

Statistics Work Plan 2011-12 - Outturn

This note reports on progress in 2011-12, by identifying what was achieved for each item in the work plan published in 2011 and any major additional areas of work.

The work plan for 2011-12 had been prepared with a total expected staff resource of 3.0 full-time equivalents (1 Statistician, 1 Assistant Statistician and 1 Administrative Support). However, as the Assistant Statistician post was vacant for over 9 months during 2011-12, the actual staff resource during the year was 2.2 full time equivalents. As a result, some of the work that was planned for 2011-12 was deferred or reduced.

1. UK Official Statistics publications

Carry out surveys and data collection to cover UK timber industries (February to April), as agreed with Expert Group on Timber & Trade Statistics.	2010 surveys completed in April 2011, with similar response rates to previous year. 2011 surveys started in January 2012.
UK Wood Production and Trade (provisional figures) first release (May), as in 2010, based on UK industry statistics and surveys and Overseas Trade Statistics.	Published on due date, with same range of contents as 2010.
Timber Price Indices first release (May and November), as in 2010.	Published on due dates, with same range of contents as 2010.
Woodland Area, Planting and Restocking first release (June), as in 2010.	Published on due date, using new National Forest Inventory to estimate woodland area for 2011.
Nursery Survey (September), as in 2010.	Delayed to October as a result of reduced resources. Published with same range of contents as 2010.
Forestry Facts & Figures (September), as in 2010.	Published on due date, with same range of contents as 2010.
Forestry Statistics (September), as in 2010.	Published on due date, with same range of contents as 2010.

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2. Official Statistics for international organisations

Joint Forest Sector Questionnaire (provisional May, final September) for timber production and trade, as in 2010.	Data were submitted to Eurostat on time.
Timber Committee Questionnaire (September) for timber production and trade forecasts, as in 2010.	Data were submitted to UNECE on time.
Integrated Environmental & Economic Accounts (July) – annual economic data, as in 2010.	Data were submitted to Eurostat on time.

3. Compliance with standards

Develop and maintain statistics documentation to meet the requirements of UK Statistics Authority and GSS guidance	Additional documentation developed and placed on FC statistics web pages, including quality reports and detailed Statements of Administrative Sources.
Provide advice to others in FC to assist them to identify and develop other official statistics and to comply with the Code of Practice (includes National Forest Inventory, climate change, FC National Offices, Forest Research).	Advice provided, as required, on Official Statistics and the Code of Practice for National Forest Inventory and for indicators produced by FC National Offices.
Prepare for and assist the UK Statistics Authority's assessment of FC National Statistics outputs (including potential NS approval for the National Forest Inventory).	User engagement survey developed and run by Defra on behalf of FC Statistics. Documentation provided to UK Statistics Authority's Assessment Team, as required. Assessment run in late 2011 covered FC National Statistics outputs only. Assessment of National Forest Inventory to be taken forward separately, at a later date.
For Survey Control, advise all parts of FC on possible surveys, and prepare reports to obtain ministerial approval.	2011 reports approved in summer 2011. FC & Defra reports combined for surveys in England. Preparation for 2012 reports started.

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4. Statistical services

Support development and reporting of indicators for country forestry strategies (England, Scotland, Wales).	Limited support provided to FC National Offices as a result of reduced resources.
Report on UK Public Opinion of Forestry survey and support FC National Offices and others on commissioned surveys.	Public Opinion of Forestry Survey reports for UK/ England, Wales and Scotland released in July 2011.
Participate in collaborative household surveys on recreation in Scotland, England and Wales.	Participated in steering groups for Scottish Recreation Survey, Monitor of Engagement with the Natural Environment (England) and the Welsh Outdoor Recreation Survey.
Support on-site visitor monitoring, including All Forests Survey (Scotland), Quality of Experience and local surveys.	Limited support provided as a result of reduced resources.
Advise Human Resources Division on diversity monitoring reporting.	Limited support provided as a result of reduced resources.
Assist other parts of the FC by advising on surveys and analysis.	Analysis of local authority level data for reports on Native Woodland Survey of Scotland provided to FC Scotland.
Advise on environmental monitoring and social and economic research.	Limited support provided as a result of reduced resources.
Provide statistics for other government publications, PQs, researchers, public enquiries.	All requests completed.

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