

Forest Products **POCKET FACTS | 2013**



Forest Products

—responsibly managing Queensland’s native forest and quarry resources

Who we are

Forest Products is a commercially focused business unit within the Queensland Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.

What we do

We manage native forest timber production and the sale of quarry materials from state forests, timber reserves and other state- controlled lands, as well as other tenures where quarry materials have been reserved to or are owned by the state. We do this across Queensland under the Forestry Act 1959.

Our business goal is to maximise financial returns from the management of native forest products and quarry materials from state lands within environmental and community expectations. Our primary customers are timber processors and quarry operators.

We work in partnership with key industry, community and government stakeholders to ensure the responsible management and efficient supply of Queensland’s native forest and quarry resources for the benefit of all Queenslanders.

Cover photograph: Forest Products staff and an auditor from NCS International Pty Ltd discuss local operational systems in Injune office, as part of the February 2013 surveillance audit against the requirements of the Australian Forestry Standard AS 4708-2007.

From left - Trevor Beetson (Manager, Southwest Forest Management Area), Ross Garsden (Principal Auditor, NCS International Pty Ltd), Neville Harland (Forest Ranger in Charge, Injune), Simon Cottier (Senior Policy Officer, Sustainability and Operations Policy) and Leslie Postle (Administrative Officer, Injune). Photograph by David Ward (Manager, Sustainability and Operations Policy).



Native cypress forest

Product	2010–11	2011–12	2012–13
Hardwood sawlogs	71 762 m ³	68 957 m ³	82 596 m ³
Cypress sawlogs	119 909 m ³	108 432 m ³	109 007 m ³
Landscaping and fencing timber	6 714 m ³	15 267 m ³	21 287 m ³
Mining timber	142 m ³	0 m ³	26 m ³
Girders, corbels, piles and sills	707 m ³	718 m ³	898 m ³
Hardwood poles	7 829 m ³	5 535 m ³	8 441 m ³
Other hardwood round timber	1 779 m ³	2 068 m ³	1 877 m ³
Sandalwood ^a	252 m ³	157 m ³	145 m ³
		(168 t)	(155 t)
Total log timber	209 095 m ³	201 134 m ³	224 277 m ³
Total quarry material ^a	4 524 122 m ³	5 654 758 m ³	5 975 049 m ³
		(9 047 612 t)	(9 560 078 t)
Australian Forestry Standard (AFS) performance indicators	2010–11	2011–12	2012–13
Defined Forest Area ^b	3 256 182 ha	3 224 134 ha	3 875 312 ha
Volume of sawlog supplied to chain-of-custody certified sawmills	108 348 m ³	100 202 m ³	90 865 m ³
Workplace injuries ^c	2010–11	2011–12	2012–13
Number of lost-time injuries	2	2	1
Lost-time injuries per million work hours	13.4	12.1	6.4
Average days lost per injury	2.5	1.5	25.9

- a Quarry material and sandalwood sales are currently reported in both tonnes and cubic metres to align with agency service delivery statements.
- b The Defined Forest Area (DFA) is the area of land to which Forest Products applies the Australian Forestry Standard AS 4708:2007. DFA maps are available on the department's website at www.daff.qld.gov.au
- c Work-related injuries accepted by WorkCover.

Our key achievements for 2012–13

Improved access to native state forests

During 2012-13 Forest Products commenced implementation of the Government's policy decisions aimed at revitalising the forest and timber industry and restoring long-term access to native forests.

In line with Government's decision to resume timber production in state forests previously excluded from timber production, we commenced negotiations with the timber industry to determine appropriate future access arrangements to additional timber resources made available by this decision.

During late 2012 new long term sale permits were negotiated with eligible cypress sawmillers, providing them with assured access to state-owned cypress sawlog timber for 25 years commencing 1 January 2013.

We have increased access security by beekeepers to native state forest in central and southern Queensland by converting all apiary sites to permanent status where that did not exist. We have also enhanced procedures that give consideration to new apiary sites where suitable areas are available on state forest.

Development of Queensland Forest and Timber Industry Plan

A working group chaired by Timber Queensland and comprising representatives from the Housing Industry Association, HQPlantations Pty Ltd and the department developed the Queensland Forest and Timber Industry Plan (the Plan) during 2012. The Plan was designed to provide a basis for the long-term growth and innovation of the Queensland-based forest and timber industry.

The Plan recognises the important contributions made by all industry sectors and is built around three strategic priority areas:

- timber markets and community support
- business environment and manufacturing
- forest resource.

Following its consideration of the Plan in June 2013, the Queensland Government endorsed the proposed actions in the Plan for implementation in conjunction with industry.

Fire season

In 2012, Queensland experienced one of the most severe and protracted bushfire seasons ever experienced. Forest Products in cooperation with other agencies, volunteer rural bush fire brigades, the timber industry and local landholders responded to 60 bushfires occurring in native forest timber production areas on State forest in southern Queensland.

Following the bushfires, which burnt about 160 000 hectares of native state forest, we commenced a harvesting program to salvage some 175 000 tonnes of damaged commercial cypress log timber. This material is being supplied to sawmills across southern inland Queensland, assisting many regional economies by utilising a resource that would otherwise have been wasted.



Record quarry material sales

Over recent years there has been strong demand for quarry materials to support construction of infrastructure for expanding coal, gas and other mining operations, particularly in and around the Bowen, Galilee and Surat Basins. There is also continuing demand for quarry resources for industrial, commercial and residential development, post-natural disaster reconstruction works and from local government authorities for the maintenance of their network of gravel roads.

In 2012-13, the sale of quarry material by Forest Products continued its upward trend of recent years, with a record level of over 5.9 million cubic metres (or over 9.5 million tonnes). This represents around 16 per cent of quarry materials used in Queensland each year for infrastructure, industry and community development.

Our products

Native hardwoods

We sell log timber to regionally based processing companies in line with the Queensland Government's timber supply commitments.

In 2012–13, we sold 82 596 cubic metres of native forest hardwood sawlogs and 21 287 cubic metres of miscellaneous hardwood products to timber processors and other customers. In addition, we sold 7 603 cubic metres of round timbers. Spotted Gum Queensland's native hardwood timbers, such as spotted gum (*Corymbia citriodora*), are strong, dense and durable in exposed use. Therefore, they are well suited to a variety of uses including building construction, bridge girders, electricity poles, landscape applications and furniture.

We also sell Queensland sandalwood (*Santalum lanceolatum*), which is valued for its aromatic oil content. During 2012–13, 145 cubic metres (approximately 120 tonnes) of sandalwood was selectively harvested, processed and exported under export licence to Asian markets principally for the production of incense and joss sticks.



Cypress

Cypress (*Callitris glaucophylla*) is another key commercial species that Forest Products manages for timber production on state-controlled land. We supply around 95 per cent of Queensland's cypress log timber. During 2012–13 we sold 109 007 cubic metres of cypress sawlogs to regionally based processors.

Cypress is strong and durable with a light-brown, knotty appearance. It is used in house construction, including flooring and exposed uses such as decking, cladding and fencing.

Cypress decking



Quarry material

Under the provisions of the Forestry Act 1959, we sell quarry material from land where the material has been reserved to or is owned by the state. During 2012–13, we sold a record 5.9 million cubic metres (or over 9.5 million tonnes) of quarry material such as crushed aggregate, road base, sand, gravel, fill, landscape rock and pebbles. Most of this material was used in mining-related activities, major regional infrastructure projects, flood recovery works and general construction.

We administer about 200 quarry material sales permits covering a series of large scale quarries and a range of smaller regional and local quarries across the state. Before releasing new state-owned quarry resources to the market, we ensure that the proposed quarry is suitably located from an environmental, community and industry perspective and can co-exist with adjoining land uses.



John Ludlow (Manager, Southeast Forest Management Area) with quarry material

Our forest management

Forest Products is committed to the responsible management of state-controlled native forest resources and to maintaining forest management certification to internationally recognised standards.

To maintain certification, we have implemented a systematic approach to forest management that drives our planning and policy decision-making, and our implementation and monitoring of operations, in a framework of continual improvement. Our forest management system is certified to comply with the Australian Forestry Standard AS 4708:2007 (AFS).

Certification to the standard independently verifies that we manage timber production in a professional and responsible manner that is environmentally appropriate, socially beneficial and economically viable.

The AFS is internationally recognised through the Program for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC), which is the world's largest forest certification body.

Our AFS certification enables us to supply our timber processing customers with a certified native forest product. Our customers can build on this through their own chain of custody certification. They can then label and promote the environmental integrity of their timber products, providing access to those discerning markets requiring timber sourced from legally and responsibly managed sources.

As at 30 June 2013, eight of our customers carried certification to the chain-of-custody standard, Chain of Custody for Certified Wood and Forest Products AS 4707:2006. This means that 47 per cent of Forest Products sawlog removals are being sold to certified customers.



Forests certified as sustainably managed





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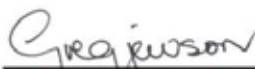
Operates a management system
that complies with the requirements of:

AS 4708:2007

The Scope of Certification is:

Activities related to the commercial harvest and sale of native forest products
from within Forest Products' Defined Forest Area

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On behalf of the board members



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Forest Products AFS certificate



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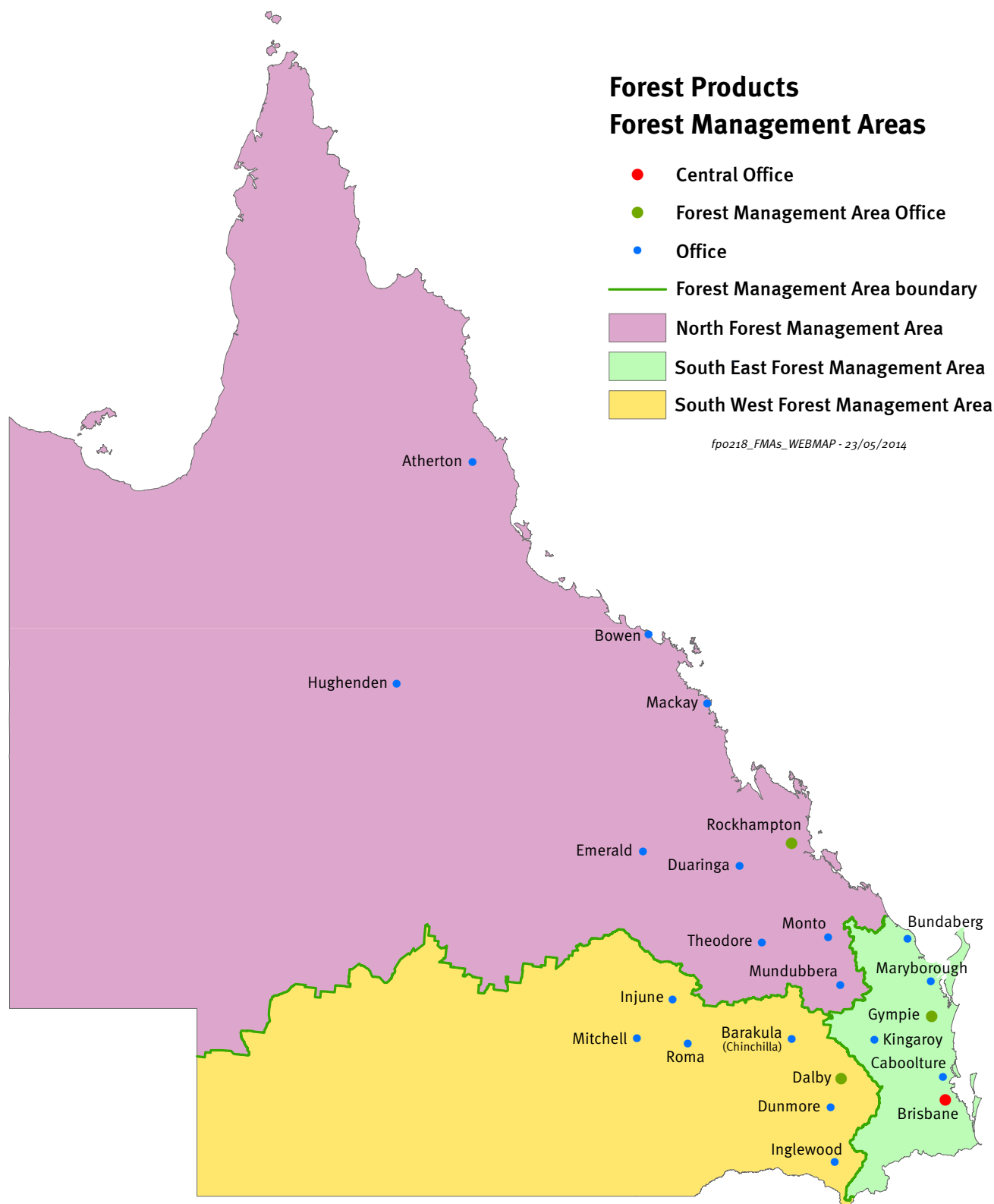
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Forest Products forest management areas

Our commitment to responsible forest management

In keeping with the AFS/PEFC certification of our own forest management system, Forest Products uses only paper products sourced from forests that have been certified as responsibly managed.

Sunrock Hard Rock Quarry, Beerburrum



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