

# Scots Pine Timber Quality in North Scotland: Resource Availability and Market Potential

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### Venue

**Horizon Scotland, The Enterprise Park, Forres, Moray, Scotland, IV36 2AB**  
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Scots pine forests play a key role in the rural economy, delivering a sustainable supply of timber in addition to biodiversity, landscape and recreation benefits. Scots pine is of particular importance in north Scotland, where it comprises a third of the conifer forest area.

This seminar presents results from recent research into the timber quality and market potential of the Scots pine resource, including:

- Current management and utilisation
- Tools and techniques for assessing timber quality in trees and logs
- A survey of timber quality in forests across north Scotland
- Market development study
- Trials of new products

The event will be of interest to all growers, managers, processors and users of Scots pine.

## Seminar Programme

### Scots Pine Timber Quality in North Scotland: *Resource Availability and Market Potential*

Chair: Priscilla Gordon-Duff (Chair of Grampian Regional Forestry Forum)

- From 09.30**      **Coffee & registration**
- 10.00**            Welcome  
*Priscilla Gordon-Duff*
- 10.05 - 10.20**    Opening address  
*Richard Lochhead, Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs & Environment*
- 10.20 – 10.40**    Scotland's Timber Development Programme - markets for home grown timber  
*John Kissock OBE, Chair: Timber Development Programme Steering Group*
- 10.40 – 11.05**    Scots pine resource: current management and utilisation  
*Elsbeth Macdonald, Forest Research*
- 11.05 – 11.25**    **Coffee**
- 11.25 – 11.50**    Assessing Scots pine timber quality  
*Barry Gardiner, Forest Research*
- 11.50 - 12.15**    Mechanical properties of Scots pine timber  
*John Moore, Edinburgh Napier University Centre for Timber Engineering*
- 12.15 – 12.30**    Questions on morning session
- 12.30 – 13.45**    **LUNCH** and demonstrations (acoustic tools, displays from local timber users etc)
- 13.45 – 14.10**    Scots pine and home grown timber in architecture  
*Mark Williams, HRI Architects*
- 14.10 – 14.35**    Future markets for Scots pine timber  
*Ivor Davies, Edinburgh Napier University Centre for Timber Engineering*
- 14.35 – 15.00**    Product development  
*Geoff Cooper, Building Research Establishment*
- 15.00 – 15.15**    Questions, discussion and sum-up



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