

Permanent forest sink initiative

Forest Sink Plan



FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

Date received:

Region:

No: 16/ / :

*Required fields must be completed

Objective:

The Forest Sink Plan outlines how the forest has been or will be established and its intended ongoing management practices. The Plan will form Schedule 3 of the Forest Sink Covenant.

The plan provides evidence that the forest has been or will be established as a result of direct human intervention on eligible land and that the establishment of the forest has not/will not involve the clearance of 5 or more hectares of land predominantly in naturally occurring indigenous tree species. It also provides a broad outline of intended management practices to ensure a permanent **eligible** forest is established and maintained.

Eligible Forest¹

An eligible forest is defined in the PFSI regulations as an area of land of:

- at least 1 ha;
- that has, or will have at maturity, tree crown cover (or equivalent stocking level) of more than 30% in each hectare;
- in which the trees have the potential to reach a minimum height of 5m at maturity *in situ*.

Excluded are:

- shelterbelts with an average width of less than 30m;
- other forest (e.g. riparian strips) where the average width is less than 30m unless contiguous with other eligible forest; or
- horticultural crops.

Mapping:

A map or maps must be appended that identify:

- the boundaries of the land title(s) under which the Forest Sink Area²(s) are located;
- landholding boundaries;
- the Forest Sink Area: including the boundaries of the land or parts of the land making up the Forest Sink Area and the boundaries according to different species or management practices within the forest sink area; and
- roads and access points.

Land Eligibility*	
Describe the land cover and land use of the proposed Forest Sink Area as at 31 December 1989	
List evidence appended to this Plan verifying that the land is eligible (eg include aerial photography [with date taken] around 1990, farm records and current or recent photography)	

¹ For a complete definition of eligible forest refer to the Forests (Permanent Forest Sink) Regulations 2007.

² A Forest Sink Area is the land which is eligible to earn carbon units and which will be subject to the Forest Sink Covenant.

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Has/will the establishment of the forest(s) involve the clearance of not more than 5 hectares of indigenous tree species?*	
Yes/No	<input type="checkbox"/>
If Yes: Details (append additional necessary information to application form)	

Access Details*	
How access should be gained to the land and who to contact to notify that access is needed.	
Map Reference 260 series:	

Management of Forest Sink Area*						
Block ID	Species/ Forest Type	Area Submitted (hectares)	Area Approved (hectares) MAF Use Only	Year of establishment	Planted Stocking Rate, or % tree cover ³	Details of Forest Management: (e.g. fencing, thinning, pruning)

³ A minimum crown cover or equivalent stocking of 30% of each hectare must be maintained.

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Other relevant details: (further information may be appended to the Plan)	
Block ID	Details

Future Harvesting Intention Details of future harvesting intentions (up to 20% of the forests basal area per hectare allowed to be harvested, forest to recover before additional harvest allowed)	
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Grazing and Pest Control Details of future stock grazing intentions if any within forest sink area.	
Details of pest control to be undertaken within forest sink area	

Site Description	
Soil Type	
Annual Rainfall	
Altitude (average) Low (0-200m) Medium (200-400m) High (400+m)	
Other relevant site description details: (append necessary information to application form)	



General Comments

Declaration:

I/we hereby declare that the above statements and particulars are correct and complete and that the information supplied by me/us shall form the basis of the PFSI covenant.

Use of information

I consent to information contained in this application being used to inform New Zealand's international reporting and accounting under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and the Kyoto Protocol (or equivalent international agreement).

Signed by landowner(s):*			
Landowner 1:	Name:	Signature:	Date:
Landowner 2:	Name:	Signature:	Date:
Landowner 3:	Name:	Signature:	Date:
Landowner 4:	Name:	Signature:	Date: