

Scots Pine Timber Quality in North Scotland: Resource Availability and Market Potential

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Venue

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Scots pine forests play a key role in the rural economy, delivering a sustainable supply of timber in addition to biodiversity, landscape and recreation benefits. Scots pine is of particular importance in north Scotland, where it comprises a third of the conifer forest area.

This seminar presents results from recent research into the timber quality and market potential of the Scots pine resource, including:

- Current management and utilisation
- Tools and techniques for assessing timber quality in trees and logs
- A survey of timber quality in forests across north Scotland
- Market development study
- Trials of new products

The event will be of interest to all growers, managers, processors and users of Scots pine.

Seminar Programme

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Chair: Priscilla Gordon-Duff (Chair of Grampian Regional Forestry Forum)

- From 09.30** **Coffee & registration**
- 10.00** Welcome
Priscilla Gordon-Duff
- 10.05 - 10.20** Opening address
Richard Lochhead, Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs & Environment
- 10.20 – 10.40** Scotland's Timber Development Programme - markets for home grown timber
John Kissock OBE, Chair: Timber Development Programme Steering Group
- 10.40 – 11.05** Scots pine resource: current management and utilisation
Elspeth Macdonald, Forest Research
- 11.05 – 11.25** **Coffee**
- 11.25 – 11.50** Assessing Scots pine timber quality
Barry Gardiner, Forest Research
- 11.50 - 12.15** Mechanical properties of Scots pine timber
John Moore, Edinburgh Napier University Centre for Timber Engineering
- 12.15 – 12.30** Questions on morning session
- 12.30 – 13.45** **LUNCH** and demonstrations (acoustic tools, displays from local timber users etc)
- 13.45 – 14.10** Scots pine and home grown timber in architecture
Mark Williams, HRI Architects
- 14.10 – 14.35** Future markets for Scots pine timber
Ivor Davies, Edinburgh Napier University Centre for Timber Engineering
- 14.35 – 15.00** Product development
Geoff Cooper, Building Research Establishment
- 15.00 – 15.15** Questions, discussion and sum-up



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