

## Assessing the Sustainability Impacts of Forest Management in Northern Europe – a Scottish Perspective



A seminar organised by the Northern ToSIA project

20 May 2010

*Macdonald Aviemore Highland Resort, Aviemore, Inverness-shire, PH22 1PN, Scotland*

This is the second of three international seminars to be organised as part of **Northern ToSIA**, a project funded by the EU Northern Periphery Programme. The project is developing new ways to assess the sustainability of forest based activities in Northern Europe. The results of the project will help managers to balance the demands of different aspects of forestry, for example timber production, wildlife and recreation.

The Cairngorms National Park has been selected as a case study for the project. Three other case studies are being carried out: in Finland (North Karelia), Sweden (Malå Sami Village) and Norway (Indre Helgeland).

### ONE-DAY CONFERENCE

A public event organised for all those who have a role in forestry and land-use planning, particularly within the Cairngorms National Park, but also in similar regions in Scotland and Northern Europe.

The conference will:

- Highlight the need for comprehensive monitoring tools for forestry and land use planning within and beyond the Cairngorms National Park.
- Introduce delegates to 'ToSIA' (Tool for Sustainability Impact Assessment), and discuss its application in the four case study areas.
- Include a practical discussion of the possible sustainability impacts of altering land use under different scenarios in the Cairngorms National Park, and how these impacts could be assessed.
- Provide an opportunity to meet with partners from other northern European countries and contribute to the development of the project.

# Workshop Programme

Thursday 20 May, 2010

0900-0930	Coffee and registration
0930-0940	Introduction & Welcome (local MSP)
0940-1010	Keynote speaker from the Cairngorm National Park Authority talking about Park's vision, planning tools, and role of forestry as a type of land use
1010-1030	Northern Tosia project introduction, objectives and examples (Marcus Lindner)
1030-1050	Sustainability impact assessment for the Scottish forest-based sector: a case study in the Cairngorms National Park (Stefania Pizzirani)
1050-1110	Short break (tea/coffee available)
1110-1200	Northern partner case studies: development & initial results (Barry Gardiner) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Finland case study (Marja Kolström)</li> <li>• Sweden case study (Erik Valinger)</li> <li>• Norway case study (Birger Vennesland)</li> </ul>
1200-1230	Morning synthesis and discussion (Barry Gardiner)
1230-1400	Lunch
1400-1500	Breakout sessions to discuss the sustainability impact assessment of altering current land use plans under three scenarios to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A) Increase woodfuel production</li> <li>B) Increase biodiversity</li> <li>C) Increase tourism activity</li> </ul>
1500-1515	Short break (tea/coffee available)
1515-1600	Presentation and assimilation of results from breakout sessions
1600-1630	Final conclusions and close of meeting (Bill Mason)
1630-1830	Site visit to Glenmore forest (optional) This will include a short walk from the Glenmore visitor centre and provide an opportunity to learn more about local forestry issues.
1930	Dinner

# REGISTRATION FORM

**PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN DELEGATES REGISTRATION FORMS TO:**

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*Registration Deadline - 30<sup>th</sup> April 2010*

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<b>First name(s):</b>		<b>Country:</b>
<b>Organisation:</b>		
<b>Full Postal Address:</b>		
		<b>Postal (zip) code:</b>
<b>Email Address:</b>		
<b>Please stipulate any dietary requirements:</b>		

## CONFERENCE INFO.

**Thurs 20<sup>th</sup>**

### **Conference Fees - £25.00 (payment instructions below)**

Conference fees include DDR, all refreshments, field trip and conference dinner.

### **Accommodation**

All delegates are responsible for booking their own accommodation.

However a limited number of rooms at the Highland Hotel within the resort will be kept "on hold" until Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2010. To book go to: <http://www.macdonaldhotels.co.uk/aviemore/index.htm> and quote Forest Research as a reference.

## Optional Extras

### **Site visit to Glenmore forest**

A site visit has been organised to Glenmore forest has been arranged for Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> May from 1630-1830 hrs. This will include a short walk from the Glenmore visitor centre and provide an opportunity to learn more about local forestry issues. If you would like to attend please tick the appropriate box.

**Yes**

**No**

### **Conference Dinner**

Please indicate whether or not you wish to attend our Scottish themed conference dinner on the evening of Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> in the MacDonald Resort

**Yes**

**No**

<b>Payment Instructions</b> Payment can be made either by credit/debit card, bank transfer or by sending a cheque to: Evelyn Hall, Conference Organiser, Forest Research, Northern Research Station, Roslin, Midlothian, EH25 9SY. Details of our bank are attached and delegates wishing to pay by credit/debit card should complete the sheet attached and return to Evelyn Hall either by email or post. A receipt for which will be issued by post.		<b>Please Indicate</b>		
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## HOW TO GET THERE



### **By Road: From North (Inverness)**

Leave A9 as signposted for Aviemore (B970), turn right at T junction and follow road through Aviemore village. Turn right (2nd exit) at first roundabout into the Macdonald Aviemore Highland Resort and follow signs to Reception.

### **From South (Glasgow, Edinburgh and Perth)**

Leave A9 as signposted for Aviemore (B970), turn left at T junction and follow road into Aviemore village. Immediately after Esso garage on right, turn left into Macdonald Aviemore Highland Resort. (first exit on completion of roundabout at this junction) and follow signs to Reception

### **From Aberdeen:**

Join (A96) heading north west to Moay for 80 miles. Join the (A95) heading south west towards Aviemore for 75 miles. Turn left onto the A9 for 4 miles. Leave A9 as signposted for Aviemore (B970), turn right at T junction and follow road through Aviemore village. Turn right (2nd exit) at first roundabout into the Macdonald Aviemore Highland Resort and follow signs to Reception.

### **By Bus:**

Terminal 200metres away from resort. (coaches from London (12 hrs) Edinburgh 2 1/2 hrs) & Glasgow 3 hrs).

For information on coaches please visit: <http://www.citylink.co.uk/index.php#>

### **By Air:**

Flight time London to Inverness 1 hour 30 minutes.

Flight time London to Edinburgh or Glasgow or Aberdeen 1 hr.

(drive from airports)

2 1/2 hours from Glasgow

2 hours from Edinburgh

90 mins from Aberdeen

40 mins from Inverness

### **By Rail:**

From Edinburgh airport, take a 20-minute taxi journey or a 30-minute #100 Airport bus journey direct to Edinburgh Waverley train station. From Waverley station, take a train to Aviemore which will take approximately 3 hours.

The Aviemore station is just 200 metres away from the Macdonald resort with direct services from London Kings Cross, Edinburgh, Glasgow etc

For information on the Airport bus please visit: <http://www.flybybus.com/index.php>

For information on the Scotland trains please visit: <http://www.scotrail.co.uk/>