



PROTECTING THE GREAT BEAR RAINFOREST

Following controversial forest campaigns in the mid 1990s, Catalyst has been a key driver in helping to protect the Great Bear Rainforest through parks and protected areas and the new forest practice called Ecosystem Based Management (EBM). This work aims to bring the Great Bear Rainforest into low ecological risk while balancing well-being of local communities created by forestry employment.

WHO IS INVOLVED?

Since 1998, Catalyst has been working with other forest companies and Greenpeace, ForestEthics, and Sierra Club of Canada. We also work with First Nations and government in designing these new forestry approaches.

WHAT IS ECOSYSTEM BASED MANAGEMENT (EBM)?

EBM is an adaptive approach for managing forests that ensures the co-existence of healthy ecosystems and human communities. EBM in the Great Bear Rainforest is so advanced that it is serving as the template for parties trying to save North America's boreal forests.

WHY DOES EBM MATTER?

EBM is amongst the most stringent and capable forest management approaches in the world. It means smaller areas of cutting in less sensitive areas. The Great Bear Rainforest is certified to the FSC standard.

WHAT'S CHANGED WITH EBM?

Less Harvesting – A 35% drop in the allowable annual cut between 2001 and 2009

Smaller Harvest Areas – In 1996, 42% of cutblocks were less than 10 hectares in size; today more than 70% are less than 10 hectares

More Parks – 350% increase in parks and conservancies

More Old Forest – To secure 70% representation of old-growth forest across the entire planning area over time

More Protection – Of wildlife habitat, streams and wetlands

Only 0.15% of the forest is harvested each year ensuring sustainable forests and healthy ecosystems. Only 16% of the forest will be harvested in the next 250 years.

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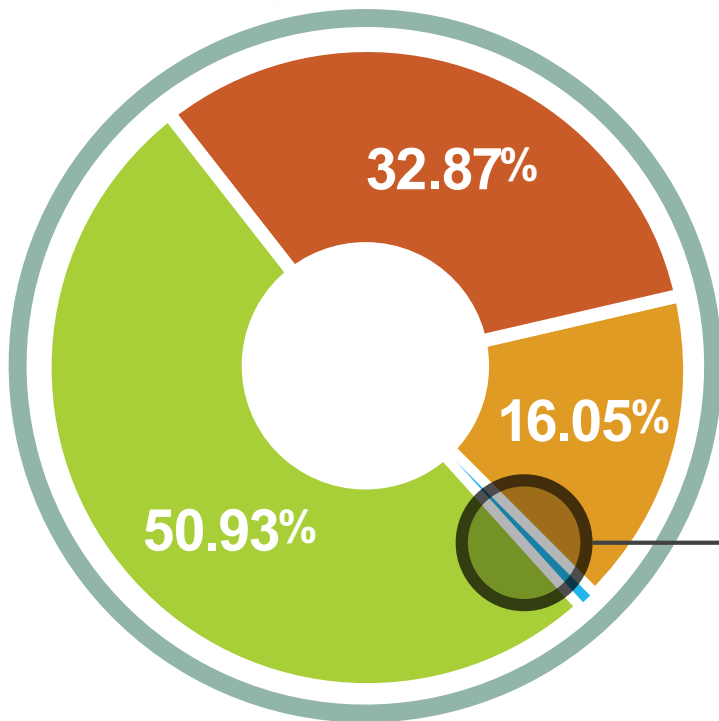


- » 25,000 sq miles of temperate rainforest about the size of West Virginia
- » 8,000 sq miles of intact protected forest.
- » Some the world's richest ecosystems. Home to the unique Spirit Bear



TIMELINE

- 1990** – Environmental campaigns
- 1998** – Parties came together to find a solution
- 2004** – EBM posed as solution
- 2006** – Agreement signed to implement EBM
- 2009** – Completion of protection of GBR lands
- 2014** – Completion of EBM implementation



EBM PLAN AREA LANDBASE CLASSIFICATION CURRENT LAND USE OBJECTIVES

- Area potentially harvested each year
- Area available for harvest in next 250 years
- Natural forested area
- Forested park & protected

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