

# Community Forests in British Columbia

SHARING THE BENEFITS OF LOCAL FOREST RESOURCES

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#### Defining Community Forestry

Community forestry refers to local people's control over forest resources for local benefit.



# Building Blocks of the Community Forest Agreement

#### Provincial Forest Tenure

Area-Based License

25 Year Term

Exclusive Right to Harvest Timber

Right to Manage Botanical Products

Replaceable Every 10 Years

Governed by Forest Legislation and Regulations

Communities are Invited to Apply

Demonstrate Community Support

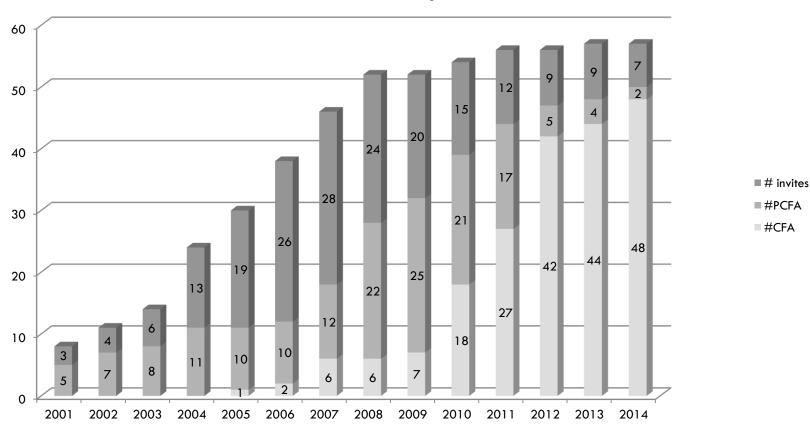


#### Benefits

- Livelihoods
- Economic Diversification
- Partnerships between
   Indigenous and non-Indigenous
   Communities
- Support for Value Added Manufacturing
- Stewardship
- Participation & Conflict Resolution

#### Community Forest Program Status

#### **2018 56** Community Forests



#### Vancouver Island

**Community Forests** 

Combined AAC ~ 117,000 m3

- 1. Alberni Velley Community Forest Corporation
- 2. Bamfield-Huu-ay-aht Community Forest Society
- 3. Barkley Community Forest Limited Partnership
- 4. Cortes Forestry General Partnership
- 5. Huu-ay-aht First Nation Community Forest
- 6. Khowutzun Forest Services Limited Partnership
- 7. North Island Community Forest Limited Partnership
- 8. Qala-yit Community Forest (Application)

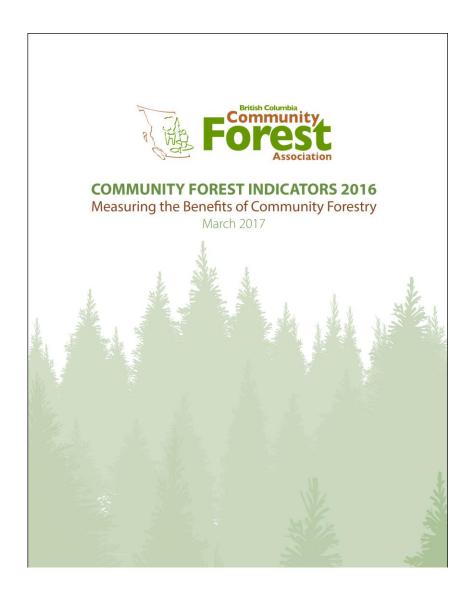


### Why Community Forests?

They are independent log sellers

They have secure, area-based, long term tenures

They have a mandate to generate local benefits



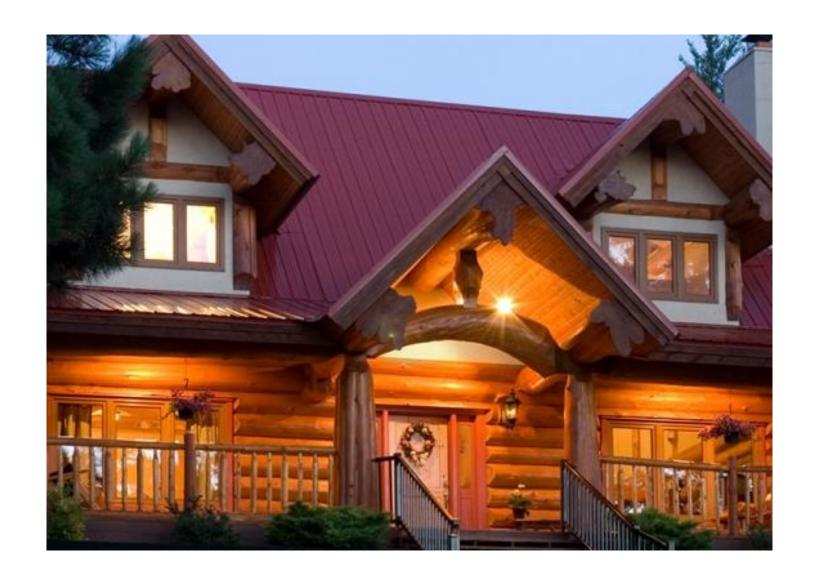
# Community Forest Indicators Survey & Report

Distribution of Log Sales from Community Forests (2017 Report)	
Sales to:	
Large mills ≥ 295,000 m³/year	75%
Medium mills 95,000 m³ - 295,000 m³/year	9%
Small mills < 95,000 m <sup>3</sup> /year	2%
Value Added mills	1%
Pole, Veneer, Plywood & OSB	6%
Facilities that use low quality fibre (chip, pellet, pulp & paper)	4%
Firewood	1%
Logs exported	2%



## Telling our stories





### West Coast Log Homes

SUNSHINE COAST COMMUNITY FOREST



#### Harrop-Procter Community Forest

AREA: 10,860 Ha

AAC: 10,000 m3











#### Chinook Community Forest

SIX FIRST NATIONS, VILLAGE OF BURNS LAKE & REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY NECHAKO



### Jobs



#### Watersheds



#### Recreation



Proactive wildfire management

#### BC Community Forest Association

Proposal for expanding Community Forests in 10 km Wildland Urban Interface

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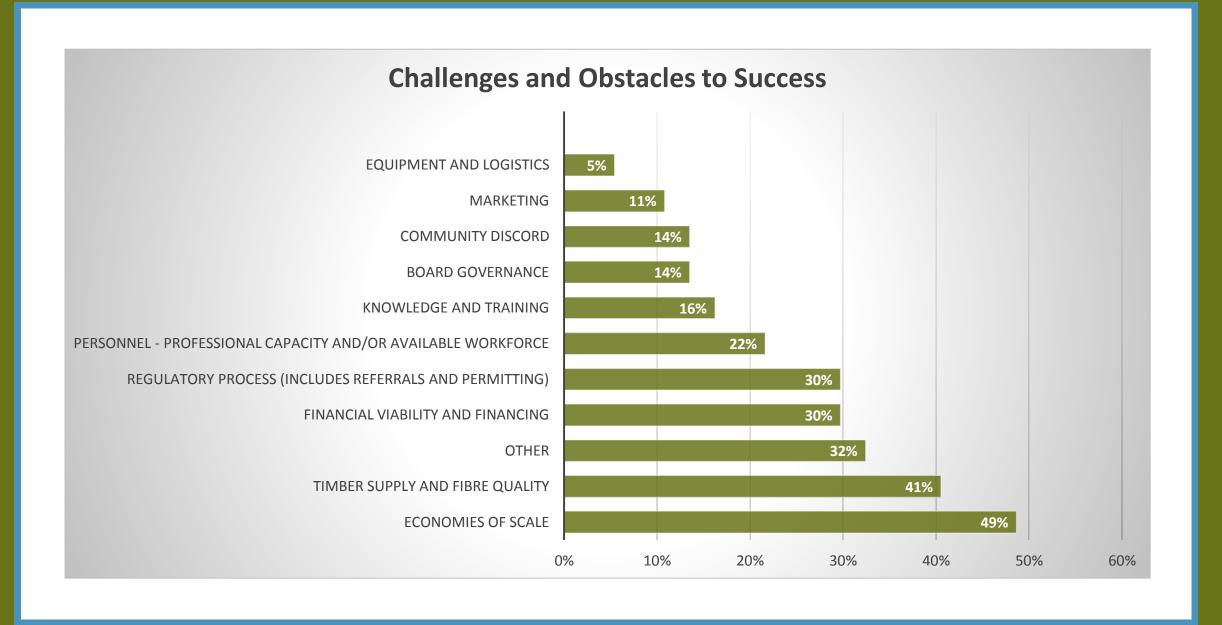
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#### Community Forest Survey

2017 Report

- ➤ Percentage that sort logs for highest value: 73%
- > Average # of bidders invited: 5
- > Max # of bidders: 30
- ➤ Average # of entities sold to in the reporting year: 5
- ➤ Percentage of logs sold to mills considered local: 62





#### BC Community Forest Association

Annual Conference & AGM