

Forest Certification

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Forest Certification was developed in the UK to provide timber purchasing customers with the reassurance that the timber they buy comes from a sustainably managed forest.



Scottish Woodlands was the first major national player to achieve FSC® accreditation in 1999. PEFC™ certification then followed in 2010. Certification schemes provide the assurance that timber sold comes from a responsibly managed forest based on a rigorous system of independent auditing and full traceability for timber products.

Scottish Woodlands operates a Group Forest Certification Scheme which allows our clients to voluntarily demonstrate their commitment to responsible forest management and is independently audited and accredited by Soil Association to the requirements of both FSC® and PEFC™.

The advantages of the group scheme are

- The sharing costs across the group scheme membership. This greatly reduces the cost compared to providing certification for an individual property.
- Access to the certified timber market, which accounts for over 80% of all the timber sold in the UK.
- A significant price premium for certified timber

We carry out formal assessment and surveillance of our clients' forests to ensure that management meets the UK Woodland Assurance Standard, endorsed by

both FSC® and PEFC™, and by which sustainable forest management is assessed. While the Soil Association will audit a sample of the group scheme properties each year.

Using the extensive experience we have developed in both Forest Certification and forestry management, we provide clients with a cost-effective and practical approach to meeting the certification standard. The volume of timber sales we complete also gives us a clear understanding of the timber processor's requirements for certified timber purchases.

We have the knowledge and expertise to undertake work at any scale. The company offers clients a comprehensive range of forestry and estate services to the highest professional standards, optimising returns to the timber grower, especially when woodlands are certified. Scottish Woodlands has an integrated management system for quality, environment and health and safety including adoption of corporate social responsibility. This provides a framework to support the certification process. The company was among the founding members of the Forest Industry Safety Accord (FISA) which makes a commitment to health, safety and welfare across the industry and also the Forest Industry Environment Group.

Membership of Group Certification Scheme

- Application and Formal Assessment
- Public Consultation
- Approval and Ongoing Monitoring
- Periodic Inspection and Support Visit for Full Members and Associates
- Management Adheres to UKWAS

Benefits of Certification

- Premium on Timber Sold
- Permit Access to Certified Timber Processors
- Demonstrate Commitment to Responsible Forest Management
- Access to Expert Advice on Environmental Forest Management
- Internationally Recognised Certification
- Externally Audited

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