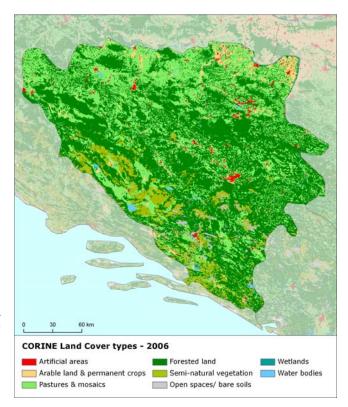
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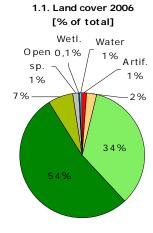
Overview of land cover & change 2000-2006

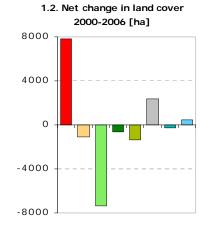
Landscape in Bosnia and Herzegovina is covered mostly by forests (54%), pastures (34%) and semi-natural vegetation (7%). The overall development of land cover during the observed period is driven mainly by artificial land take (with prevailing share of residential sprawl) consuming agricultural areas and by (mostly internal) flows in forested land. Besides artificial areas, also open spaces / bare soils and water bodies land cover types has positive net change balance. In contrast, agricultural areas, forested land and semi-natural vegetation, together with wetlands, have been consumed during the period.

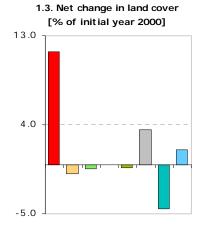
Spatial distribution of artificial sprawl is concentrated mostly in close proximity to the capital Sarajevo as well as to the other major cities like Tuzla, Mostar and Banja Luka. The urban expansion occurs also in lowland areas in the north-eastern part of the country. Changes in forested land and agricultural areas are scattered mainly in the north-western part of the country. There is also significant decrease of inland marshes occurring in the southern part of Bosnia and Herzegovina due to water bodies creation and agriculture uptake.

Note The results presented here are based on a change analysis of 44 land cover types mapped consistently on a 1:100.000 scale across Europe over almost two decades 1990-2006 - see Corine land cover (CLC) programme for details. Number of years between CLC2000-CLC2006 data for Bosnia and Herzegovina: 8









Artificial areas ■ Semi-natural vegetation ■ Arable land & permanent crops ■ Pastures & mosaics ■ Open spaces/bare soils Wetlands

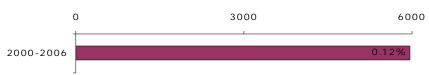
■ Forested land ■ Water bodies

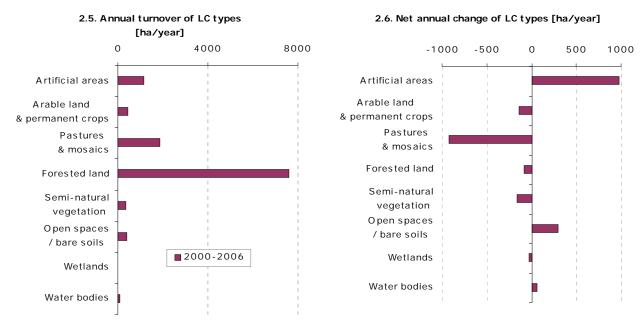
summary	balance	table	2000-20	<u>06</u>

	Artificial areas	Arable land & permanent crops	Pastures & mosaics	Forested land	Semi-natural vegetation	Open spaces/ bare soils	Wetlands	Water bodies	TOTAL [hundreds ha]
Land cover 2000	690	1211	17624	27186	3505	665	53	326	51261
Consumption of initial LC	7	24	111	307	21	4	3	0	477
Formation of new LC	85	13	38	300	8	27	0	5	477
Net Formation of LC	78	-11	-73	-6	-13	23	-2	5	0
Net formation as % of initial year	11.4	-0.9	-0.4	0.0	-0.4	3.5	-4.5	1.5	
Total turnover of LC	92	37	149	607	29	31	3	6	954
Total turnover as % of initial year	13.3	3.0	0.8	2.2	0.8	4.7	5.7	1.7	1.9
Land cover 2006	769	1200	17551	27179	3492	688	50	331	51261

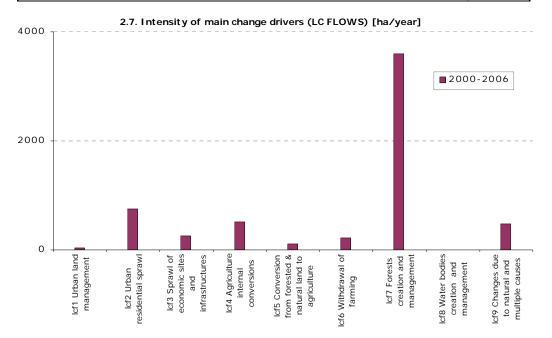
Land cover trends 2000-2006

2.4. Annual land cover change [ha/year, % of total area]

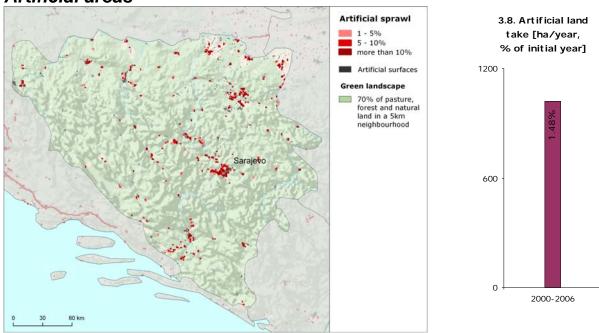




Summary trend figures		
Annual land cover change [ha/year]		
Annual land cover change as % of initial year		
Land uptake by artificial development as mean annual change [ha/year]	1021	
Agricultural land uptake by urban and infrastructures development as mean annual change [ha/year]	906	
Net uptake of forests and semi-natural land by agriculture as mean annual change [ha/year]	-138	
Net conversion from pasture to arable land and permanent crops as mean annual change [ha/year]	449	
Forest & other woodland net formation as mean annual change [ha/year]	-80	
Dry semi-natural land cover net formation as mean annual change [ha/year]	128	
Wetlands & water bodies net formation as mean annual change [ha/year]	30	

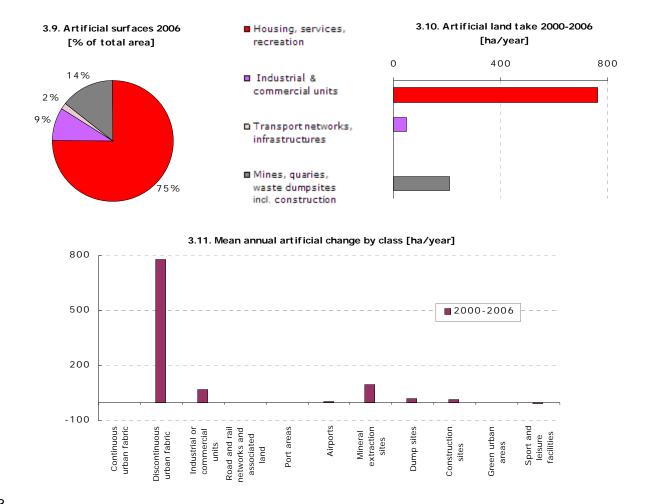


Artificial areas

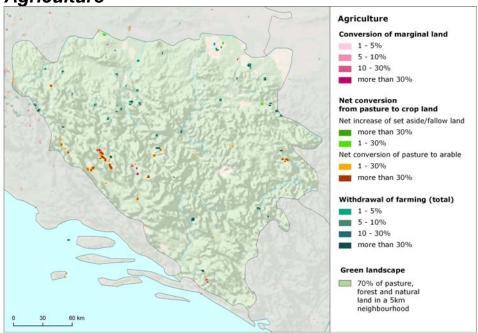


High diffuse residential sprawl

Artificial land in Bosnia and Herzegovina is formed from ¾ by residential areas with quite significant share of mines, quarries and dumpsites (14%). The development of artificial land in Bosnia and Herzegovina during the period is characterized by relatively high percentage of artificial formation (1.48%) with respect to the total initial artificial area, compared to other European countries. Artificial land take, which is concentrated mostly around major cities, is driven predominantly by urban diffuse residential sprawl (about 75%). Besides the sprawl of diffuse residential areas, also sprawl of mines and quarrying areas has significant share (13%) on total up-taken area. Land consumed by artificial sprawl during this period is mostly composed by agricultural areas, with predominant share of pastures and mosaics (70%), followed by arable land (18%), but also forested land (9%) turned to artificial one.

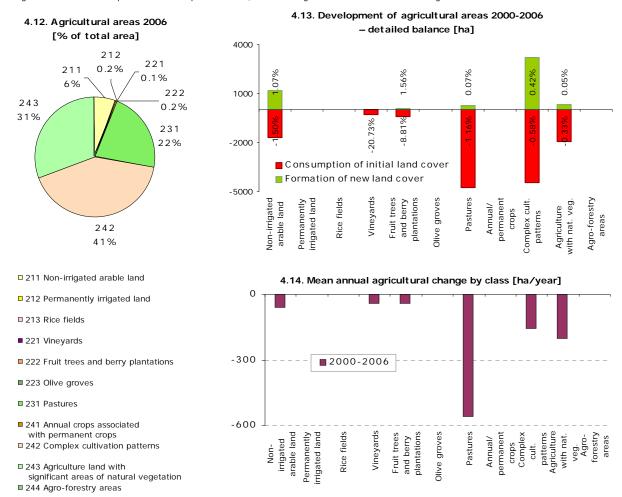


Agriculture

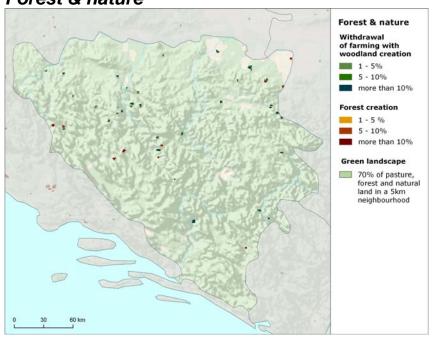


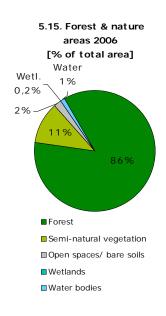
Pasture/mosaics consumption by artificial sprawl and arable/crop land

Agricultural land in Bosnia an Herzegovina is composed mainly of complex cultivation patterns (41%), agriculture areas with significant share of natural vegetation (31%) and pastures (22%), followed by arable land to a lesser extent (6%). Both pastures/mosaics and arable/crop land are characterized by negative balance of net change and prevailing consumption of land by mostly artificial surfaces during the period. Formation and consumption area is close to balanced for complex cultivation patterns and arable land. In contrast, both pastures and agricultural land with natural vegetation contribute only by low percentage to area formation. Mostly, there are prevailing consumption processes within the period (see 4.13 below). Negative net change balance of arable/crop land is caused also by high percentage consumption of vineyards (more than 20% of initial vineyards area) and fruit/berry plantations. The development of agricultural land cover is influenced mostly by consumption of pasture/mosaics land by urban residential sprawl and also by internal agricultural conversion from pasture to arable/crop land. Beside it, there is also significant amount withdrawal of farming with transitional woodland creation.



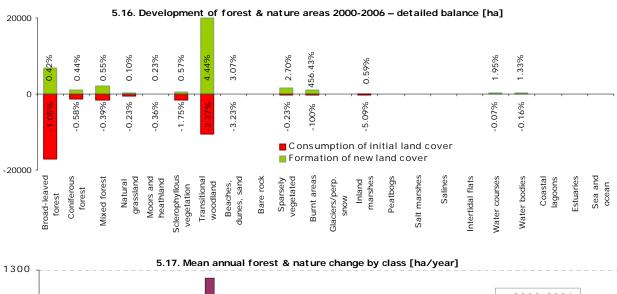
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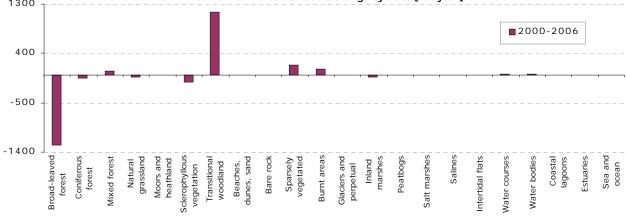




Semi-natural rotation and creation; forest and shrub fires

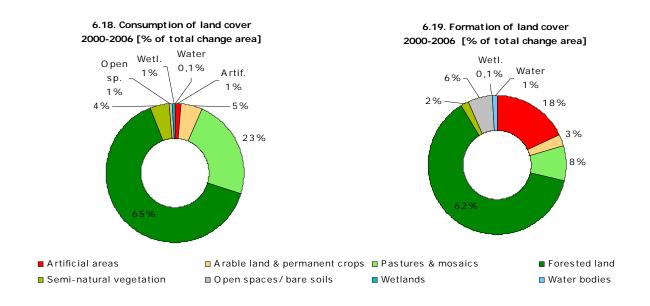
In Bosnia and Herzegovina, nature areas are the dominant land cover type. More than ½ of the country is covered by forested land (mostly by broad-leaved forest), which is also reflected in high amount of internal forest conversions. The rest of nature areas consist mainly of natural grasslands. Within the period, all natural surfaces, with the exception of open spaces/bare soils and water bodies, have negative balance of net change. The most significant drivers of natural land cover exchange are semi-natural rotation (represented by transition from sclerophyllous vegetation areas to sparsely vegetated areas), forest and shrub fires and semi-natural creation (mainly conversion from transitional woodland to sclerophyllous vegetation or sparsely vegetated areas). The interaction with non-natural surfaces is represented by withdrawal of farming (mainly with transitional woodland creation) and by consumption of natural land cover by artificial sprawl (with prevailing share of mineral extraction and diffuse residential sprawl). Significant decrease of inland marshes occurred in the southern part of Bosnia and Herzegovina due to water bodies creation and agriculture uptake.

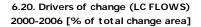


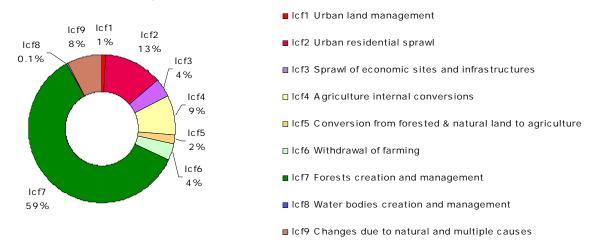


Annex: Land cover flows and trends

Land cover flows 2000-2006

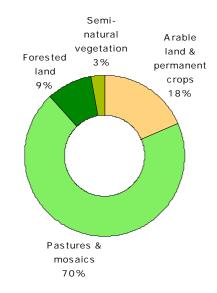




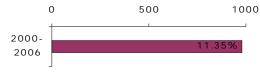


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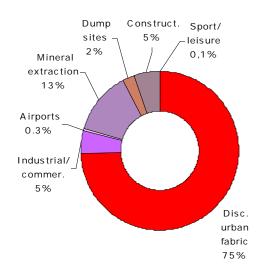
7.21. Consumption by artificial land take 2000-2006 [% of total]



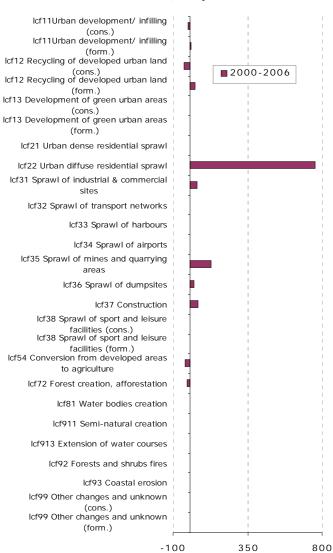
7.23. Net formation of artificial area [ha/year, % of initial year]



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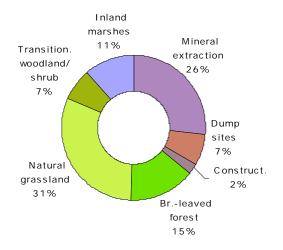


7.24. Artificial development by change drivers (LC FLOWS) [ha/year]

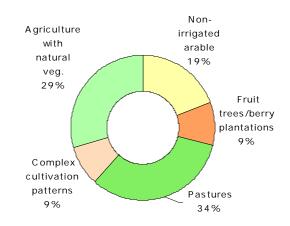


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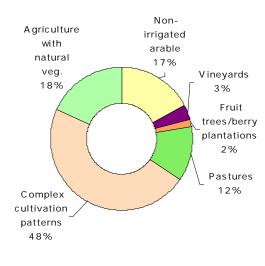
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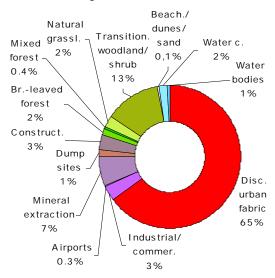
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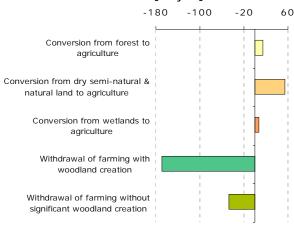
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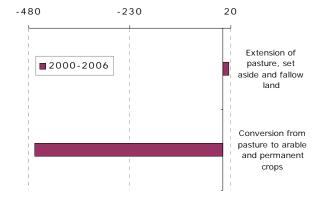
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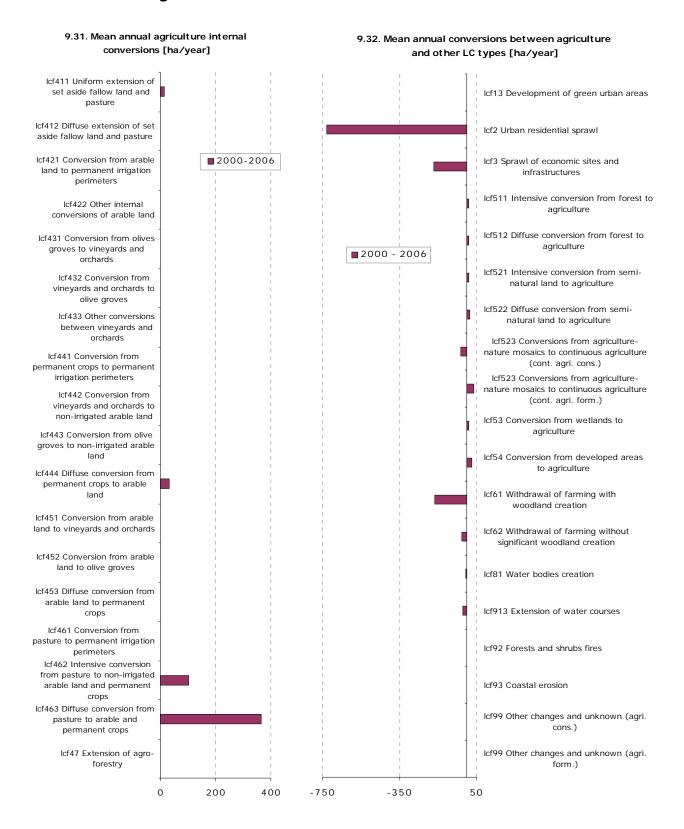


8.29. Main annual conversions between agriculture and forests & semi-natural land 2000-2006 [ha/year]



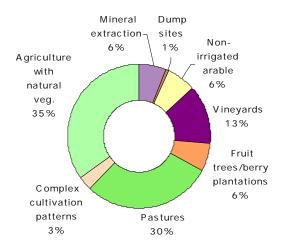
8.30. Mean annual conversion between arable land and pasture [ha/year]





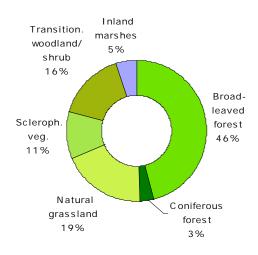
Forest & nature

10.33. LC consumed by forest & nature 2000-2006 [% of total]

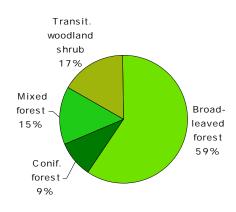


10.35. Consumption of forest & nature land

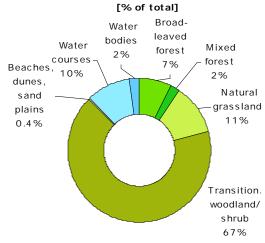
by non-forest/nature 2000-2006 [% of total]



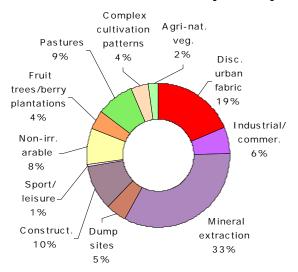
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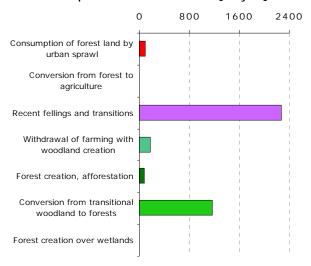
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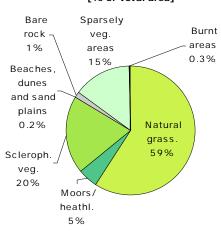
10.36. Formation of non-forest/nature land from forest & nature 2000-2006 [% of total]



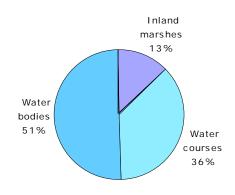
10.38. Main trends in woodland & forests consumption/formation 2000-2006 [ha/year]



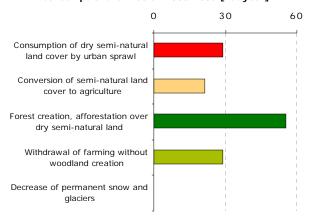
11.39. Dry semi-natural areas 2006 [% of total area]



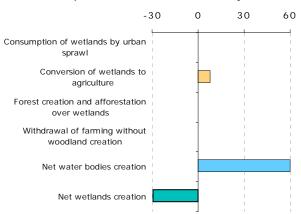
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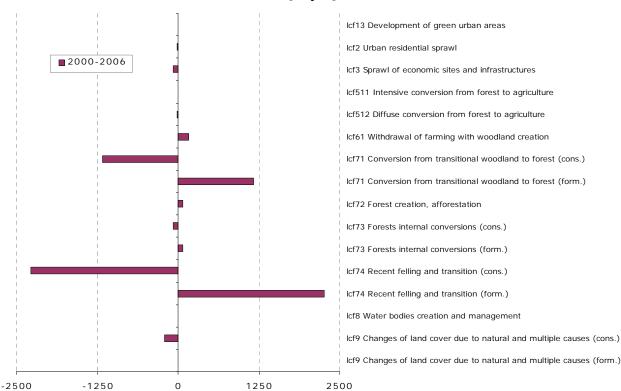
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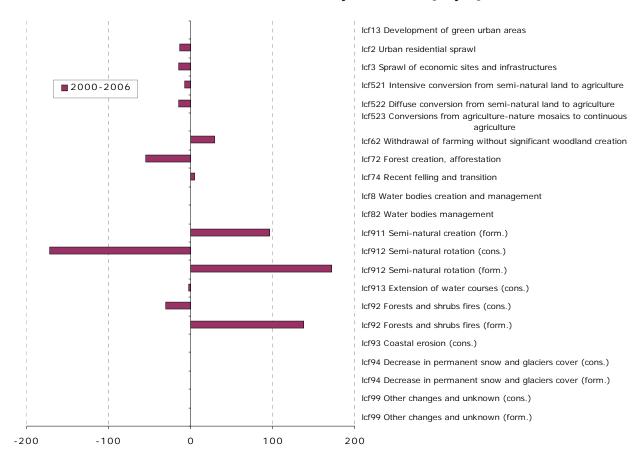
11.42. Main trends in wetlands & water consumption/formation 2000-2006 [ha/year]



11.43. Mean annual conversions of forest & other woodland [ha/year]



12.44. Mean annual conversions of dry semi-natural LC [ha/year]



12.45. Mean annual conversions of wetlands and water LC [ha/year]

