25.14
	IV	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.31	100.31
	Subtotal	42.59	3.25	-	100.00	56.20	64.31	19.83	3.27
Canada	NA	21.28	0.62	1.70	14.09	5.31	2.58	10.12	0.58
	IA	88.24	26.53	-	-	-	55.35	5.83	24.72
	IB	70.95	5.86	16.02	-	67.87	61.79	99.97	5.47
	II	7.14	3.95	14.04	100.00	88.28	41.32	34.44	3.34
	III	-	30.10	99.99	-	-	65.01	100.30	28.61
	IV	66.48	12.30	43.52	10.15	45.04	33.86	91.87	11.10
	V	-	100.00	-	-	-	-	-	100.00
	VI	52.42	95.29	39.14	-	94.82	98.73	6.16	28.75
	OTHER	-	18.07	11.70	-	59.95	54.23	76.17	10.50
Total	6.67	0.63	1.68	14.09	5.27	2.56	9.71	0.58	

Source: Canada's National Forest Inventory, combined remeasured (2007-2017) and projected (2006-2017 with NFI projection system) data (Version 3.1, October 2025) (<http://nfi.nfis.org>)

Note: The Arctic ecozones (Arctic Cordillera, Northern Arctic, Southern Arctic), and the Taiga Plains and Hudson Plains ecozones located in Nunavut, are not inventoried. These non-inventoried areas total 262,189.89 thousand ha.

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¹ IUCN: International Union for Conservation of Nature (<http://www.iucn.org>). Data obtained from the Canadian Protected and Conserved Areas Database (CPCAD) (<https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/services/national-wildlife-areas/protected-conserved-areas-database.html>).

² Missing, unknown or other ownerships.

International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) category

IUCN Category	Description
NA	Not protected
Ia	Protected area managed mainly for science
Ib	Protected area managed mainly for wilderness protection
II	Protected area managed mainly for ecosystem protection and recreation
III	Protected area managed mainly for conservation of specific natural features
IV	Protected area managed mainly for conservation through management intervention
V	Protected area managed mainly for landscape/seascape protection and recreation
VI	Protected area managed mainly for the sustainable use of natural resources
Other	Protected with missing or unknown category