

United Kingdom

Reporting Form 3.5: Forests under management plans

Pan-European indicator 3.5: Proportion of forest and other wooded land under a management plan or equivalent.

Related SoEF definitions: Forest management plan, Equivalent of forest management plan.

Table 3.5: Forests under management plans

Category	Year	Management plans	Equivalents	Total
		(%)		
Forest	2010	44	14	58
	2005	40	10	50
	2000	45	11	56
	1990	6	38	45
Other wooded land	2010	0	0	0
	2005	0	0	0
	2000	0	0	0
	1990	0	0	0
Total forest and other wooded land	2010	44	14	57
	2005	40	10	50
	2000	44	11	55
	1990	6	38	44

Country comments:

Category	Comments related to data, definitions, etc.	Comment on trend(s)
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Management plans	This report uses updated information on Forest Design Plans for state forests, together with a new compilation of grant scheme data for England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland to estimate areas with management plans and equivalents in grant schemes. Grant scheme data shown as 1990 use 1995 data (the earliest available) for England and Wales.	Formal Forest Design Plans for state forests were introduced in the 1990s, so for 1990 all areas are just considered to have equivalents. By 2000, most areas were covered: in 2000 around 15% (130k ha) were not covered, by 2005 only 4% (20k ha) of state forests in Scotland and 9% (20k ha) of state forests in England remained uncovered and by 2010 the only remaining area was less than 4% (7k ha) in England, where it has been agreed with the regulatory authorities that plans are not needed. Total areas (thousand hectares) reported as having management plans in grant schemes were 167 in 1990/1995, 492 in 2000, 330 in 2005 and 450 in 2010.
Equivalents	Comments on management plans also apply to equivalents. The latest approach to estimating total area under grant schemes differs from previous estimates, which included areas where woodland creation had been grant aided even if not receiving continuing payment.	In estimating total areas (thousand hectares) for management plan and equivalent include (a) total state forest: 956 in 1990, 886 in 2000, 858 in 2005 and 829 for 2010; and (b) total area in grant schemes: 210 in 1990/1995, 669 in 2000, 565 in 2005 and 838 for 2010.

Complementary information:

Item	Related information	Other comments
Types of documents included in category "management plan"	For FC/FS state forest, areas with formal Forest Design Plans. For other woodland, areas having management plans in grant schemes.	

Types of documents included in category "equivalents"	For FC/FS state forest, areas without formal Forest Design Plans, as they should all have some plan that can be treated as equivalent. For other woodland, areas in grant schemes without management plans, as they should have a plan of some sort in place in order to obtain grant. Areas covered by a felling licence could also be considered as "equivalent", but not included for this report.	
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Reporting notes:

1. Figures are to be reported separately and exclusively for the two categories. The percentages of forest land and of other wooded land covered by the following categories should be reported:
a) <u>forest management plans</u> , defined by the MCPFE as "Information (in the form of text, maps, tables and graphs) collected during (periodic) forest inventories at operational forest units level (stands, compartments), and operations planned for individual stands or compartments to reach the management goals (MCPFE, 2002)".
b) <u>equivalents</u> , defined by the MCPFE as "Information collected on forest area, at forest management or aggregated forest management unit level (forest blocks, farms, enterprises, watersheds, municipalities, or wider units), and strategies/management activities planned to reach the management or development goals" (MCPFE, 2002).
2. The maximum sum of area covered is up to 100% of total FOWL. Areas covered by a management plan and an equivalent should thus be counted only once, and reported in category " <i>Management plans</i> ".
3. Data sources: please specify sources separately for forest, other wooded land and total FOWL if sources differ.

Data sources:

References to sources of information	Quality (H/M/L)	Table 3.5 Category	Year(s)	Type of inventory	Additional comments
Forestry Statistics databases	H	all	All		Area of state forests
FC/FE/FS operational management systems.	H	equivalents	All	Management	Area without formal design plans
FC grant schemes	M	management plans	All	derived from admin databases for grants	Area with management plans in grant schemes
FC grant schemes	M	total	All	derived from admin databases for grants	Total area in grant schemes.

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