

## Administrative Datasets Used for National Statistics: FC Grant Schemes

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| <p>Name of National Statistic and contact:</p>               | <p>The dataset contributes to statistics on woodland area, new planting and restocking in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Woodland Area, Planting and Restocking.</li> <li>• Forestry Statistics.</li> <li>• Forestry Facts &amp; Figures.</li> </ul> <p>The dataset is also used in the following non-National Statistics outputs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The source is used indirectly for tables of forest area in international reporting Forest Resources Assessment and State of Europe's Forests, via the annual statistics in NS publications.</li> </ul> <p>Contact: Sheila Ward, e-mail <a href="mailto:Sheila.ward@forestry.gsi.gov.uk">Sheila.ward@forestry.gsi.gov.uk</a>, tel 0131 314 6475</p> |
| <p>Name of contributing dataset and what it contributes:</p> | <p>The grant schemes datasets provide data on the area of grant-aided new planting and restocking on non-Forestry Commission land. Information used in the production of Official Statistics are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Location (England/ Scotland/ Wales until March 2013),</li> <li>• Type of planting (new planting/ restocking) and</li> <li>• Type of woodland (conifer/ broadleaf).</li> </ul> <p>Since April 2013, similar information is provided for Wales by Natural Resources Wales.</p>   |

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| <p><b>Brief description of data and dataset:</b></p>                                | <p>The grant schemes datasets are a series of administrative datasets used to hold information on Forestry Commission grant schemes. The datasets are owned by the Grants &amp; Regulations teams in FC National Offices and maintained by FC National Offices and Conservancies. Data held includes area, location, species or woodland type, and type of grant. The FC grant schemes datasets are live systems, with data extracted at a specific point in time.</p> <p>In Scotland the grant datasets held by Forestry Commission Scotland are for legacy grant schemes (Woodland Grant Scheme and Scottish Forestry Grants Scheme) that are now closed to new applications; some grants are still being paid on some of these contracts. The dataset for the current grant scheme (Rural Development Contracts – Rural Priorities) that offers grants for woodland creation and management is held by Scottish Government and run on their computer system (SIACS).</p> |
| <p><b>How the data is collected:</b></p>  | <p>Data are collected from grant applications, either via signed application forms or input directly by applicants on a web-based application. Additional data is obtained from inspections by Woodland Officers on a sampling basis.</p>   |
| <p><b>Original purpose of dataset and any other publications from the data:</b></p> | <p>The data are used by Grants &amp; Regulations staff throughout the year, to assist in administering grant payments to woodland owners. They are also used by National Offices for monitoring progress against corporate plans and compliance.</p>  |
| <p><b>Security of the data – how it is managed:</b></p>                             | <p>Access to the database is restricted to relevant Grants &amp; Regulations staff and to appropriate officers within FC Conservancies through the use of secure usernames and passwords. Access by authorised individuals is restricted to the specific roles required.</p>  |
| <p><b>Is supporting metadata available for this dataset?:</b></p>                   | <p>Grants &amp; Regulations staff in each National Office maintain supporting metadata.</p>   |

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| How do we get access?:  | There is an agreement with Grants & Regulations Staff in each National Office to provide relevant aggregate data by mid-May, once most updates for the year to end March have been completed. Data are provided by e-mail.  |
| Quality assurance:      | The Statistics team compare the data received with the figures for previous years and any apparent inconsistencies are queried.   |
| Additional information: | Further information on the grant schemes in each country are available at: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• England – <a href="http://www.forestry.gov.uk/forestry/infd-6dfk2u">http://www.forestry.gov.uk/forestry/infd-6dfk2u</a></li><li>• Wales – <a href="http://www.forestry.gov.uk/forestry/infd-5z8jcr">http://www.forestry.gov.uk/forestry/infd-5z8jcr</a> and <a href="http://naturalresourceswales.gov.uk/apply-and-buy/grants/woodland-grants/?lang=en">http://naturalresourceswales.gov.uk/apply-and-buy/grants/woodland-grants/?lang=en</a></li><li>• Scotland – <a href="http://scotland.forestry.gov.uk/supporting/grants-and-regulations">http://scotland.forestry.gov.uk/supporting/grants-and-regulations</a> and <a href="http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/farmingrural/SRDP/RuralPriorities">http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/farmingrural/SRDP/RuralPriorities</a></li></ul> |