

United Kingdom

Reporting Form 6.11: Cultural and spiritual values

MCPFE indicator 6.11: Number of sites within forest and other wooded land designated as having cultural or spiritual values.

Related SoEF definitions: Forest, Other wooded land, Cultural and spiritual values, Cultural heritage, Forested landscapes with cultural & spiritual values, Trees with cultural & spiritual values, Other sites with cultural and spiritual values.

Table 6.11: Cultural and spiritual values

Category	Year	Cultural heritage		Forested landscapes	Trees	Other sites
		Total	of which: associated with historic forest management			
(Number of sites)						
Sites with recognized cultural & spiritual values in forest and other wooded land	2005	4452	52	104	42979	95

Country comments:

Category	Comments related to data, definitions and trends
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Number of cultural heritage sites	<p>Data were obtained for Scheduled Monuments (SM) in woodland areas, for England, Scotland and Wales. Northern Ireland was excluded. The data are only for statutory sites considered of national importance. There are thousands of archaeological sites not designated in this way, including those that are associated with historic forest management.</p> <p>Each line entry for the SM was read and the description analysed. Based on this the monument was categorised as either “in the forest” or “of the forest” (i.e. associated with historic forest management). Time constraints prevented any detailed analysis of individual records.</p> <p>“Of the forest” categories were based on charcoal kiln/platform, some furnaces where part of their history is known to have used wood products as a fuel, woodbanks, woodland boundary and park pale. Pottery kilns were not included in this category.</p> <p>The total number of SMs by country were (“of the forest” in brackets): England 3952 (81), Scotland 319 (0), Wales 181 (1). The high count for England reflects the type of woodland and the history of scheduling.</p>
Number of forested landscapes with cultural & spiritual values	<p>Data are provided for the number of sites within MCPFE Protected Forest Area Class 2, i.e. National Parks (15 in England, Scotland and Wales), Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONBs – 49 in England, Wales and Northern Ireland), and National Scenic Areas (NSAs – 40 in Scotland).</p>
Number of trees with cultural & spiritual values	<p>Data from The Woodland Trust ‘Ancient Tree Hunt’. This database is expanding each year as more trees are identified and verified across UK. It includes field and parkland trees. Within the time period available, it was not possible to identify and omit field and parkland trees from the total. Northern Ireland was included.</p>

Number of other sites with cultural & spiritual values	Data are provided for the number of sculptures, sculpture trails and other sites of installation art located in FOWL that are known to the Forestry Commission (FC). The majority of sites are on FC land. Total number of sites by country were: England 24, Scotland 23, Wales 48. Northern Ireland was excluded.
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Reporting notes:

1. Sites reported here should be sites that are officially and explicitly designated for the protection of cultural and spiritual values and/or are officially recognized for such values, e.g. through governmental bodies, and/or are formally recorded, e.g. in a national database of veteran trees. Please provide a note under "*Country comments*" to indicate which type of recognition applies to the data in each category.
2. The reference area for reporting is "*Total FOWL*" only, not further divided into sub-classes "Forest" and "Other wooded land". If data are available for sub-class "Forest" only, please report on this sub-class and provide note under "Country comments".
3. If data are only available for certain forest areas or ownership classes (e.g. state forests), please report these data and provide a note in "*Country comments*" to indicate the area (ha) and/or reference to the ownership class.
4. The reporting year is 2005, although data for other recent years may be used if considered to be more accurate. Please record the year that the data applies to under "*Country comments*".
5. Please record each site only once under the category that best reflects its recognized value or designation. Sites may overlap; for example a cultural heritage feature may be located within a larger site recorded under "*Forested landscapes*".
6. Please provide details under "*Country comments*" on which types of sites are included for each category.

Data sources:

References to sources of information	Quality (H/M/L)	Table 6.11 Category	Year(s)	Type of inventory	Additional comments
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<p>National heritage data sets provided the number of sites.</p> <p>National Inventory Woodland and Trees (NIWT) provided the data on woodland area.</p>	M	Cultural heritage	2010		<p>Data for Scheduled Monuments (SMs) was derived from national heritage data sets for England, Scotland and Wales. Northern Ireland was excluded. Those SMs located within FOWL were recorded.</p>
<p>Websites accessed 30 April 2010:</p> <p>National Parks: www.nationalparks.gov.uk Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONBs): www.aonb.org.uk National Scenic Areas (NSAs): www.snh.gov.uk/protecting-scotlands-nature/protected-areas/national-designations/nsa/</p>	H	Forested landscapes	2010		<p>Numbers of National Parks, AONBs, and NSAs were obtained from government websites.</p>

The Woodland Trust "Ancient Tree Hunt" (accessed 30 April 2010): http://www.ancienttreehunt.org.uk/	L	Trees	2010		The "Ancient Tree Hunt" website run by the Woodland Trust records 42979 Ancient Veterans and Notable Trees in UK, including Northern Ireland. Field and parkland trees are included.
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<p>Pritchard, D. (2008) Artistic Licence: a review of the Forestry Commission's involvement in the arts and options for the future. Report to Forestry Commission, Edinburgh, UK, 92pp.</p> <p>Data from Pritchard supplemented by searches of Forestry Commission webpages, in particular: http://www.forestry.gov.uk/webpage/fchomepages.nsf/hp/GBEEE</p>	L	Other sites	2010		<p>The annex to Pritchard (2008) lists FC arts-related initiatives. Not all of the entries have been verified. Those that could be described as 'other cultural heritage sites' were recorded. Additional sites identified from searches of the FC web-pages were included. Northern Ireland was excluded.</p>