

# **THE NETHERLANDS**

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# Low coppice

- Current area of actively managed coppice forest = very limited; estimate: 200-300 ha of ash forests and 500-1,000 ha of oak forests
- These coppice forests are NOT commercially managed
- Substantial area (a few hundred ha) of willow coppice, commercially managed

# High coppice (pollarding)

- Limited to individual trees or trees in a row
- Only a few willow stands (along the rivers) where pollarding is still in use
- Area: 10-20 ha

# Coppice-with-standards (CWS)

- Limited proof that CWS was widely spread in the past
- Currently more interest in CWS due to the positive effects on biodiversity (it does still exist in the southern province of Limburg)

# Short rotation coppice (SRC)

- Growing interest in establishing SRC, mainly on non-productive lands
- Estimated area: 65 ha

# **Tree species used in coppices**

- Mainly oak and furthermore birch and beech
- In wetter sites: mainly ash, alder, and willow

# Rotations

- Oak: 10-20 years
- Ash : 6-8 years
- Willows: 1-2 years