

Statistics Work Plan 2010-11 - Outturn

This note reports on progress in 2010-11, by identifying what was achieved for each item in the work plan published in 2010 and major additional areas of work.

1. National Statistics (NS) publications and related work

Carry out surveys and data collection to cover UK timber industries (January to April), as agreed with Expert Group on Timber & Trade Statistics.	Achieved. Surveys completed in April 2010, with similar response rates to previous year. Surveys started in February 2011.
Wood Production and Trade first release (May), as in 2009, based on UK industry statistics and surveys and Overseas Trade Statistics.	Achieved. Published on due date, with same range of contents as 2009.
Timber Price Indices first release (May and November), as in 2009.	Achieved. Published on due dates, with same range of contents as 2009.
Woodland Area, Planting and Restocking first release (June), as in 2009.	Achieved. Published on due date, with same range of contents as 2009.
Nursery Survey (September), as in 2009.	Achieved. Published on due date, with same range of contents as 2009.
Forestry Facts & Figures (September), as in 2009.	Achieved. Published on due date, with same range of contents as 2009.
Forestry Statistics (September), as in 2009.	Achieved. Published on due date, with same range of contents as 2009.
UK Indicators of Sustainable Forestry: updates and new publication on UK Indicators of Sustainable Forest Management.	Achieved. UKISF updated. New publication Sustainable Forest Management Indicators 2020 published in June 2010 and updated in October 2010, using UK data reported for State of Europe's Forests.
Support development and reporting of indicators for country forestry strategies (England, Scotland, Wales).	Achieved. Support provided to all three countries, for their annual publications as official statistics, and for mid-year English update required by Defra.
Develop and maintain statistics documentation to meet the requirements of UK Statistics Authority and GSS guidance.	Achieved. An informal review by UK Statistics Authority of the FC organisational evidence recommended some improvements that are being implemented in 2011. All National Statistics releases were announced on publication hub and other Official Statistics are being added in 2011.

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For Survey Control, advise all parts of FC on possible surveys, and prepare reports to obtain ministerial approval.	Achieved. Advice provided as required. Information gathered March 2011 for later submission.
Provide statistics for other government publications, PQs, researchers, public enquiries.	Achieved. All requests for data were met.

2. International returns

Joint Forest Sector Questionnaire (provisional May, final September) for timber production and trade, as in 2009.	Achieved. Data were submitted to Eurostat on time.
Timber Committee Questionnaire (September) for timber production and trade forecasts, as in 2009.	Achieved. Data were submitted to UNECE on time.
Integrated Environmental & Economic Accounts (July) – annual economic data.	Achieved. Data were submitted to Eurostat on time.
State of Europe's Forests 2011 – compile UK data and check data from international providers, to complete by August 2010. Lead author for social and economic indicators in international publication.	Mostly achieved. UK report submitted and approved on time. Data from international providers delayed; checked available data. Work as joint lead author and member of Advisory Group more extensive than expected, continuing into 2011.
Joint Wood Energy Enquiry 2010 – biennial return	Achieved. Data were submitted to UNECE shortly after initial deadline.

3. Research

Advise FC National Offices on surveys commissioned by others (e.g. Public Opinion of Forestry surveys).	Achieved. Advice provided to FC Scotland and FC Wales to help them commission Public Opinion of Forestry surveys in early 2011. In addition, to meet FC England and GB needs, commissioned UK Public Opinion of Forestry survey in Feb 2011.
Advise on environmental monitoring and social and economic research.	Achieved. Participated in meeting on integrated forest monitoring. Provided advice on impact assessment for Public Forest Estate in England. Provided data and advice to Forest Research for National Ecosystem Assessment.

4. Recreation statistics and monitoring

Support on-site monitoring, including Quality of Experience and local surveys.	Achieved. Provided advice to FC Scotland for surveys of Woods In and Around Towns. Provided advice and assistance to meet all other requests.
Participate in collaborative household surveys in Scotland, England and Wales.	Achieved. Participated in steering the three surveys, obtaining initial results for England (MENE), recommending improved analysis for Scotland (ScRS) and assessing tenders for Wales (WORS 2011).

5. Statistical Services

Support Human Resources Division and other parts of the FC by advising on surveys and analysis.	Achieved. Extensive support provided to HR, for diversity reports required by the Equality and Human Rights Commission and other analyses. Support provided to FC Scotland, analysing local authority level data for reports on Native Woodland Survey of Scotland.
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