

Statistics Work Plan 2009-10

April 2009

This work plan for the year April 2009 – March 2010 has been developed to meet the needs of users of our statistics and services, including all parts of the Forestry Commission (FC), international organisations and external stakeholders. Industry stakeholders are consulted through the Expert Group on Timber & Trade Statistics (EGTTS) <http://www.forestry.gov.uk/forestry/infd-5rabj3>.

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.
- Wood Production and Trade first release (May), as in 2008, based on UK industry statistics and surveys and Overseas Trade Statistics.
- Timber Price Indices first release (May and November), using new form of index developed in 2008 after review.
- Woodland Area, Planting and Restocking first release (June), as in 2008.
- Forestry Facts & Figures (September), as in 2008.
- Forestry Statistics (September), to include additional chapters for 2009 on international forestry and on UK forests and climate change.
- Maintain statistics compliance plans and other documentation to meet the requirements of UK Statistics Authority and GSS guidance. Provide advice to others in FC who may produce official statistics.
- For Survey Control, advise all parts of FC on possible surveys, and prepare reports to obtain ministerial approval.
- Provide statistics for other government publications, PQs, researchers, public enquiries.

2. International returns

- Joint Forest Sector Questionnaire (provisional May, final September) for timber production and trade, as in 2008.
- Timber Committee Questionnaire (September) for timber production and trade forecasts, as in 2008.
- UK report for Global Forest Resources Assessment 2010 – finalise report for publication.
- Integrated Environmental and Economic Accounts for Forestry – annual economic data.
- Pan-European indicators of Sustainable Forest Management for MCPFE 2011 – compile UK data and check data from international providers, by March 2010.

3. Other statistics and indicators

- Complete first survey of woodfuel suppliers and identify requirements for other statistics on woodfuel.
- Develop internet (particularly through web-based Forestry Statistics) and intranet (including evidence base distilling relevant statistics and economic studies).
- UK Indicators of Sustainable Forestry: updates and review data availability for full range of indicators published in 2002, with the aim of final report in 2009.
- Support development and reporting of indicators for country forestry strategies (England, Scotland, Wales), including annual survey of forest nurseries.

4. Research

- Publish reports on Public Opinion of Forestry carried out in February/March 2009.
- For National Forest Inventory, establish processes to obtain data needed for international and national statistics and advise on statistical aspects including requirements of Code of Practice for Official Statistics.
- Advise on environmental monitoring and social and economic research.

5. Recreation statistics and monitoring

- Support on-site monitoring (Quality of Experience, local surveys).
- Participate in collaborative household surveys in Scotland, England and Wales.

6. Statistical Services

- Support Human Resources Division and other parts of the FC by carrying out statistical analysis (e.g. for equality / diversity) and advising on surveys.

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