

## **PROGRESS OF REGIONAL FORESTRY FRAMEWORKS**

### **Purpose**

1. To provide the Forum with a summary of current progress in each Region.

### **Current Progress**

2. Appendix 1 summarises the current state of play with the preparation of the Regional Forestry Frameworks. All regions have scheduled to complete their frameworks by the end of 2005.

**Forestry Commission  
October 2003**



**REGIONAL FORESTRY FRAMEWORKS – REGIONAL SUMMARIES, SEPTEMBER 2003**

(Page 1 of 3)

Region / Conservancy  (with agreed framework title where relevant)	RFF preparation formally commenced (or target start) and planned consultation period if known	Target timescale for production <i>or estimated completion date</i>	RFF Steering Group members <sup>1</sup> (or N/A yet)	Relevant supporting work	Regional contact for RFF work	Notes
<b>North East England</b>  Regional Forestry Strategy	Yes  Consult Oct 03 – January 04	February 2004	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, NE Community Forests, NE Forestry Action Group, NE Biod'y Grp, Assoc of NE Councils	Strategic Study of the NE Regional Forestry Sector (May 2000)	Andrew Smith Regional Strategy Officer 0191 202 3645 asmith.gone@go-regions.gsi.gov.uk	Timetable extended to allow development of integrated, detailed action plan.
<b>North West England</b>  Regional Forestry Framework	April 2003 with Steering Group	<b>Late 2004</b>	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, EN, Mersey Forest, EA, Univ Cent. Lancs, Rural Recovery & woodland owner reps, Soc / Vol rep.	NWE Wd & Forest Industries Strat. Study.* RAC draft work; links to NW Sust'y; developed Public Benefit Rec Syst.	Kelda Hudson NW RFF Development Officer 07776 488510  kelda.hudson@forestry.gsi.gov.uk	* Woodland and Forest Industries Strategic Study publish'd Aug 03 5 Nov 03 – pilot mtg, Health Education progress.
<b>Yorkshire and The Humber</b>  Regional Forestry Framework	Summer 2003 with Steering Group	<b>Late 2004</b>	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, FC RAC, and other members to be agreed.	Forestry Forward – Y&H Forestry Foundation Study (July 2002) Reg. Env. Enhanc. Strategy (2003)	Crispin Thorn 01904 448778  (RFF Co-ordinator post to be confirmed, Oct 03)	RFF Reference Group / Woodland Forum currently being established.

<sup>1</sup> 1 = Government Office; 2 = Regional Development Agency; 3 = Regional Assembly; 4 = Countryside Agency; 5 = Forestry Commission (including FE input)

**REGIONAL FORESTRY FRAMEWORKS – REGIONAL SUMMARIES, SEPTEMBER 2003**

(Page 2 of 3)

<b>Region / Conservancy</b>  (with agreed framework title where relevant)	<b>RFF preparation formally commenced (or target start) and planned consultation period if known</b>	<b>Target timescale for production or estimated completion date</b>	<b>RFF Steering Group members<sup>2</sup> (or N/A yet)</b>	<b>Relevant supporting work</b>	<b>Regional contact for RFF work</b>	<b>Notes</b>
<b>East Midlands</b>	Autumn 2003 target start	<b>Late 2004</b>	Not yet commenced work, most members identified – 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, EN, EA, EH	FC input to Assembly Reg. Energy (Renew.) and Env. Strategies, & Env. Econ. Report.	Austin Brady 0115 971 2559	Recruitment of RFF Co-ordinator underway.
<b>West Midlands</b>	May 2003  Consult Dec 03 – Feb 04	<b>Mid-2004</b>	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, EN, FTA, LA rep, Wlf Link rep, FC RAC, EH, Tourist Bd, EA, RDS, Sust'y WM	WM Woodland & Forestry Forum. 'A Growing Resource' – baseline study.*	Bill Heslegrave 01905 761220	Regional Issues Conference planned for Nov 2004. * Published Sept 03.
<b>East of England</b>  Regional Woodland Strategy	Yes  Consult June - Sept	Nov / Dec 2003	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, EN, EH, EA, FC RAC, RDS, Health Devel'mt Agency, DCMS	Wood Bank  <a href="http://www.woodlandforlife.net">http://www.woodlandforlife.net</a>	Mike Render Strategy Co-ordinator 01842 815544 / 07079 760592 mike.render@forestry.gsi.gov.uk	Currently informing new Regional Spatial Strategy with RWS priorities, and engaging Regional Assembly

<sup>2</sup> 1 = Government Office; 2 = Regional Development Agency; 3 = Regional Assembly; 4 = Countryside Agency; 5 = Forestry Commission (including FE input)

**REGIONAL FORESTRY FRAMEWORKS – REGIONAL SUMMARIES, SEPTEMBER 2003**

(Page 3 of 3)

<b>Region / Conservancy</b>  (with agreed framework title where relevant)	<b>RFF preparation formally commenced (or target start) and planned consultation period if known</b>	<b>Target timescale for production or estimated completion date</b>	<b>RFF Steering Group members<sup>3</sup> (or N/A yet)</b>	<b>Relevant supporting work</b>	<b>Regional contact for RFF work</b>	<b>Notes</b>
<b>South East England</b>	Yes  Consult – target early 2004	<b>May 2004</b>	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, EN, EA, FC RAC, NGO rep for soc / env / econ.	Access study with Univ Brighton. Econ. of timber study*. Support post in HW AONB (data). Prop'd RDA/ FC wood use study.	Jo Ellis Development Officer 01420 23337 jo.ellis@forestry.gsi.gov.uk	* Steering Group seeking further information, incl. future scene setting.
<b>South West England</b> Regional Woodland and Forestry Framework	(autumn 2003)  (consult autumn 2004)	<b>Dec 2004 / early 2005</b>	1, 2, 5, FC RAC and others tbc autumn 2003.	SWE Woodland & For Strategic Econ Study*  <a href="http://www.southwestrda.org.uk/publications/regeneration.shtml">http://www.southwestrda.org.uk/publications/regeneration.shtml</a> Woodfuel Strategy**	Conservator SWE Conservancy 01626 890666	* Publ'd Jan 2003. ** In prep, launch Nov. 2003. RFF Cons'y post planned for late 2003.
<b>London</b>  London Trees & Woodland Framework	Spring 2003	<b>Mid – 2004</b>	GO London, LDA, GLA, CA, FC, EN, Corp. of London.	The Mayor's Strategy Documents. Green Gateway Strategy (contact GLA)	Ron Melville Conservator 0207 217 3125 ron.melville@forestry.gsi.gov.uk; rmelville.gol@go-regions.gsi.gov.uk	July 03 – A Tree and Woodland F'work for London, proceedings available (LUC and NUFU consultants)

<sup>3</sup> 1 = Government Office; 2 = Regional Development Agency; 3 = Regional Assembly; 4 = Countryside Agency; 5 = Forestry Commission (including FE input)