

# Statement of Administrative Sources

## Introduction

Official statistics published by the Forestry Commission are based on two main types of source – data gathered from statistical surveys or bespoke collections, and data extracted from administrative or management systems.

By using data that are already available within administrative or management systems, rather than collecting data afresh, we are able to limit the overall burden placed on data providers, and also avoid the costs of dedicated data collection exercises. In addition, the information we extract from such systems often has the advantage of being more timely than statistical survey data and can also deliver data with a greater breadth of coverage.

The UK Statistics Authority encourages producers of official statistics to exploit administrative and management sources for statistical purposes. However the Authority recognises that the statistical advantages of such arrangements can only be fully realised if statisticians have appropriate access to such systems; if statistical purposes are reflected in the design, management, and development of such systems; and if adequate safeguards are put in place to ensure the professional integrity of any official statistics derived from them.

The Authority's main requirements are set out in Protocol 3 of the Code of Practice for Official Statistics. This Protocol requires all producers of official statistics to publish a Statement of Administrative Sources, which lists:

- the administrative systems they currently use to produce official statistics; and
- other administrative sources that are not currently used for statistical purposes but which have the potential to be so used.

An administrative source may be used for operational purposes, including the monitoring of operations, before official statistics from that source are published. Any such use should comply with the National Statistician's guidance on the use of management and official statistics<sup>1</sup>.

This document is supplemented by more detailed documentation on each source, and will be reviewed on a regular basis and updated when necessary.

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.statisticsauthority.gov.uk/national-statistician/guidance/index.html>

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## Forestry Commission administrative sources used

Geographic scope for all is Great Britain, unless otherwise stated

Admin source	Description	Main admin uses	Geographical breakdown of admin data <sup>2</sup>	Non-statistical publication <sup>3</sup>	National Statistics publications	Other statistics publication
FC Sub-compartment database and Stock Map	Area and other details of Forestry Commission/ Natural Resources Wales estate, broken down to sub-compartments	Management of estate by FC Forest Districts/ Natural Resources Wales	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Country (E/W/S)</li> <li>forest district</li> <li>sub-compartment geo-referenced</li> </ul>	None	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Woodland area, planting and restocking</li> <li>Forestry Statistics</li> <li>Forestry Facts &amp; Figures</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Global Forest Resources Assessment</li> <li>State of Europe's Forests UK report</li> <li>Sustainable Forest Management Indicators</li> <li>FC England Indicators</li> <li>Woodlands for Wales Indicators</li> <li>Scottish Forestry Strategy Indicators</li> </ul>
FC planting data	Area of new planting and restocking on FC estate in Scotland	Management of estate by FC Forest Districts in Scotland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Country (S)</li> <li>forest district</li> <li>sub-compartment geo-referenced</li> </ul>	None	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Woodland area, planting and restocking</li> <li>Forestry Statistics</li> <li>Forestry Facts &amp; Figures</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Global Forest Resources Assessment</li> <li>State of Europe's Forests UK report</li> <li>Sustainable Forest Management Indicators</li> <li>Scottish Forestry Strategy Indicators</li> </ul>

<sup>2</sup> Forest districts are administrative areas for managing the FC estate; there are currently 11 in England and 10 in Scotland

<http://www.forestry.gov.uk/forestry/HCOU-4U4HZV>.

<sup>3</sup> Non-statistical publication based on administrative source, preceding the statistical publication. Administrative data may also be used for departmental and agency annual reports.

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FC recreation facilities [Discontinued from 2013]	Database of recreation facilities on FC estate	Provide information to the public about locations to visit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Country (E/W/S)</li> <li>forest district</li> <li>location geo-referenced</li> </ul>	Individually published on internet, from where data could be aggregated	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Forestry Statistics</li> </ul>	
Grant schemes	Areas planted with grant aid and amounts of grant	Approving and paying grants to woodland owners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Country (E/W/S)</li> <li>Conservancy/ RPAC area</li> <li>Geo-referenced area</li> </ul>	None	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Woodland area, planting and restocking</li> <li>Forestry Statistics</li> <li>Forestry Facts &amp; Figures</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Global Forest Resources Assessment</li> <li>State of Europe's Forests UK report</li> <li>Sustainable Forest Management Indicators</li> <li>FC England Indicators</li> <li>Woodlands for Wales Indicators</li> <li>Scottish Forestry Strategy Indicators</li> </ul>

<sup>4</sup> Conservancies are administrative areas for other FC activities; there are currently 10 in England corresponding to Government regions and 5 in Scotland <http://www.forestry.gov.uk/forestry/HCOU-4U4HZS>. Territories are FC marketing areas.

<sup>5</sup> Non-statistical publication based on administrative source, preceding the statistical publication.

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FC Sales Recording Package	Quantities and values of timber harvested (Forestry Commission and Natural Resources Wales)	Financial and other management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Country (E/W/S)</li> <li>Territory</li> </ul>	Monthly results published on internet by IFOS <sup>8</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Timber Price Indices</li> <li>UK wood production &amp; trade</li> <li>Forestry Statistics</li> <li>Forestry Facts &amp; Figures</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Joint Forest Sector Questionnaire</li> <li>Integrated Environmental and Economic Accounting for Forests</li> <li>FC England Indicators</li> <li>Woodlands for Wales Indicators</li> <li>Scottish Forestry Strategy Indicators</li> </ul>
FC financial accounts	Income, expenditure and value of assets	To report finances to government and the public	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Country (E/W (until March 2013)/S)</li> </ul>	Published annual accounts of government department and agencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Forestry Statistics</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Integrated Environmental and Economic Accounting for Forests</li> <li>FC England Indicators</li> </ul>
National Forest Inventory (NFI) woodland map <sup>9</sup>	Digital map of all woodland over 0.5 hectares.	Inform forestry and environmental planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Country (E/W/S)</li> <li>GIS</li> </ul>	NFI woodland maps published in Spring 2011, June 2012.	Used to derive area in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Woodland area, planting and restocking</li> <li>Forestry Statistics</li> <li>Forestry Facts &amp; Figures.</li> </ul> Also used in estimating woodland fires in Forestry Statistics.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>National Forest Inventory Woodland Area Statistics (new in 2011)</li> <li>Woodlands for Wales Indicators</li> </ul>

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<sup>7</sup> Non-statistical publication based on administrative source, preceding the statistical publication.

<sup>8</sup> Inventory Forecasting and Operational Support

<sup>9</sup> Replaces previous National Inventory of Woodland and Trees (NIWT) woodland map.

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FC felling licences	Area covered by felling licences issued by the FC	Approval of felling by private woodland owners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Country (E/S)</li> <li>Geo-referenced area</li> </ul>	FC Annual Report & Accounts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Forestry Statistics</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>FC England Indicators (annual)</li> </ul>
Statutory Plant Health Notices	Number and area covered by Statutory Plant Health Notices served	Administration of plant health regulations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Country (E/W/S/NI)</li> <li>Geo-referenced area</li> </ul>	FC Annual Report & Accounts; FC website	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Forestry Statistics</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>FC England Indicators (quarterly)</li> </ul>
Woodland Carbon Code	Number, area and projected sequestration of registered projects	Administration of the Woodland Carbon Code	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Country (E/W/S/NI)</li> </ul>	FC website (quarterly summary results); FC Annual Report & Accounts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Forestry Statistics</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>FC England Indicators (annual)</li> </ul>

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## Other administrative sources used

Admin source	Forestry Commission statistical use	FC National Statistics publications	Other FC statistics publication
<b>Forest Service (Northern Ireland):</b> FS areas, non-FS woodland areas, FS planting, grant-aided planting, FS harvesting	Use with GB figures to produce UK totals and country breakdown	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Woodland area, planting and restocking</li> <li>• UK wood production &amp; trade</li> <li>• Forestry Statistics</li> <li>• Forestry Facts &amp; Figures</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Joint Forest Sector Questionnaire</li> <li>• Global Forest Resources Assessment</li> <li>• State of Europe's Forests UK report</li> </ul>
<b>Certified woodland areas</b> (Forest Stewardship Council and certifying bodies)	Supplemented by enquiries to some individual certificate holders to produce statistics on certified area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Woodland area, planting and restocking</li> <li>• Forestry Statistics</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FC England Indicators</li> <li>• Woodlands for Wales Indicator</li> <li>• Scottish Forestry Strategy Indicators</li> </ul>