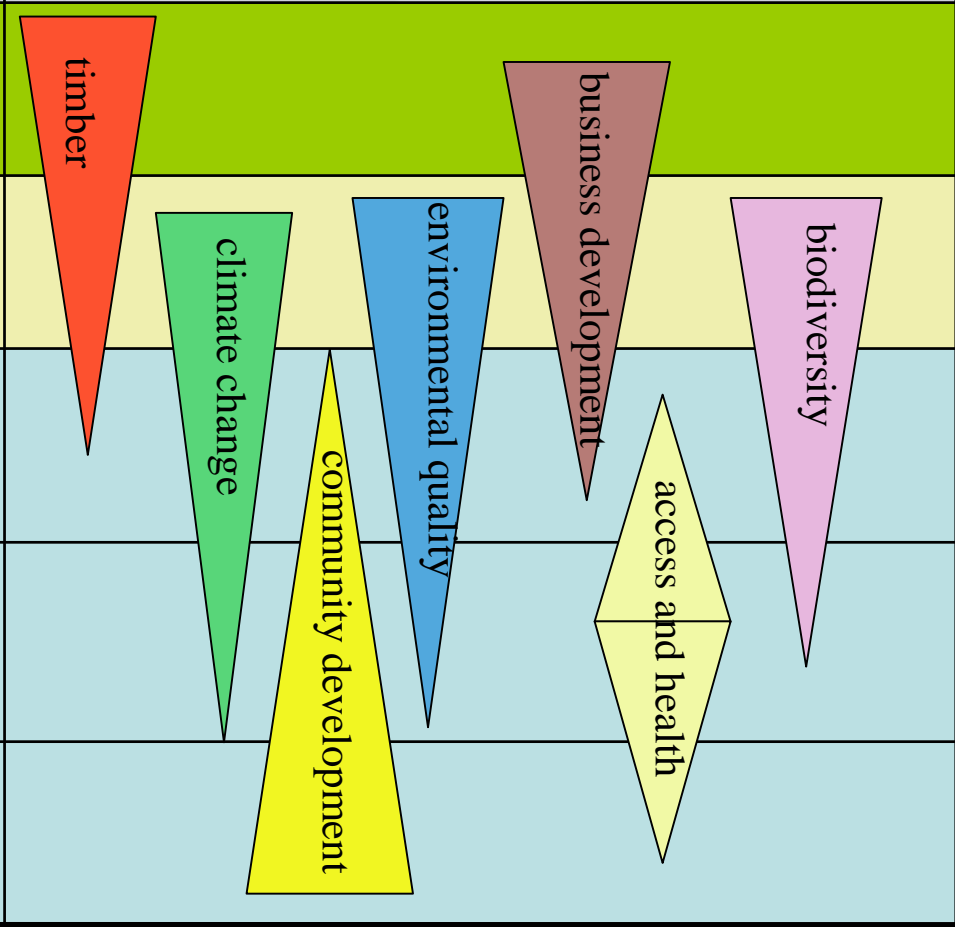


# Scottish Forestry Forum 2008

Director Scotland's Update

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# Delivering the Government's Strategic Objectives

Scottish Government Strategic Objectives	Scottish Forestry Strategy Outcomes	Themes
Wealthier and Fairer	Innovative and Competitive Businesses	
Greener	High quality, robust and adaptable environment	
Smarter	Improved health and wellbeing of people and their	
Healthier	Communities	
Safer and Stronger		

- **SFGS came to an end in April 2006**
- **Significant activity throughout 06/07 and 07/08 from schemes approved prior to the close of SFGS but no new schemes accepted**
- **New scheme about to open (Rural Development Contracts)**

Forestry Grants  
Scheme

Agri-  
environment  
grants scheme

SNH natural  
heritage grants  
scheme

Integrated Land Management  
Support Scheme

Delivered by the 3 bodies (plus  
others where relevant) in an  
integrated way which shares  
duties and minimises the  
number of customer contacts

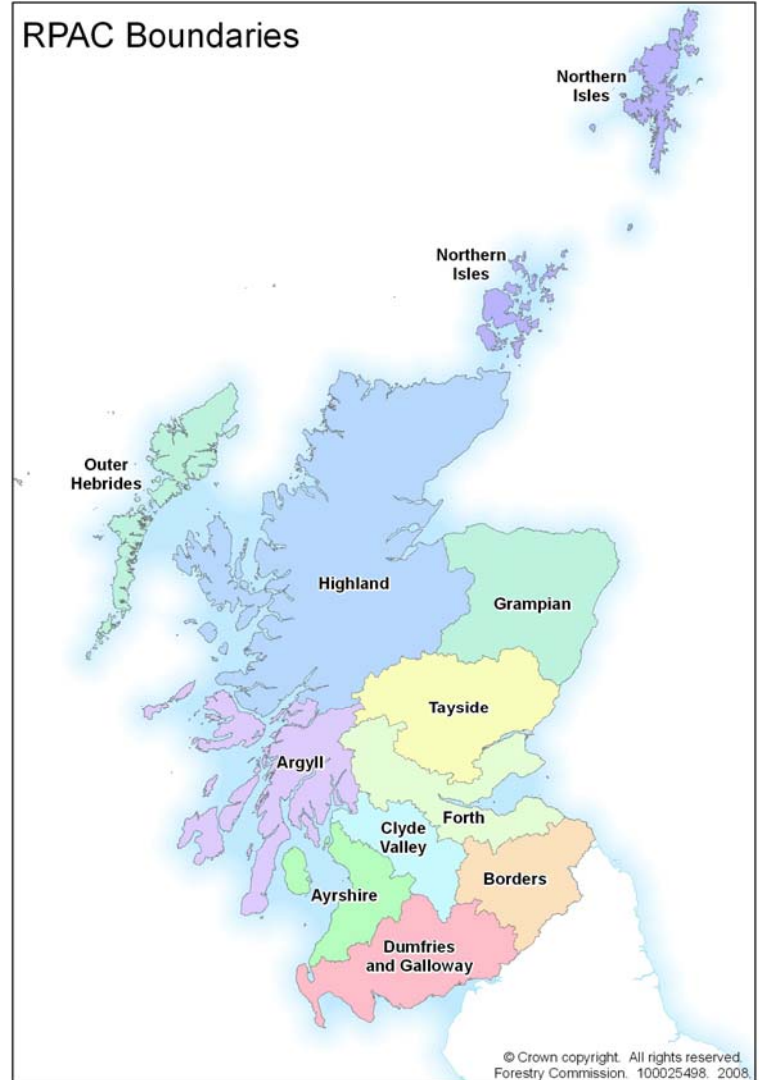
- **Aimed at delivering key outcomes**
- **Desired outcomes set at both national and Regional Level**
- **Competitive (best value for money)**

## Programme Objectives

- **Improving the competitiveness of the agricultural and forestry sectors (Axis 1)**
- **Improving the environment and the countryside (Axis 2)**
- **The quality of life in rural areas and diversification of the rural economy (Axis 3)**

**List of regional priorities drawn up for each of the 11 regions (RPACs) by officials and stakeholders**

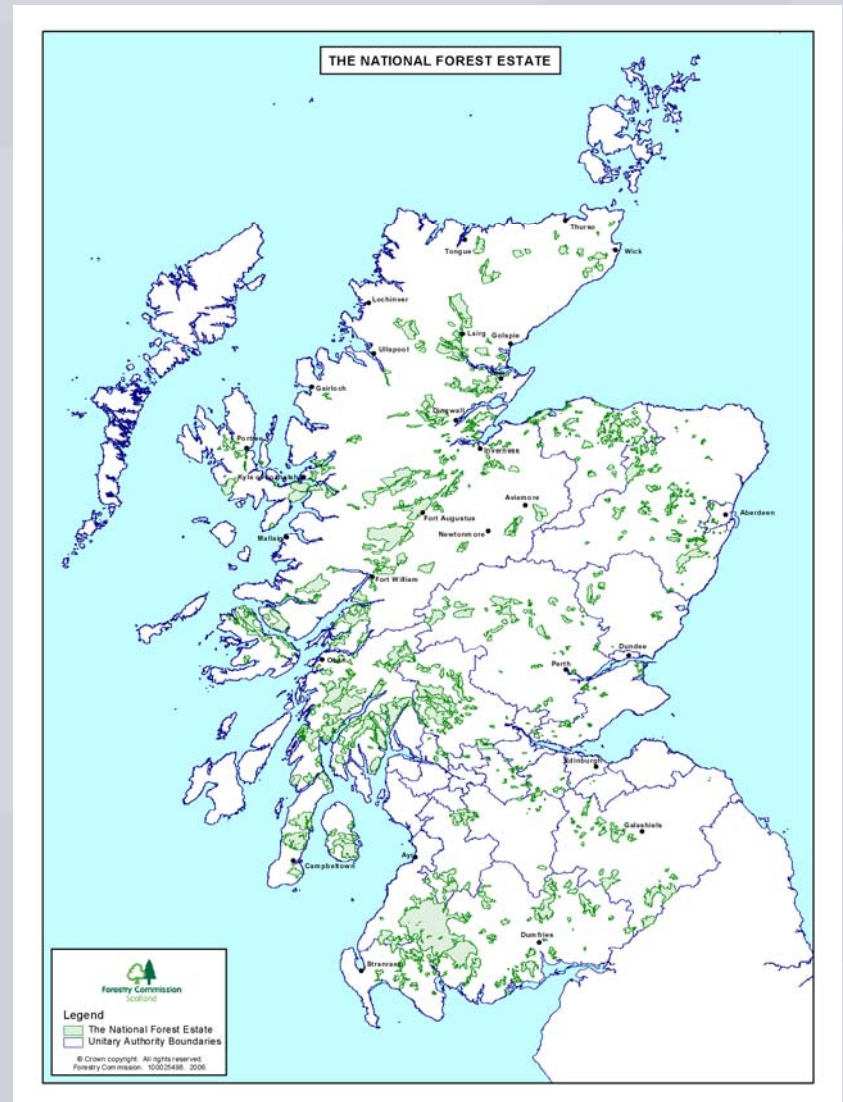
RPAC Boundaries



- **Total pot of £1.6billion over the next 7 years**
  - **Axis 1    £254m**
  - **Axis 2    £1124m**
  - **Axis 3    £180m**
  - **Leader    £37m**
- **Around £410m of direct interest to the forestry sector**

- Publish list of regional priorities
- Publish guidance notes for each measure
- Open scheme for submissions of ‘Statements of Intent’
- Invite full applications

- Important delivery mechanism for the SFS, alongside grants and the Forestry Development Fund
- Want a clearer articulation of its role and purpose and about how priorities are set





- **Role and purpose of the estate**
- **The long term vision**
- **Operating principles of FES**
- **How the estate will contribute to delivery of the 7 themes set out in the SFS**
- **Repositioning programme and the portfolio analysis exercise which underpins it.**

- **Plan will be made public shortly (17<sup>th</sup> March)**
- **3 month consultation period**