

Woodland Carbon Code: Data to March 2014

Introduction

The Woodland Carbon Code is a voluntary standard, initiated in July 2011, for woodland creation projects that make claims about the carbon they sequester (take out of the atmosphere).

All projects must be placed on the Register of UK Woodland Carbon Projects. Their claims about potential carbon sequestration are validated by an independent certification body. Validated projects are then verified on a regular basis to confirm the progress of carbon sequestration.

Woodland Carbon Code Statistics are released on a quarterly basis at:

www.forestry.gov.uk/forestry/inf-d-93yjte

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Table 1 Woodland Carbon Code projects in the UK

	Validated	Awaiting validation	Total
Number of projects			
September 2011	2	25	27
December 2011	3	36	39
March 2012	11	46	57
June 2012	17	41	58
September 2012	19	59	78
December 2012	22	67	89
March 2013	36	69	105
June 2013	42	91	133
September 2013	49	93	142
December 2013	63	129	192
March 2014	67	135	202
Area of woodland (hectares)			
September 2011	49	1,679	1,728
December 2011	319	1,887	2,206
March 2012	795	1,972	2,767
June 2012	1,098	1,684	2,782
September 2012	1,109	1,835	2,943
December 2012	1,134	1,877	3,011
March 2013	1,488	2,073	3,561
June 2013	2,063	12,105	14,168
September 2013	2,136	12,006	14,142
December 2013	2,503	12,679	15,183
March 2014	2,824	12,576	15,401
Projected carbon sequestration¹ (thousand tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent)			
September 2011	26	722	748
December 2011	137	791	928
March 2012	354	930	1,283
June 2012	474	824	1,298
September 2012	480	891	1,372
December 2012	500	895	1,395
March 2013	655	1,137	1,792
June 2013	951	4,204	5,154
September 2013	986	4,097	5,083
December 2013	1,156	4,460	5,617
March 2014	1,323	4,364	5,687

Source: Forestry Commission

Notes:

1. Figures for carbon sequestration indicate the total projected sequestration of the projects over their lifetime of up to 100 years, and include the amount claimable by a project plus the amount allocated to a shared "buffer" in case of unanticipated losses.

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Table 2 Woodland Carbon Code projects at 31 March 2014

	England	Scotland	Wales	Northern Ireland	UK
Number of projects					
Validated	18	46	3	0	67
Awaiting validation	95	35	4	1	135
Total	113	81	7	1	202
Area of woodland (hectares)					
Validated	550	2,222	52	0	2,824
Awaiting validation	1,531	10,858	179	9	12,576
Total	2,081	13,080	231	9	15,401
Projected carbon sequestration¹ (thousand tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent)					
Validated	308	982	33	0	1,323
Awaiting validation	985	3,292	84	3	4,364
Total	1,293	4,274	116	3	5,687

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