



Forestry Commission Scotland
Coimisean na Coilltearachd Alba

Conifer diversification

Grants through SRDP

Woodland creation

Landscape priority GRA14

- Productive woodland must be on land suitable for timber production and be accessible for timber transport.S

Design criteria

Woodland creation options	Minimum area	Composition	Stocking density
Productive conifer (low cost)	5.0Ha	Up to 85% conifers but predominantly spruce, 5% broadleaves 10% OG	Spruce 2500 NBL 1100
Productive conifer (high cost)	5.0Ha	Up to 85% other conifers eg SP,DF,EL 5% broadleaves 10% OG	Pine 3000 EL,DF 2000 NBL 1600
Mixed conifer/broadleaf	0.25 - 10Ha	80% mixed conifer/Nbl Nbl to make up at least 50% of planted area. Conifers not less than 25% 20% OG	Conifers 2500 Pine 3000 Nbl 1600

Rates for planting

type	rate70% Ha. per yr.	Rate 80% Ha. per yr.	Maint. Rate Ha. per
Productive (low cost)	£1206.80	£1379.20	£161X5yrs.
Productive (high cost)	£1444.80	£1651.20	£186X5yrs
Mixed con/nbl	£2144.10	£2450.40	£222X5yrs

Policy

- Diversification through restructuring and improvements in the biodiversity of planted woodlands are Priorities in the Scottish Forestry Strategy.
- Various packages give support for a range of Management practises and operations that will help to maintain or enhance the biodiversity of non native woods.

Sustainable Management of Forests

- Restructuring felling areas of even aged plantations £130 / Ha per year for 4 years.
- Restructuring regeneration with diverse conifers £134 / Ha per year
- The above only provides support for conifers other than “Sitka”. However SS eligible if plants have been produced by Veg. prop. (Planting records must be submitted)
- LISS, Deer Management etc also included

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