

## Pre-Release Access to Official Statistics for Quality Assurance

### Introduction

This document identifies those persons given pre-release access before the statistics are in their final form, to help in improving the quality of the statistics or their interpretation.

The Forestry Commission's arrangements for pre-release access to Official Statistics in their final form are described separately in a Pre-Release Access Statement and list of recipients<sup>1</sup>.

### Conditions of access

Those persons who are given access to the Forestry Commission's Official Statistics ahead of their release must keep the statistics secure and under embargo, and they must abide by the following conditions of access. They must avoid:

- disclosing the statistics or any part of a publication containing those statistics to any person not listed as a pre-release recipient;
- providing any indication of the size or direction of any trend revealed by the statistics;
- using such access for personal gain, or taking any action for political advantage;
- exploiting such access to change or compromise the content, presentation, or timing of publication of official statistics.

### National Statistics

Statistical surveys of forest industries are run in conjunction with the Forest Service, an agency of the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs in Northern Ireland. The relevant Forest Service officials have full access to the data for Northern Ireland and are considered to be part of the team producing the statistics.

For the purposes of quality assurance, members of the Expert Group on Timber and Trade Statistics (EGTTS<sup>2</sup>) are given pre-release access to statistics on wood production and trade. This access applies to the first release UK Wood Production and Trade and to tables of Forestry Statistics giving more detailed results. This access can be in the form of draft sections of the publication and/or underlying tables of non-disclosive data.

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.forestry.gov.uk/forestry/inf-d-83mfrz>

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.forestry.gov.uk/forestry/inf-d-5rabtb>

Where statistics for FC National Statistics publications come from FC administrative sources, the summary tables compiled for publication are often checked by those responsible for the administrative data. The same administrative sources may be used for management information, which may be used for operational and policy purposes before the publication of the related National Statistics outputs, as identified in the Statement of Administrative Sources<sup>3</sup>. As those involved have access to the administrative data, such access to the statistics is not recorded in this document.

### Other Official Statistics

Members of the Expert Group on Timber and Trade Statistics (EGTTS) also provide quality assurance for other official statistics on wood production and trade. This applies to the Joint Forest Sector Questionnaire, Timber Committee Questionnaire and Joint Wood Energy Enquiry. In addition, the EGTTS provide quality assurance for statistics from the National Forest Inventory and Production Forecast.

The Public Opinion of Forestry Survey for Northern Ireland is run in conjunction with the Forest Service, an agency of the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs. The relevant Forest Service officials have full access to the data and are considered to be part of the team producing the statistics.

Annual and quarterly progress reports for Forestry Commission England Indicators are compiled by Data Managers, some of whom may also have policy responsibility for these topics. The data are made available for quality assurance purposes to Forestry Commission Internal Audit, National Audit Office and Forestry Commission Grants & Regulations managers.

Scottish Forestry Strategy indicators are compiled by staff in National Office Scotland who also have policy responsibility for these topics. At present there is no pre-release access by others for quality assurance.

National Forest Inventory reports are made available before publication to experts within Forestry Commission National Offices and Natural Resources Wales, for assistance with quality assurance.

For each other set of Official Statistics, the data owner will agree appropriate arrangements for quality assurance, and disclose any such access in this document.

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<sup>3</sup> <http://www.forestry.gov.uk/forestry/infd-832ey5>

## Expert Group on Timber & Trade Statistics

Provide quality assurance for National Statistics and other Official Statistics, as described above. The current list of members is:

- Nick Boulton, Timber Trade Federation
- Alan Christison, Tilhill Forestry Ltd
- Alan Corson, Forest Enterprise England
- Neil Cowan, Taylormade Timber Products Ltd
- Michael Fairgrieve, Northern Ireland Forest Service
- Stuart Goodall, Confederation of Forest Industries
- Hugh Jones, Natural Resources Wales
- Andy Leitch, Forestry Commission Scotland
- David Leslie, James Jones & Sons Ltd
- Nigel Manley, Balcas Timber Ltd
- Richard Palmer, AW Jenkinson Forest Products
- John Paterson, Egger UK
- David Sulman, United Kingdom Forest Products Association
- David Symons, Euroforest Ltd
- Sheila Ward, Forest Research
- George Webb, Norbord
- Peter Weston, Forest Research (Chair)
- Penelope Donohue, Forest Research (Secretary)

## Other National Statistics

### **Forestry Statistics:**

**(last updated September 2016)**

- Ian Tubby, Principal Adviser, Business and Markets, Forest Services, FCE
- Anna Brown, Head of Tree Health, Forestry Commission Scotland
- Brendan Callaghan, Head of Delivery & Regions, Forestry Commission Scotland

### **Timber Price Indices:**

**(last updated September 2016)**

- Peter Weston, Head of Inventory, Forecasting & Operational Support (IFOS), FR
- Alan Corson, Marketing Officer, Forest Enterprise England

## Other Official Statistics

### **Forestry Commission England Corporate Plan Performance Indicators:**

**(last updated August 2016)**

- Joe Watts, Head of Sustainable Forest Management, Forest Services England
- Rob Pole, Spatial Analyst, Forest Services England
- Rachael Edwards, Head of Strategy and Insight, Forest Enterprise England
- Lisa Smith, Plant Health, Defra
- Melanie Tuffen, Pest Risk Analyst, Defra
- Richard Baker, Pest Risk Analyst, Defra
- Willem Roelofs, Plant Health Research, Defra
- Steven Day, Forestry Commission Internal Audit
- Liz Holmes, Forestry Commission Internal Audit

### **Nursery Survey:**

**(last updated August 2016)**

Bruce Sewell, Forest Management Officer, Forest Enterprise Scotland

### **Woodland Carbon Code Statistics:**

**(last updated January 2017)**

- Mark Broadmeadow, Forestry Commission England
- Ian Tubby, Principal Adviser, Business and Markets, Forest Services
- Maida Ballarini, Forestry Commission Scotland
- Tom Jenkins, Head of FR Wales
- Pat Snowdon, Forestry Commission (Corporate & Forestry Support)
- Vicky West, Forestry Commission (Corporate & Forestry Support)
- Bruce Auchterlonie, Forestry Commission (Corporate & Forestry Support)
- Peter Weston, Head of Inventory, Forecasting & Operational Support (IFOS), FR
- Sheila Ward, Statistician, IFOS-Forest Research
- Peter Freer-Smith, Chief Scientist, Forest Research

### **National Forest Inventory Woodland Area Statistics:**

**(last updated March 2011)**

- Mark Broadmeadow, Forestry Commission England
- Joe Watts, Forestry Commission England
- Cameron Maxwell, Forestry Commission Scotland
- Gordon Patterson, Forestry Commission Scotland
- Sue Ginley, Forestry Commission Wales
- Emma Small, Forestry Commission Wales
- Keith Jones, Forestry Commission Wales

### **Standing timber volume for coniferous trees in Britain:**

**(last updated April 2012)**

- Mark Broadmeadow, Forestry Commission England
- Richard Brooke, Forestry Commission England
- John Tewson, Forestry Commission England
- Joe Watts, Forestry Commission England
- Moira Baptie, Forestry Commission Scotland

# Pre-Release Access – Recipients (QA)

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- Colin Hossack, Forestry Commission Scotland
- Cameron Maxwell, Forestry Commission Scotland
- Graeme Prest, Forestry Commission Scotland
- Nicol Sinclair, Forestry Commission Scotland
- Alan Hubbuck, Forestry Commission Wales
- Stephen Knight, Forestry Commission Wales
- Andrew Sowerby, Forestry Commission Wales
- Michael Fairgrieve, Northern Ireland Forest Service
- Tom Jenkins, Forest Research
- Elspeth MacDonald, Forest Research
- Ewan Mackie, Forest Research
- Robert Matthews, Forest Research
- Helen McKay, Forest Research
- Charlton Clark, Forestry Commission (Corporate & Forestry Support)
- Jeremy Darot, Forestry Commission (Corporate & Forestry Support)
- Wilma Harper, Forestry Commission (Corporate & Forestry Support)
- Pat Snowdon, Forestry Commission (Corporate & Forestry Support)
- Sheila Ward, Forestry Commission (Corporate & Forestry Support)
- Vicky West, Forestry Commission (Corporate & Forestry Support)
- Steve Lavery, UPM Tilhill

## **NFI 50 year forecast reports (softwood and hardwood):**

**(last updated April 2014)**

- Expert Group on Timber & Trade Statistics (see above)
- Jonathan Spencer, FE England
- Peter Burnett, FE England
- Peter Kelsall, FE England
- Jo Ellis, FE Scotland
- Colin Hossack, FE Scotland
- Chris Jones, Natural Resources Wales
- Rachel Chamberlain, Natural Resources Wales
- Stephen Knight, Natural Resources Wales
- Richard Carrick, Natural Resources Wales
- Lesley Potter, FC Corporate & Forestry Support
- Hamish MacLeod, BSW

## **NFI Canopy Cover Change report:**

**(last updated July 2016)**

- Expert Group on Timber & Trade Statistics (see above)
- Mark Broadmeadow, Principal Adviser, Climate Change, FC England
- Jim Dewar, Head of Policy, FC Scotland
- Mike Kerr, Geo-Information Services Technical Manager, FC Scotland
- Maida Ballarini, Land Use & Climate Change Policy Adviser, FC Scotland
- Bob Frost, Policy Adviser for Sustainable Forest Management, FC Scotland
- Douglas Knox, Planning Framework Manager, FE Scotland
- Jo Ellis, Head of Planning and Environment, FE Scotland
- Simon Hodge, Chief Executive, FE Scotland
- Jo O'Hara, Head of FC Scotland

- Jason Hubert, Head of Business Development, FC Scotland
- Stephen Smith, Policy Adviser, FC Scotland
- Keith Connal, Natural Resources, Scottish Government
- Ginny Gardner, Natural Resources, Scottish Government
- Bill McDonald, Land Use and Sustainable Forest Management Adviser, Welsh Government
- Alex Harris, Welsh Government
- James Pendlebury, Chief Executive, Forest Research
- Peter Freer-Smith, Chief Scientist, Forest Research
- Robert Matthews, Programme Group Manager, Forest Research

### **National Forest Inventory provisional estimates of presence and extent of Rhododendron in British Woodlands**

**(last updated August 2016)**

- Mark Broadmeadow (FCE)
- Dr Julia Garritt FCS – Ex Policy Lead FCS
- Neil McKenzie – Coile Alba – FCS Consultant
- John Parrot – Coile Alba – FCS Consultant
- Liz Poulson – Ex West Scotland Rhododendron Control Officer

### **Public Opinion of Forestry, Northern Ireland:**

**(last updated June 2014)**

- Michael McCann, Policy & Legislation Branch, Forest Service
- Jan Davidson, Policy & Legislation Branch, Forest Service

### **\*National Forest Inventory Report on Lone Trees, Small Woodlands and Hedgerows in Great Britain:**

**(last updated October 2016)**

- Mark Broadmeadow, Principal Adviser, Climate Change, FC England
- Ian Tubby, Principal Adviser, Business and Markets, Forest Services
- Bob Frost, Policy Adviser for Sustainable Forest Management, FC Scotland
- Jim Dewar, Head of Policy, FC Scotland
- Jason Hubert, Head of Business Development, FC Scotland
- Bill MacDonald, Head of Forestry Policy, Welsh Government
- Chris James, Senior Strategic Policy Framework and Legal Adviser, Welsh Government
- Bill Somerfield, Land use & Sustainable Forest Management Adviser, Welsh Government
- Peter Freer-Smith, Research Director, Forest Research
- Sheila Ward, Statistician, IFOS-Forest Research
- Peter Weston, Head of Inventory, Forecasting & Operational Support, (IFOS) Forest Research

*\*Title is currently provisional*

## **European Forest Accounts**

(previously called 'Integrated Environmental and Economic Accounting for Forestry')

**(last updated January 2017)**

- Ian Tubby, Principal Adviser, Business and Markets, Forest Services
- James Simpson, Head of Forestry and Land Management, FE England
- Peter Weston, Head of Inventory, Forecasting & Operational Support, (IFOS) Forest Research
- Peter Freer-Smith, Research Director, Forest Research