

Russia's Lumber, Wildlife, Water Resources Valued at \$94BIn

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Russia's lumber, wildlife and water resources have a combined worth of 6 trillion rubles (\$94.2 billion), the Natural Resources and Environment Ministry has estimated.

The Russian economy is heavily reliant on exports of its resources. Last week, the ministry <u>said</u> that the combined worth of its oil, gas and other natural resources as of 2017 — \$845 billion — was equivalent to 60 percent of the country's gross domestic product that year.

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Its 2017 evaluation places the cost of timber and forest resources at 5.52 trillion rubles; surface and underground waters at 486 billion rubles; and hunted wildlife at 640.6 million rubles, the RBC news website <u>reported</u> Thursday.

The ministry assessed the costs of 23 types of lumber outside natural reserves, as well as 21

species of wildlife based on the fines imposed on poachers.

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