

Corporate Plan Performance Indicators

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Forestry Commission England's [Corporate Plan 2011-15](#) set out our key Impact and Input Indicators to show our contribution towards the wider State of England's Woodlands. The Indicators are also covered in our more recent [Corporate Plan 2012-13](#).

Our [Indicators Report 2012](#) provides the first annual monitoring report on all the Indicators which we defined and developed through 2011-12 and this was published in May 2012.

This document provides the next quarterly update on the six headline performance indicators. It reflects our key priorities of protection, improvement and expansion of England's woodlands.

Some of the indicators are seasonal so, for previous and future reports, please visit our website at www.forestry.gov.uk > [England](#) > [About us](#) > [Indicators](#).

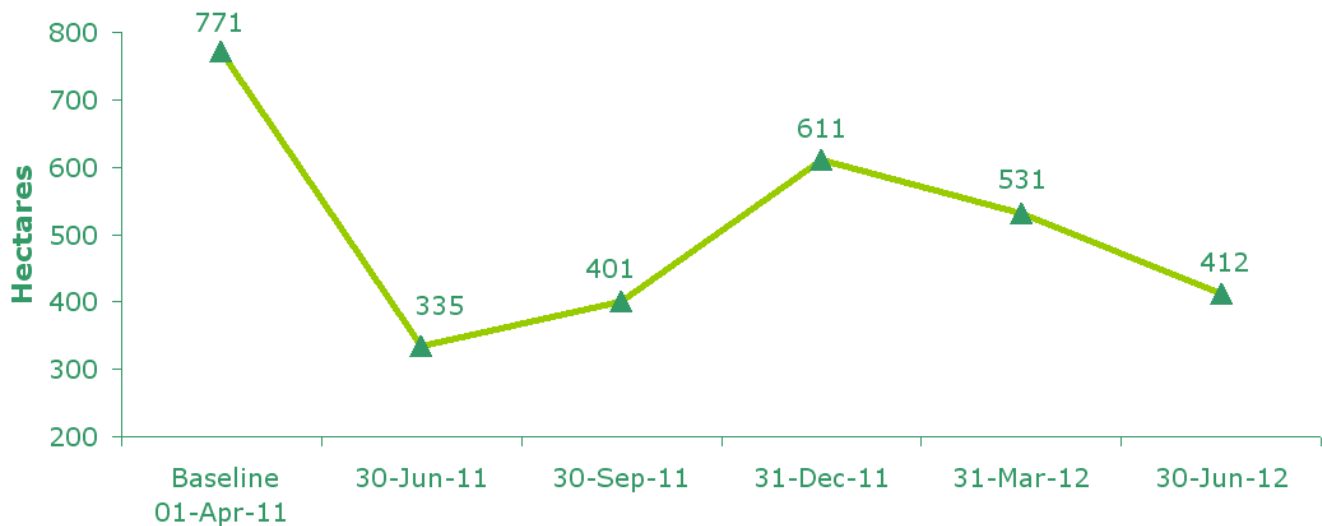
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1. Protection

Impact Indicator: Hectares of woodland covered by plant-health notices (includes notices issued on the Public Forest Estate)

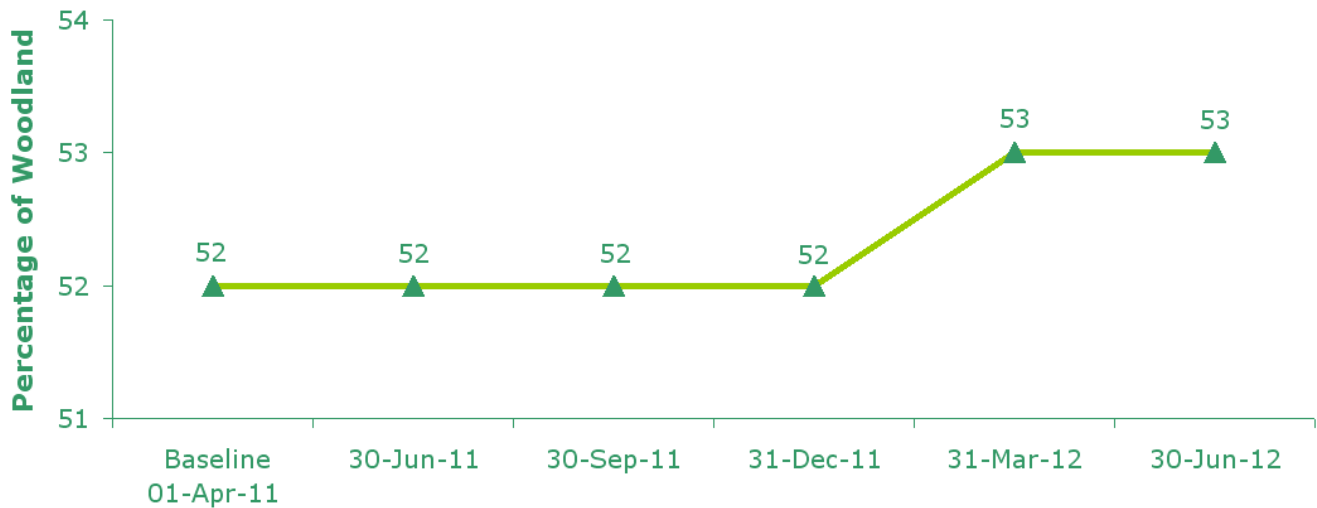


Position at 30 June 2012: 412 hectares of land requiring treatment.

We have seen a reduction in the area under Notice since March as sites are completed after winter felling of *Phytophthora* sites. However, this effort has been masked by new sites added following early spring aerial surveillance programmes. Early observations suggest that areas of new infection are generally smaller this year, although with the very wet weather in May and June, more sites may emerge over the summer.

2. Improvement

Impact Indicator: Percentage of woodland in active management (including the Public Forest Estate)



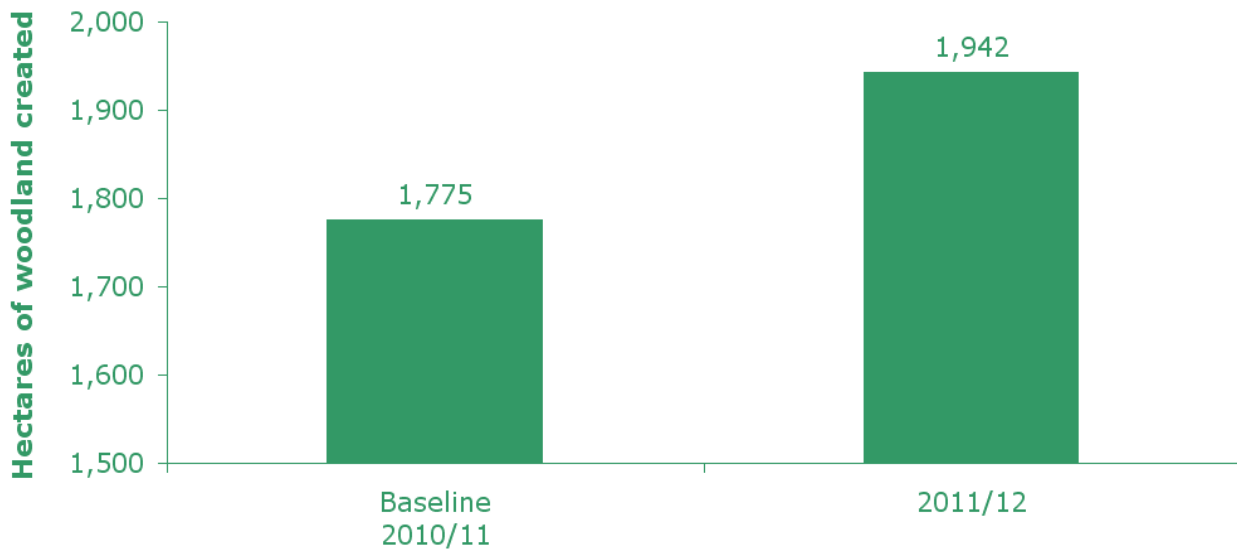
Position at 30 June 2012: 53%.

The percentage of woodland in active management continues to gradually and steadily increase.

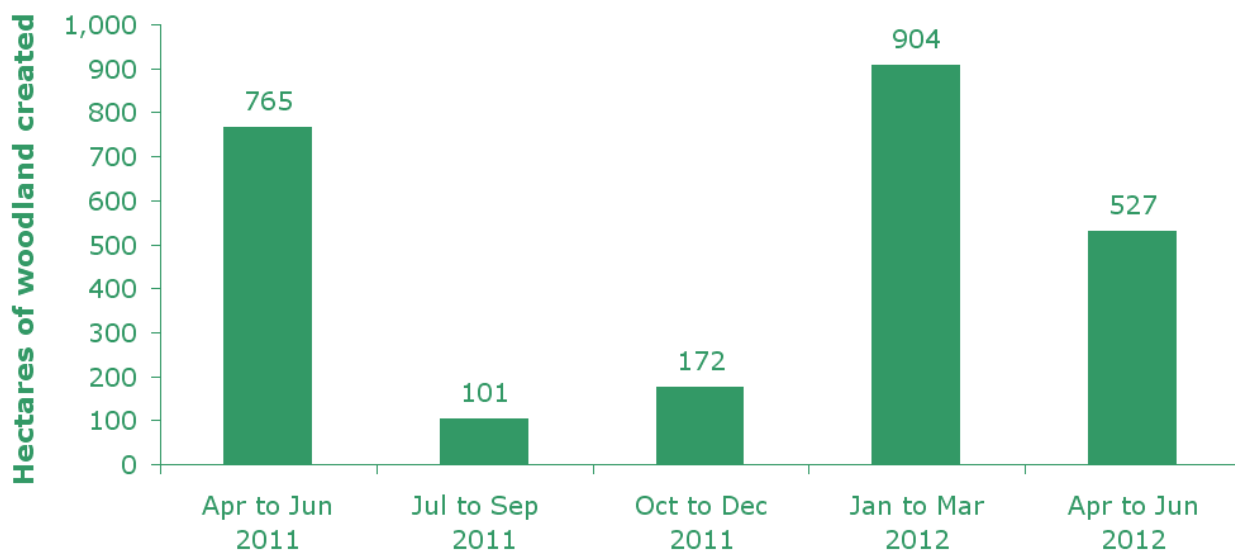
3. Expansion

Impact Indicator: Hectares of woodland created (gross)

Annual achievement



Quarterly achievement

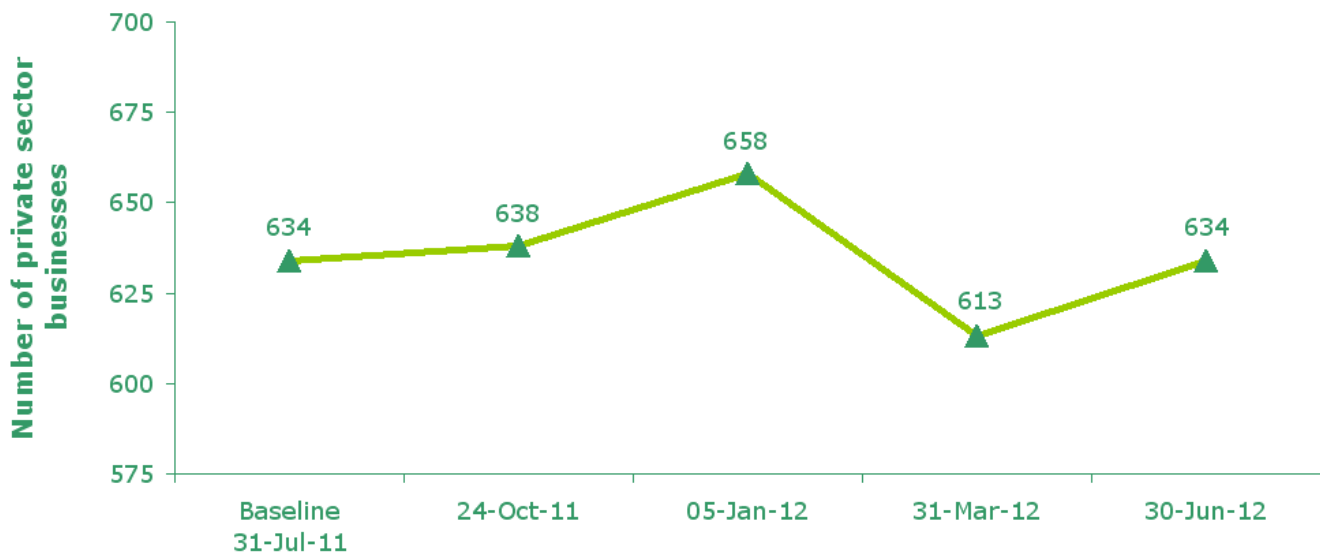


Report for April to June 2012: 527 hectares created.

This quarter's performance is down around 30% compared to the same period last year. It is too early to say whether this indicates an overall trend and the wet weather may have had a negative impact on planting in this period this year.

4. Customer Service

Impact Indicator: Number of private sector businesses operating on the Public Forest Estate



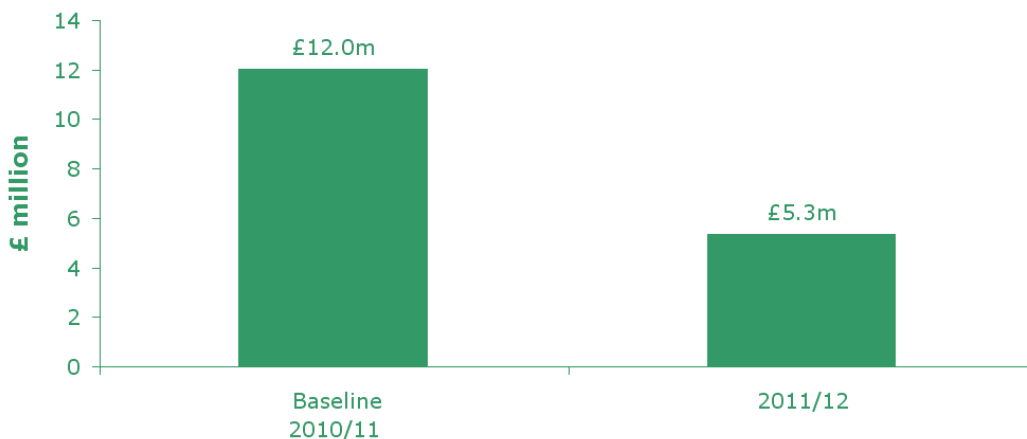
Position at 30 June 2012: 634 private businesses and individuals.

Over a twelve month period the figure has returned to exactly the same total. Removing seasonal fluctuations, this reflects a steady level of business activity.

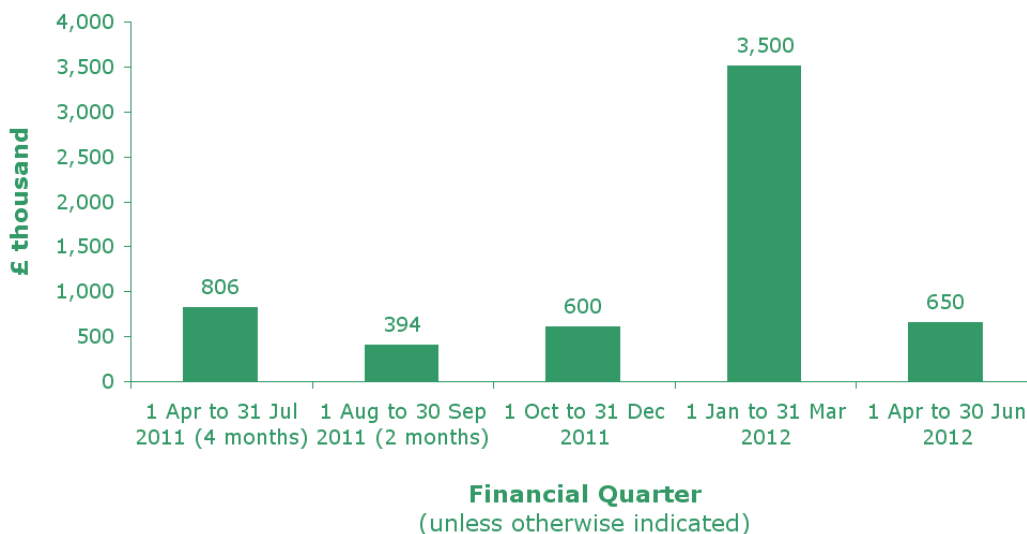
5. Customer Service

Input Indicator: Cash spent on partnerships and engagement by Forest Services

Annual investment



Quarterly investment

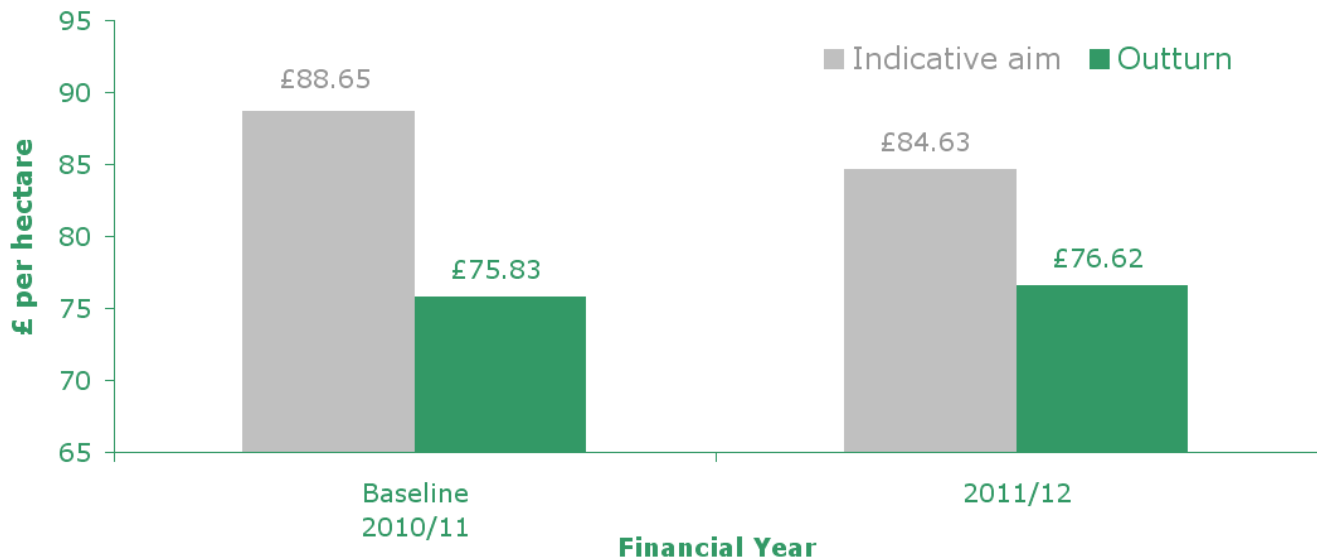


Position at 30 June 2012: £650 thousand of funding provided since the start of 2012/13, out of the current annual forecast of £6.44 million.

The activity levels are consistent with previous years at this point in the annual cycle, and have included partnership activity to address *Phytophthora ramorum* (£394 thousand). This was mainly payment to landowners to clear infected rhododendron from woodlands, and payment for aerial surveillance to identify early signs of infection in larch woodlands. The other main areas of spend were support for the Deer Initiative (£168 thousand), Woodfuel Woodland Improvement Grant (£35 thousand) and Woodfuel East (£25 thousand).

6. Restructuring our Business

Input Indicator: Cost of managing the Public Forest Estate (per hectare)



This indicator is reported bi-annually and the next report due is the forecast at 30 September 2012.

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