

# Forest Harvest Policy in China

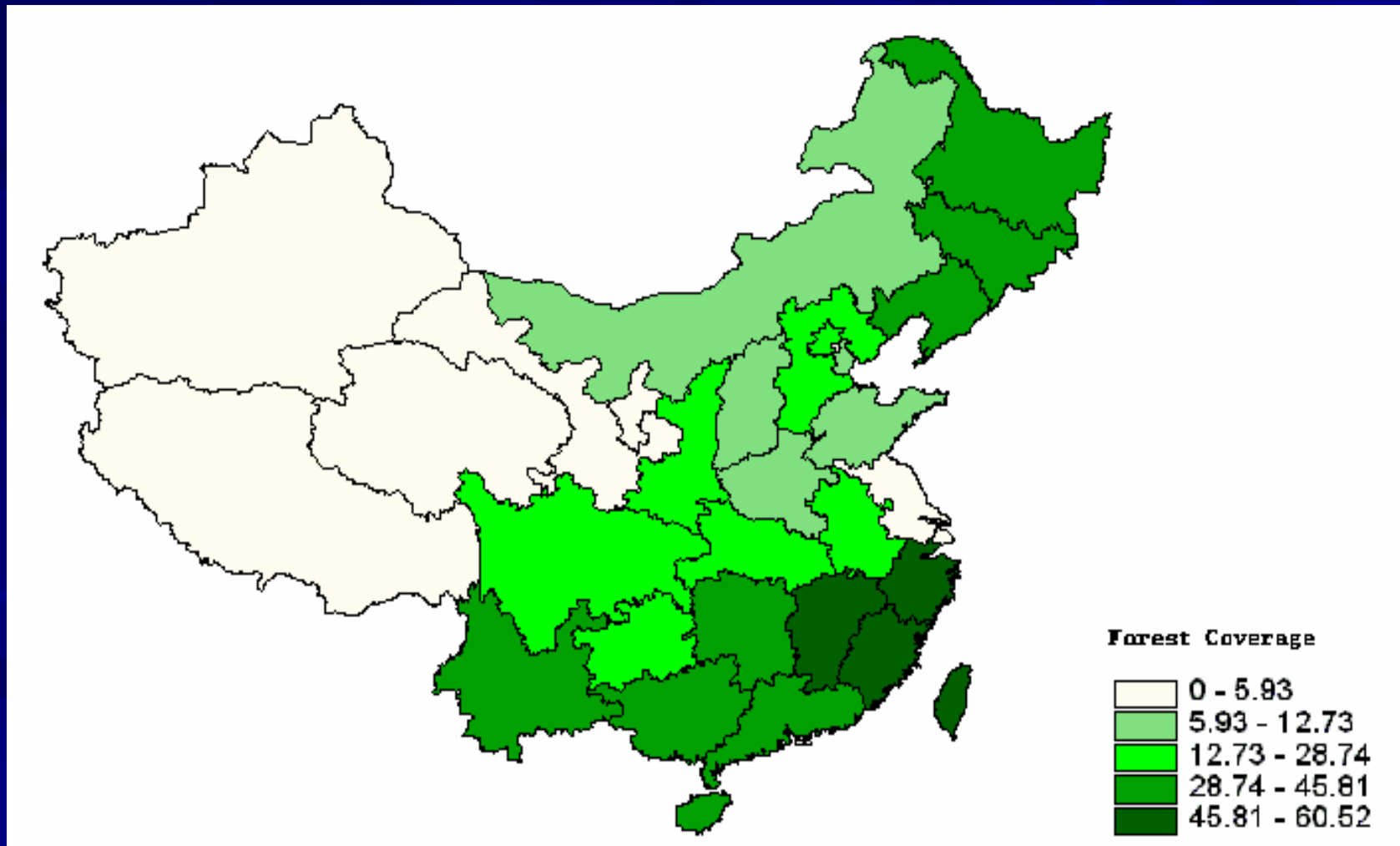
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# Forest Coverage (%) in China



# Sandstorms occur regularly in north China



Sandstorm in Beijing - 2000

# Drought and floods occur every year

Drought



Flooding



# History of Harvest Regulation Policy

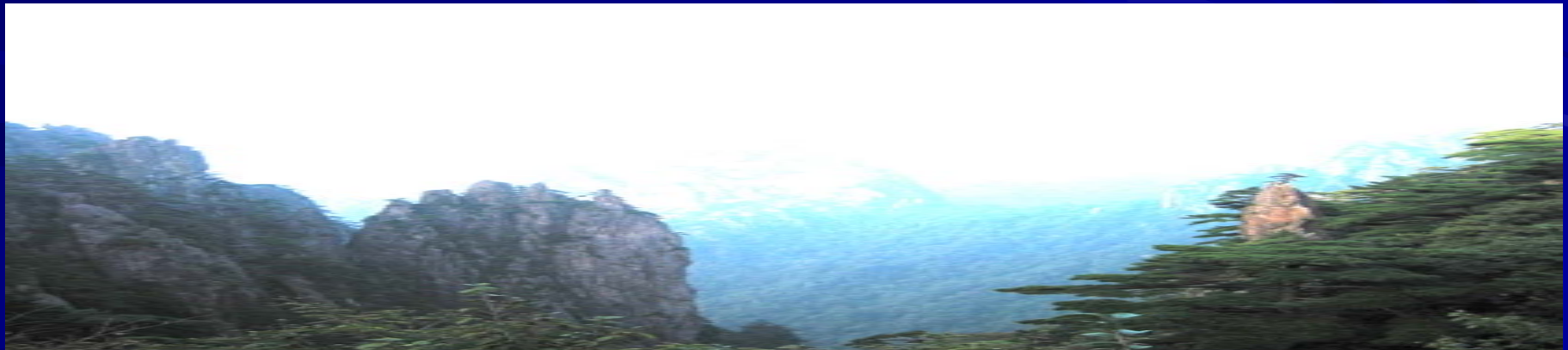
Strict harvest regulation started in the 1950's

- Mandatory application for permission to harvest
- Over-logging in state-owned forests
- Establishment of monitoring organizations



# Harvest regulation decreased during the Cultural Revolution from 1966-1976

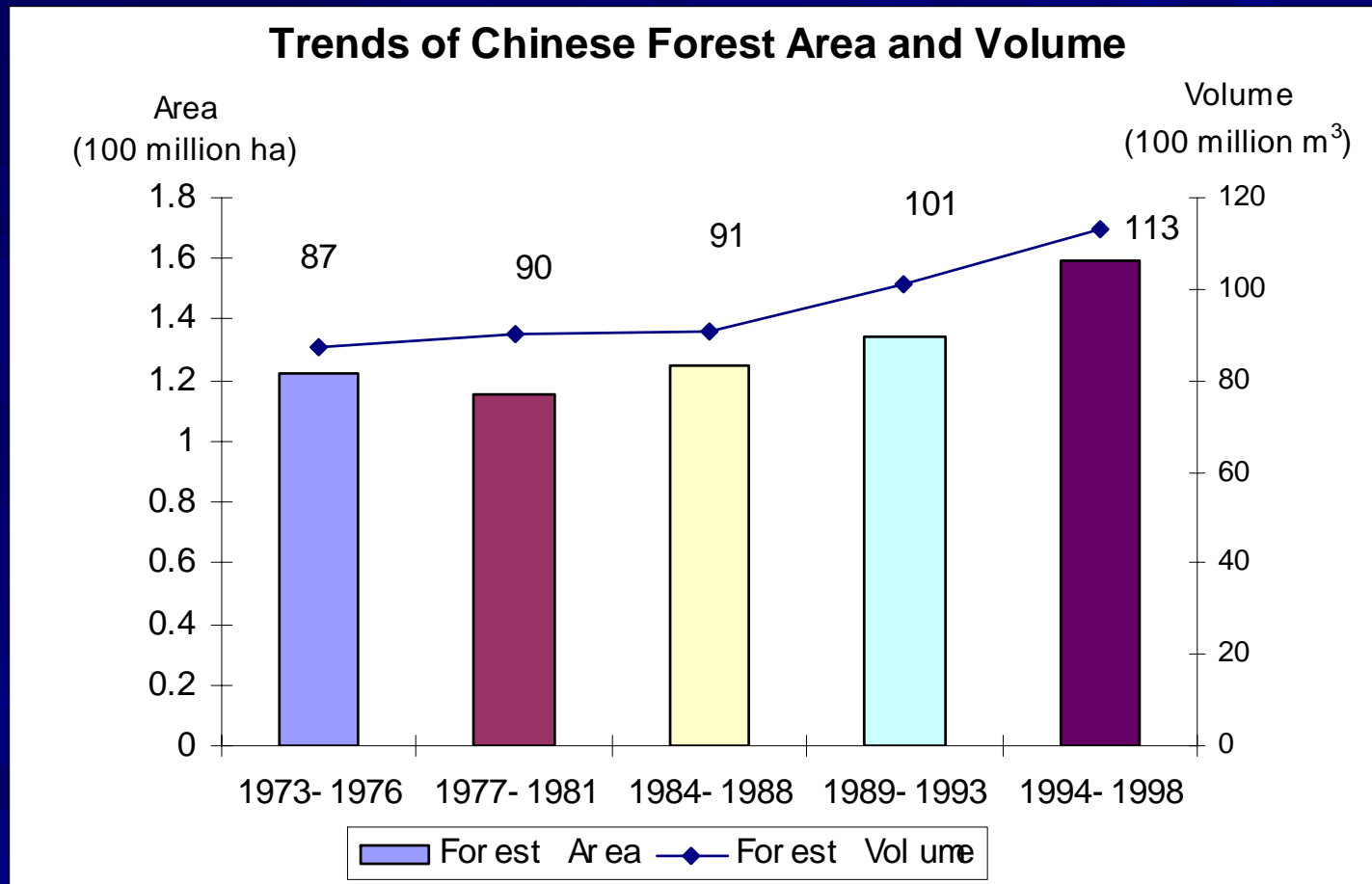
- Institutions and organizations were dissolved and re-organized
- Forest resources were heavily degraded
- Control of management was re-instituted during the Cultural Revolution



# Harvest Quota Was Implemented After the Reform and Opening in 1978

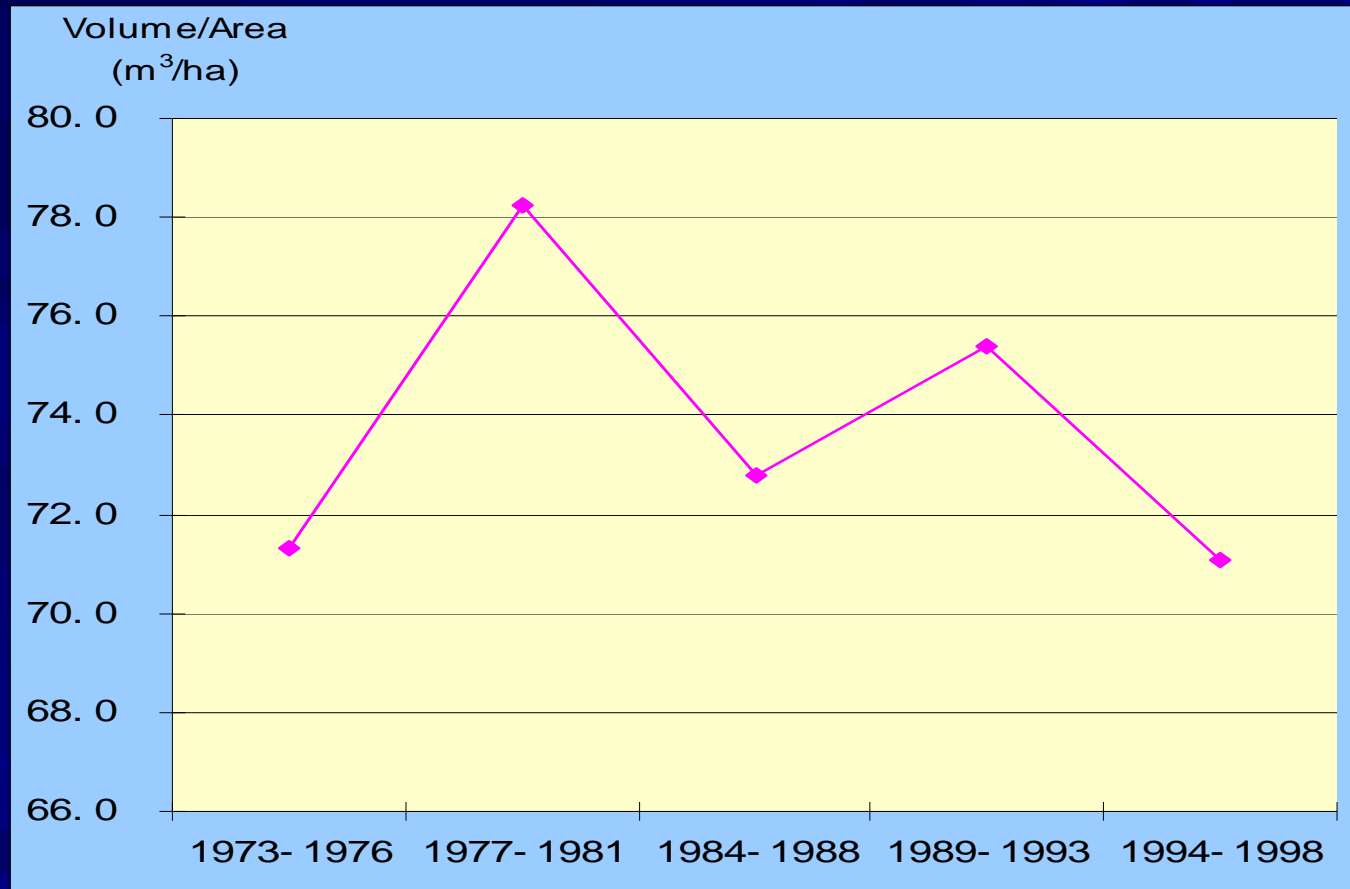
- Pilot test of the Forest Law in 1979, the planned forest harvest was implemented nationwide
- The Forest Law was formally promulgated in 1984
- Harvest quota system started in 1987
- Amendment of the Forest Law in 1998 - adjustment of the harvest quota system

# Forest Area and Standing Volume

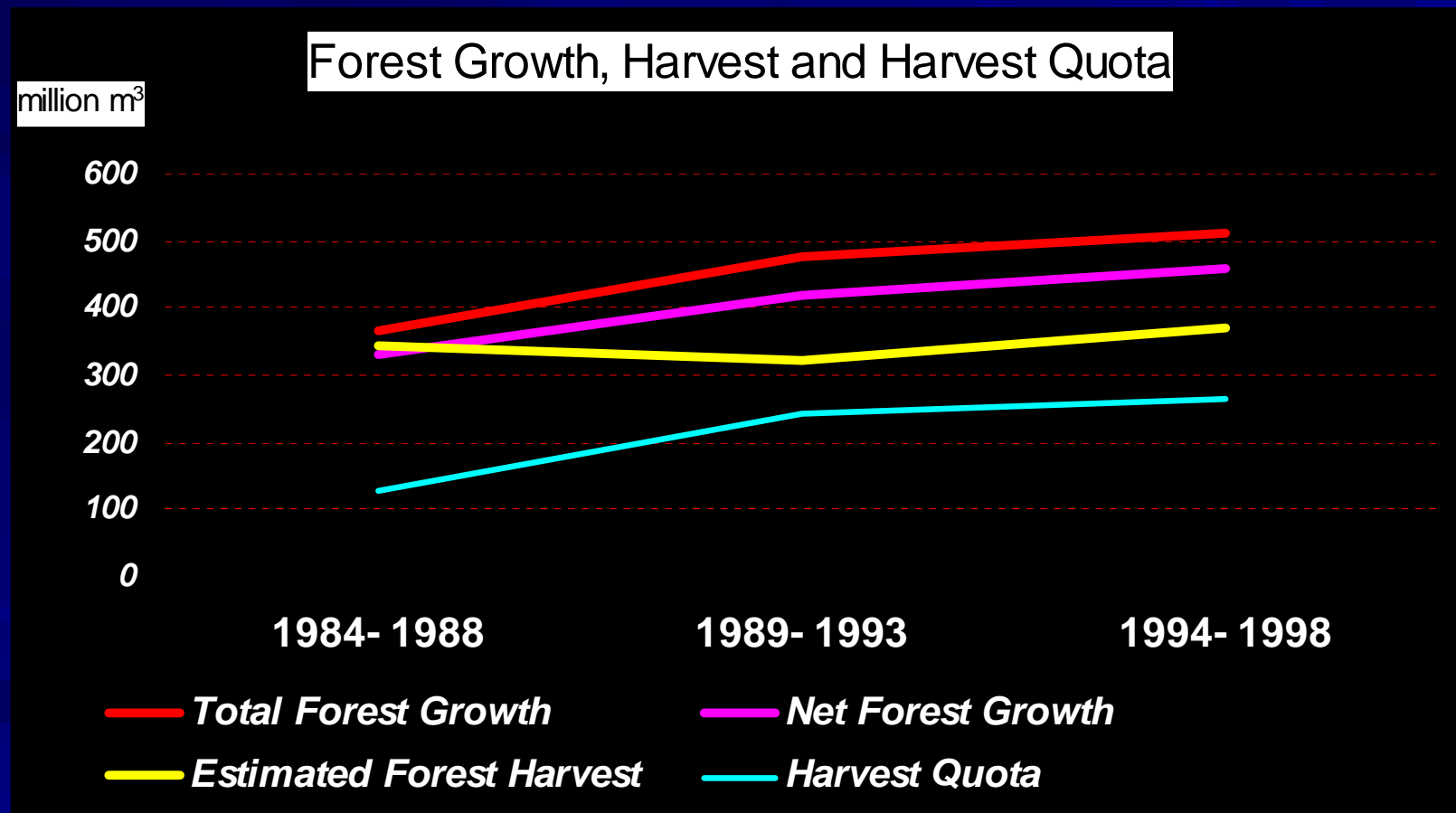




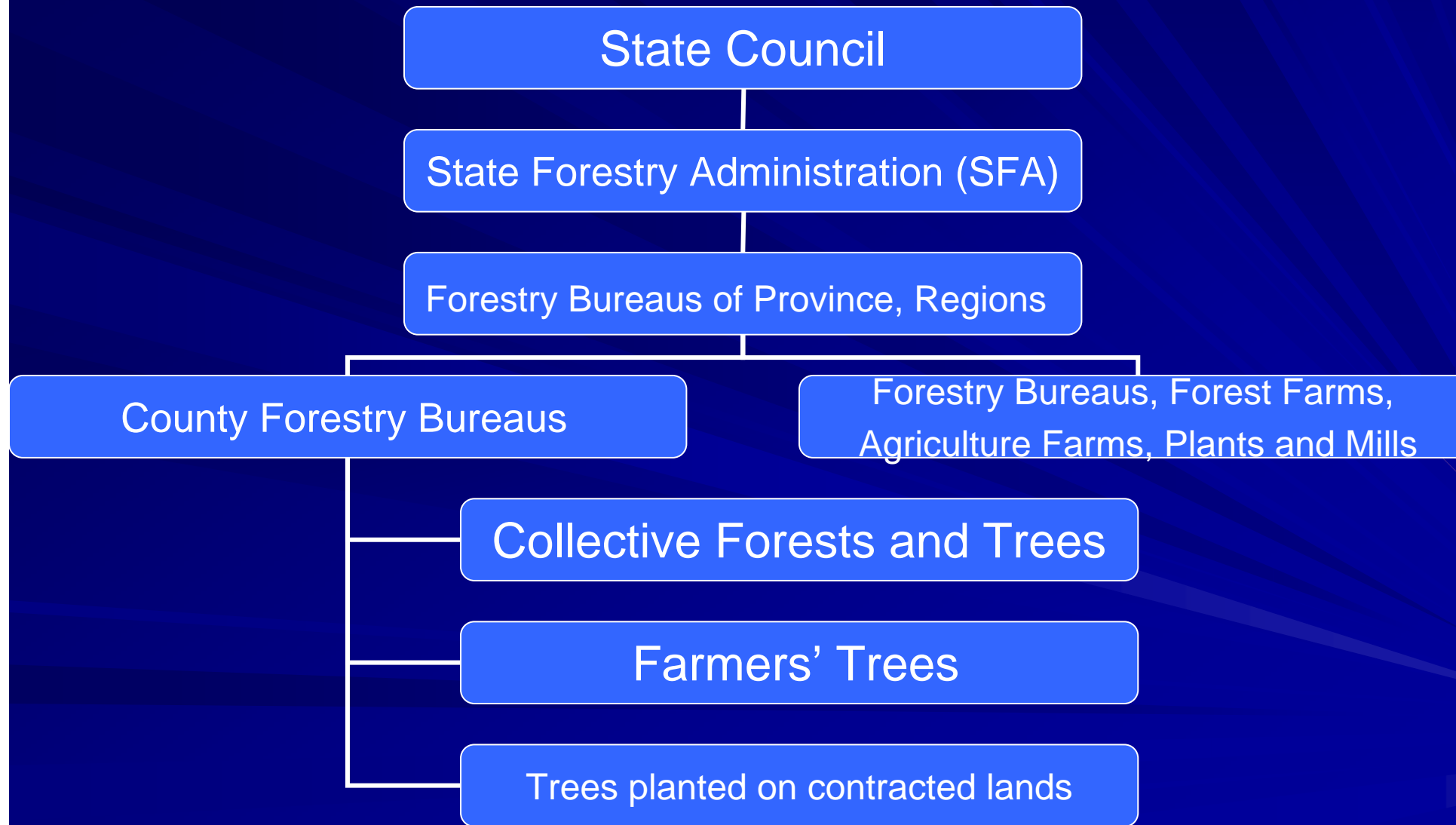
# Average Volume per Hectare



# Annual Forest Total and Net Growth, Actual Harvest, Harvest Quota



# Determination & Implementation of the Harvest Quota



# Problems Caused

- Excessive harvesting widespread (over the quota limit)
  - especially in natural forest areas
- Decline in forest quality
- Infringes on forest owners' benefit and disposal rights

# Reform Trends

- Harvest Quota will be
  - maintained in areas zoned as public-benefit forests (both state and collective forests)
  - gradually removed in areas zoned commercial forests (both state and collective forests)
- Monitoring will be improved
  - focusing more on area-based control, harvesting technology + reforestation management
  - forest management plans will be required and submitted to local authorities, used as a basis for monitoring and evaluation

**Thank You!**