

An Act to prevent the logging of virgin forests in Canada

Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the House of Commons of Canada, enacts as follows:

SHORT TITLE

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1. This act may be cited as the *Virgin Forest Protection Act*.

INTERPRETATION

Definitions

2. In this act,
 - a. “virgin forest” refers to a forest that has attained great age (120 years) without significant disturbance and thereby exhibits unique ecological features;
 - b. “logging” refers to the act of cutting down a tree;
 - c. “snag” refers to a dead tree that is still standing;
 - d. “coarse woody debris” refers to fallen dead trees and their remains.

PART I - PROTECTION OF VIRGIN FORESTS

3. The act of cutting down a tree in a virgin forest is prohibited.
4. The act of extracting coarse woody debris from a virgin forest for the purposes of sale is prohibited.
5. The act of cutting down a snag in a virgin forest is prohibited.

PART II - FINES AND PUNISHMENTS

6. (1) Any business cutting down a tree or a snag in a virgin forest is to be fined double the amount of what they cut down.
(2) A repeat offence will lead to the fine being double the amount of what they cut down plus \$100,000.
7. (1) Any individual cutting down a tree or a snag will be fined \$100 to \$10,000.
(2) A repeat offence will lead to a \$500 to \$10,000 fine;
(3) A third offence will lead to a \$500 to \$10,000 fine and six months to three years in jail.

8. Any individual extracting coarse woody debris from a virgin forest for the purposes of sale is to be fined \$100 to \$5,000.

9. For each virgin forest tree illegally cut down the person or enterprise responsible has to pay to have a tree planted in its place.