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PRESIDENT'S COMMENT

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Last NZIF newsletter for 2012

This is the 49th and final newsletter for 2012. I wish all of you – NZIF members and members of the NZIF Pacific Forestry Special Interest Group – and your families a very happy and safe Christmas and holiday period, free from forest fires and pest incursions. The newsletter will be back in January, either on the 11th or the 18th, depending on the motivation of the production team and the number of contributions you have all sent in.

For the final newsletter of the year I want to thank some of those who have contributed to a very active NZIF year. This includes:

The Council – James Treadwell, David Evison, Chayne Zinsli, John Schrider, Murray Parrish, Chris Goulding served for the whole year, John Vaney, Geoff Thorp, Bert Hughes for the first half and Simon Rapley, Bob Pocknall and Kent Chalmers for the second half.

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Administrator – Jay Matthes.

Registration Board – John Schrider, Ian Page, Dave Lowry, Don Hammond, Alex Sutherland and Registrar Mike Marren for the full year, Janet Scott replaced Peter Gorman mid-year.

Fellows' Committee – John Galbraith, Peter Berg and Russell Dale.

Valuation Working Party – Bruce Manley, Peter Berg, Philip Elworthy, Peter Gorman, Ian Jenkins, Bill Liley, Andre Neumann, Nick Ping, Brian Rawley, Rudolf van Rensburg, Theo Vos, Alan Bell and David Skilton.

Journal – Piers Maclaren and Mike Smith earlier in the year, then Julian Bateson.

Newsletter – Helen McDonald (also helps with Journal).

Local section and special interest group committees.

The 2012 Conference committee, led by Phil Taylor, for their splendid job in Christchurch and the committee working on the 2013 conference in New Plymouth.

Websites – Cyberglue (main website) and Don Campbell (Journal website).

Here are some of the achievements of this group of people, on behalf of NZIF members and often at little cost to NZIF members:

- Record membership of NZIF
- Increase in number of registered members
- A wonderful conference in Christchurch – well attended, great papers and field trips
- A new set of rules adopted by the AGM
- Four issues of the Journal of Forestry, including a change of editor and 49 electronic newsletters
- Ever-expanding content on website
- ETS workshops in four centres
- Local section meetings on new rules in six centres
- Workshops on the Real Estate Agents Act and PI Insurance in four centres
- Charitable Trust (NZIF Foundation) established
- Appearance on TVNZ's *Fair Go* programme (Real Estate Agents and the ETS) and on National Radio's *Nine to Noon* (rail sleepers and biosecurity)
- Representation at Land and Water Forum and on Royal Society of NZ Biological & Life Sciences Vice President's Advisory Panel
- Numerous local section events
- Submissions and representations on issues such as:
 - Climate change and ETS
 - BRANZ Environmental Profiling Plan
 - Sustainable Carrying Capacity of NZ
 - Imports of rail sleepers from Peru
 - Lobbying Disclosure Bill
 - Australian Illegal Logging legislation
 - Impact of Real Estate Agents Act on NZIF members
 - Scion's GM trial
 - Impact of HSNO Act on research.

Finally, a big thank you to all NZIF members. Without your support, none of the above achievements would have been possible.



Real Estate Agents Act

News this week that a Gore man, Ewen James McLeod, has been convicted and fined \$5,000 for carrying out real estate agency work without a licence. McLeod had apparently assisted a couple with the sale of their home by advertising, showing potential buyers through the home and holding an open day. At sentencing the judge is reported to have said “The moment you had direct contact with any prospective purchaser you were acting on behalf of the vendors and acting as a real estate agent”.

A real estate transaction can include the sale, purchase or other disposal or acquisition of a freehold estate or interest in land, the grant, sale, purchase or other disposal or acquisition of a leasehold estate or interest in land and the sale, purchase or other disposal or acquisition of any business (either with or without any interest in land).

How many NZIF members have or could find themselves in a situation where a client wants to sell a forest and asks the member to canvass some possible purchasers? How many may have stepped across the judge’s boundary “the moment you had direct contact with any prospective purchaser ...”?

The Council is continuing to pursue an exemption for NZIF registered members from the need to be a licensed real estate agent. Exemptions are provided for under the Act, but as far as we know, NZIF is the first association to seek one. We are maintaining contact with a number of other interested professional associations over this issue.

Book sales

Don’t forget the books currently available for purchase including some with discounts and some that will result in contributions to the NZIF Foundation.

One book is available directly from the NZIF (email admin@nzif.org.nz):

- *Fire in the Hills* – a history of rural fire-fighting in New Zealand. Plenty of stories, memories, wisdom, identities and history in this book to wet your appetites and help the NZIF Foundation at the same time.

Other books are purchased from the publishers – more details later in the newsletter.

Outstanding requests

Thank you to those who have responded to some recent requests for input into some aspects of NZIF work. But it would be good to have more. The topics are:

- *Priorities for next year.* In the last newsletter (2012/48) I asked you to tell me what you would like to see the Council focus on next year (or to stop doing). So far I have only had two responses, which represents 0.24% of the membership. Hardly a mandate for action.
- *Forest policy.* This request for some help on a forest policy review was also in last week’s newsletter (2012/48). I have also approached a number of people separately for some more specific help, but still need more.
- *Pacific Forestry Special Interest Group.* Two weeks ago I emailed all members of this group asking for feedback on what it was doing/might do. I have received a number of useful responses, but more are needed.

I thank all those who have responded to these requests (and apologise to those whose input I have not yet acknowledged). I hope others will find a little bit of time over the next couple of weeks to help me. Email responses to president@nzif.org.nz.



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MEMBER'S FORUM

(Please keep Guest Comment and Member's Forum contributions to around 300 words. Send contributions as an email attachment (Word document) to newsletter@nzif.org.nz)

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NZIF BUSINESS

Membership changes

The following membership changes were approved by the Council Membership Committee during November 2012:

Admitted as a member

Peter Auge	Rotorua	Ordinary Member
Tim Crone	Melbourne	Graduate Member

Reinstated as a member

Karina Bohle	Rotorua	Associate Member
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Resignations

Ross Hodder	Raglan	Associate Member (effective 31 March 2013)
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Resumed membership after period on-hold

Yannina Whiteley	Christchurch	Ordinary Member
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The committee noted the following decisions from the Registration Board:

Registration approved

Steve Chandler	Invercargill
Chris Goulding	Rotorua
Rob van Rossen	Auckland

Registration cancelled (revert to Ordinary Member)

Tony Watt	Havelock North
Branislav Zoric	Melbourne

Summary of membership

Membership at 30 November (includes five with membership on-hold and 12 whose members' rights are suspended due to non-payment of annual subs and excludes one who has resigned with effect from 31 March 2013) was:

Honorary	9
Retired	76
Registered	95
Ordinary	433
Graduate	48
Associate	108
Student	<u>82</u>
Total	<u>851</u>

This is an increase of two since 31 October 2012, but a decrease of 29 since 31 March 2012.



Membership in arrears

At 31 October 2012, 12 members (seven ordinary, three graduate and two associate) had not paid their 2012/13 fees. All membership rights for these members have now been suspended. If payment is not received by 30 April 2013, the Council may have their names removed from the register of members.

Fellows' Committee – call for nominations

Nominations are called for members of the next NZIF Fellows' Committee. The NZIF Rules provide for a Fellows' Committee whose function is to provide advice to the NZIF Council on matters of concern to Fellows and Honorary Members or on request from the Council. The convenor of the committee has a casting vote in the event of equal votes being cast for the position of NZIF President.

The committee is made up of three Fellows or Honorary Members, elected by the Fellows and Honorary members. The committee elects one of its members as Convenor. The current committee is John Galbraith (Convenor), Peter Berg and Russell Dale.

The term of the new committee will be two years, beginning on 1 June 2013.

Any two Honorary, Retired (other than Retired Associate), Registered or Ordinary Members may make a nomination.

Nominations in the form set out at the end of this newsletter should be lodged with the Administrator (admin@nzif.org.nz) no later than 5:00 pm on **Friday 15 February 2013**. (Forms can be emailed without signatures – the Administrator will contact those involved to check agreement to be a nominator or nominee.)

If there are more than three nominations, an election will be held during **March 2013** in which all NZIF Honorary Members and Fellows will be entitled to participate.

Current NZIF Honorary Members and Fellows are:

Barton	Mr	Ian	Retired Member, Fellow
Bassett	Dr	Colin	Retired Member, Fellow
Berg	Mr	Peter	Ordinary Member, Fellow
Beveridge	Mr	Anthony	Honorary Member
Bigsby	Dr	Hugh	Ordinary Member, Fellow
Brown	Mr	Peter	Registered Member, Fellow
Burdon	Dr	Rowland	Ordinary Member, Fellow
Carle	Mr	James	Ordinary Member, Fellow
Childs	Mr	Bruce	Retired Member, Fellow
Christmas	Mr	Jeremy	Ordinary Member, Fellow
Clark	Mr	Peter	Registered Member, Fellow
Cleghorn	Mr	William	Honorary Member
Cown	Dr	David	Ordinary Member, Fellow
Cumberland	Mr	Garth	Retired Registered Member, Fellow
Dale	Mr	Russell	Ordinary Member, Fellow
Downey	Mr	Barrie	Ordinary Member, Fellow
Field	Mr	David	Retired Member, Fellow
Galbraith	Mr	John	Registered Member, Fellow
Goulding	Dr	Chris	Registered Member, Fellow
Grayburn	Mr	Anthony	Honorary Member, Fellow
Groome	Mr	John	Honorary Member, Fellow
Guild	Mr	Dennys	Registered Member, Fellow
Ledgard	Mr	Nicholas	Ordinary Member, Fellow

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Levack	Mr	Hamish	Registered Member, Fellow
Libby	Prof Emeritus	William	Honorary Member
Maclaren	Mr	Piers	Registered Member, Fellow
Manley	Professor	Bruce	Registered Member, Fellow
Mason	Associate Professor	Euan	Ordinary Member, Fellow
McEwen	Dr	Andrew	Registered Member, Fellow
McKenzie	Mr	Colin	Retired Member, Fellow
Mead	Dr	Donald	Retired Member, Fellow
Norton	Professor	David	Ordinary Member, Fellow
Perley	Mr	Christopher	Registered Member, Fellow
Purey-Cust	Mr	John	Ordinary Member, Fellow
Rhodes	Mr	David	Ordinary Member, Fellow
Richards	Mr	Christopher	Registered Member, Fellow
Ruru	Mr	John	Ordinary Member, Fellow
Schrider	Mr	John	Registered Member, Fellow
Spiers	Mr	JJK	Honorary Member, Fellow
Stevenson	Mr	Hugh	Ordinary Member, Fellow
Studholme	Mr	William	Retired Member, Fellow
Sutton	Dr	Wink	Retired Member, Fellow
Sweet	Professor	Geoffrey	Retired Member, Fellow
Taylor	Mr	Philip	Ordinary Member, Fellow
Thode	Mr	Peter	Ordinary Member, Fellow
Vaney	Mr	John	Registered Member, Fellow
Wardle	Dr	JA	Retired Member, Fellow
Weston	Mr	Graham	Honorary Member
White	Professor	Thomas	Honorary Member
Wijewardana	Mr	Don	Retired Member, Fellow
Wilcox	Dr	Michael	Retired Member, Fellow
Williams	Dr	Morgan	Honorary Member
Woollons	Dr	Richard	Retired Member, Fellow

For enquiries regarding the election, contact the NZIF Administrator Jay Matthes, email admin@nzif.org.nz, phone (04) 974 8421.

2013 Conference – mark your diaries

The 2013 NZIF AGM and Conference is scheduled to be held in New Plymouth from Sunday 30 June to Wednesday 3 July 2013. Make a decision to attend and block out the dates in your diary now.

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Buy books to help fund NZIF Foundation assistance to forestry education

Purchase of any of the following books will mean some funding for the NZIF Foundation – but only if you place orders as indicated below:



- **Fire in the Hills – A History of Rural Firefighting**, by Helen Beaglehole (Canterbury University Press). Price \$50, order from admin@nzif.org.nz
- **With Hillary at Scott Base, A Kiwi Among the Penguins**, written by Vern Gerard (Bateson Publishing Ltd). 150 pages full colour and black and white photographs, price \$30. Place orders with bateson.publish@xtra.co.nz, phone (04) 385 9705, and mention the NZIF Foundation offer.
- **Field Guide to New Zealand Native Trees**, by John Dawson & Rob Lucas (Craig Potton Publishing). NZIF price \$42.49 (free delivery in NZ). Order online at www.craigpotton.co.nz and make sure you use the **discount code NZIFF12** or email foundation@nzif.org.nz to request a flyer/order form.
- **New Zealand Native Trees**, by John Dawson & Rob Lucas (Craig Potton Publishing). NZIF price \$102.00 (free delivery in NZ). Order online at www.craigpotton.co.nz and make sure you use the **discount code NZIFF12** or email foundation@nzif.org.nz to request a flyer/order form.
- **Craig Potton New Zealand**, by Craig Potton (Craig Potton Publishing). NZIF price \$67.99 or \$102.00 for the delux edition (free delivery in NZ). Order online at www.craigpotton.co.nz and make sure you use the **discount code NZIFF12** or email foundation@nzif.org.nz to request a flyer/order form.
- **Above the Treeline**, by Alan F Mark (Craig Potton Publishing). NZIF price \$42.49 (free delivery in NZ). This title is due early January 2013. Pre-order your copy today! Order online at www.craigpotton.co.nz and make sure you use the **discount code NZIFF12** or email foundation@nzif.org.nz to request a flyer/order form.

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SUBMISSIONS

Murray Parrish (murray.parrish@chh.com) is Submissions Coordinator. NZIF Members or local sections considering making submissions (even on what appear to be local issues) should advise him of their plans. Council can assist with the cost of making submissions (contact Murray for details).

More RMA changes announced

The Resource Management Reform Bill has been referred to Parliament's Local Government and Environment Select Committee. Submissions are due by 28 February 2013.

Please contact Murray Parrish (murray.parrish@chh.com) if you would like to help or have any suggestions for aspects that an NZIF submission might cover.

DOC invites public submissions on its conservation strategies

The Department of Conservation (DOC) is giving the public the chance to make submissions on its management of public conservation areas in the upper half of the North Island over the next 10 years. DOC has today released its draft Conservation Management Strategies (CMS) for its Northland, Auckland and Waikato conservancies. These will guide the management of the areas DOC manages in these regions for the next 10 years.

Members of the public can read the three draft CMS for the Northland, Auckland and Waikato conservancies on



the DOC website at <http://www.doc.govt.nz/cms>. This webpage also includes a submission form and information on how people can make a submission. The submission process is open until 15 March next year (2013).

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LOCAL SECTIONS

CANTERBURY SECTION

Local section Christmas function

The Christmas function was very popular with around 35 local section members and their partners attending. As is traditional, the event included pre-dinner drinks, dinner and a presentation. This year Phil Taylor, Managing Director of Blakeley Pacific Ltd, provided a very impressive photo essay on US National Parks, which included some interesting observations on how the US National Park Service deals with issues of overcrowding and safety. It was great to be able to share this time with colleagues, friends and partners and our thanks go to the local section organisers – Dennys Guild and Yannina Whiteley – for an excellent evening. *David Evison*

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PACIFIC FORESTRY SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP

Update

The NZ Institute of Forestry set up a Pacific Forestry Special Interest Group after the Pacific Forestry ANZIF Conference in Auckland last year. All those in the group receive the NZIF weekly electronic newsletter (i.e. the newsletter you are reading now), whether or not they are members of NZIF.

The objectives for the group include helping NZIF members to learn more about what is happening in forestry in our Pacific country neighbours, to make opportunities for NZIF to support our Pacific professional forestry colleagues and to provide a means for Pacific forestry professionals to interact with NZIF members, seek information, etc.

We have included items relating to Pacific forestry in this newsletter as they have come to hand and we have also included some requests for information on specific topics, or notices about job vacancies.

There are currently 173 names on the list for the group although we do not have functioning email addresses for 17. Only 24 are members of NZIF. Those on the list come from at least 31 countries:

American Samoa	3	Marshall Islands	1	Solomon Islands	5
Australia	16	Micronesia	3	Thailand	1
Canada	1	Nauru	2	Tokelau	2
Cook Islands	4	New Caledonia	1	Tonga	3
Fiji	38	New Zealand	24	Tuvalu	3
French Polynesia	2	Niue	1	UK	1
Guam	2	Northern Mariana	1	USA	1
Indonesia (West Papua)	1	Palau	2	Vanuatu	2
Italy	1	Papua New Guinea	22	Wallis & Futuna	2
Kiribati	2	Pitcairn	1	Country not known	16
Malaysia	1	Samoa	8		



This week I emailed all members of the group (with an email address) seeking some feedback on what we were doing and what we might do. Thank you to those who have responded so far and I encourage others to do so.

If any other NZIF members would like to join the special interest group, you can add your name to the list (under preferences in the membership database).

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ADVERTISEMENTS

The NZIF has no view on the service or product sought or advertised. Follow up any item directly with the advertiser, not with the NZIF. A charge may be imposed, depending on the nature of the advertisement. If you respond to an advertiser, tell them that you saw it in the NZIF newsletter. To advertise in the newsletter contact the NZIF Administrator, admin@nzif.org.nz, ph (04) 974 8421.

FORESTER/RESOURCE ANALYST, NZ FOREST MANAGERS LTD, TURANGI



NZ Forest Managers Ltd is a company that provides management services to a range of forest owners in the North Island of NZ. It has a vacancy in its Turangi office for a Forester/Resource Analyst to join the Planning team. The role involves management of the forest inventory program, estate modelling, harvest scheduling and performance monitoring, and technical support functions. This key role provides an opportunity for involvement in the full range of forest management functions.

Flexibility exists to tailor the specifics of the role, so candidates with a range of experience are encouraged to apply. The successful applicant will be able to demonstrate technical and analytical competence, familiarity with contemporary forest planning tools, an ability to communicate effectively, along with a pragmatic and flexible approach.

Applicants are expected to have a tertiary qualification in forestry, science, or related disciplines. They are invited to submit a detailed resume to the address below by **21 December 2012**. For further information please contact: The Planning Manager, NZ Forest Managers Ltd, PO Box 304, Turangi. Phone: (07) 386 8757 or email [John Hura \(john@nzfm.co.nz\)](mailto:john@nzfm.co.nz)



JOB VACANCY WEBSITES

Science jobs	fusionz.rsnz.org/
MAF	careers.haines.co.nz/MAF/Pages/Vacancies.aspx
NZ conservation jobs	www.conjobs.co.nz/index.php
Department of Conservation	www.doc.govt.nz/about-doc/jobs-at-doc/current-vacanc
Australian Government	jobsearch.gov.au/Login/Login.aspx?WHCode=0
Australia Department of Agriculture Fisheries & Forestry	www.daff.gov.au/about/jobs

French engineering student seeks internship

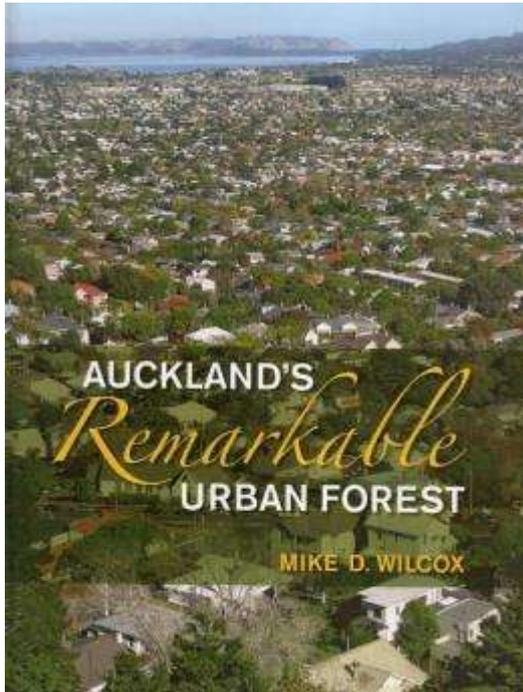
I am a French engineering student, currently enrolled in a French National School of Agronomy, in Toulouse, France. I am looking for an internship starting in October 2013, which will be a part of my education as an engineering student in agriculture. I would like to work on a project related to the forest i.e. understand the interactions between the forest (trees and animals) and other fields: climate change, erosion, agriculture work, social links. I would be really interested in working with you as you are dealing with all this issues. Do you know any person or company that could be interested in my application? I would be happy to do a six-month internship, and even longer if needed. Please email me for a copy of my CV. Regards, *Annabel Fourcade* (Annabel.Fourcade@etu.inp-toulouse.fr)

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PUBLICATIONS / MEDIA / NOTICES

NEW BOOK – ‘AUCKLAND’S REMARKABLE URBAN FOREST’



The Auckland Botanical Society has published a book about Auckland's trees. The book is 252 × 190 mm, 348 pages, hardback, full colour throughout, ISBN 978-0-9583447-5-3 2012. Written by NZIF Fellow, Mike Wilcox, it provides a comprehensive account of the trees and forests of Auckland, and includes:

- trees to be found in parks and reserves of the city's local board areas, and on campuses, school grounds, cemeteries, and at historic homesteads
- native bush reserves in urban Auckland
- native revegetation projects undertaken by community groups
- exotic woodlands
- street trees
- trees of suburban home gardens
- notable trees
- flowering trees
- tree health, forest climbers, weeds
- utilisation and management of the urban forest.

Mike Wilcox says the amalgamation of Auckland into one city in 2010 spurred him on to get the project completed. Replacing the former cities of Manukau, Waitakere, Auckland and North Shore, and the Rodney and Franklin District Councils, the new Auckland is governed by the Auckland Council, together with 21 local boards. The native vegetation and flora and the exotic trees are now managed by the various departments of the Council under a single Auckland Plan, and in 2013 will see completion of the amalgamation with the formulation of the Unitary Plan.

Urban forest, as defined in the book, comprises all the trees in the city – natural, planted, native and exotic. Auckland has some 1800 hectares of urban native bush Council reserves, as well as an appreciable area of private bush – and this does not include the rural native bush of the Waitakere and Hunua ranges. Mike says that many of Auckland's urban bush reserves are just tiny remnants, but nonetheless are surprisingly diverse. "We have fine examples of kauri, tanekaha, rimu, totara, kahikatea, kanuka, taraire, and puriri forests in the urban area, and even a few pockets of hard beech and swamp maire, and some old, original pohutukawa forest clinging to coastal cliffs".

As well as the native bush, the book deals extensively with native revegetation projects, exotic woodlands (such as pines, eucalypts, wattles, willows, oaks and privet), trees in city parks, street trees, and those found in old historic properties, school grounds, cemeteries, and campuses. What is remarkable about Auckland's urban forest? Mike says it is its range of forest types, its botanical diversity, its high value for recreation, and the way the urban forest is a living record of the city's history from the 1840's to the present day.

Cost: \$60.00 including postage. Enquiries and orders to mike.wilcox@xtra.co.nz.



NZ FOREST OWNERS ASSOCIATION

New Zealand Forest Road Engineering Manual and Operators Guide

The Road Engineering Manual published earlier this year is intended for use in conjunction with a companion publication, the Operators Guide, now also available. The 2012 edition is the result of a major rewrite. It contains much needed erosion and sediment control guidance, introduces new materials and methods, and describes best practice construction techniques. Forest owners, engineers and contractors are encouraged to use the Manual in conjunction with the FOA Environmental Code of Practice. In doing so they can be confident that their roading infrastructure will be fit for purpose and meet the industry's high environmental standards.

The Manual is designed for the manager and planner, while the Operators Guide for the practitioner in the forest. As such, special care has been taken with production and presentation of the Operators Guide to ensure it is suitable for use in the field, and can stand the rigors of that environment.

Both publications were formally launched by the Hon Nathan Guy at a parliamentary reception recently.

Copies can be ordered from the FOA website [here](#).

FAO RELEASES FINAL 'GLOBAL FOREST AN LAND-USE' CHANGE REPORT

FAO has released its final *Global Forest and Land-use Change* report. The report estimates land use-change between 1990 and 2005 based on the 2010 Global Forest Resources Assessment Remote Sensing Survey. It is the first report to present systematic estimates of global forest land-use and change. Overall, it found that there was a net decrease in global forest area between 1990 and 2005. The highest net loss was in South America.

While forest area increased over the assessment period in the boreal, temperate and subtropical climatic domains, it decreased by an average of 6.8 million hectares annually in the tropics. This report is the result of many years of planning and three years of detailed work by staff at FAO and the European Commission Joint Research Centre, with inputs from technical experts from more than 100 countries. Many of these contributors now constitute a valuable global network of forest remote sensing and land-use expertise. The full report is available from: <http://www.fao.org/forestry/fra/remotesensingsurvey/en/>. The main findings are:

Forest area: The survey estimates the total area of the world's forests in 2005 at 3.8 billion hectares, or 30 per cent of the global land area.

Annual global forest area losses were greater in 2000–2005 than in 1990–2000: Overall, there was a net decrease in global forest area of 1.7 per cent between 1990 and 2005 at an annual rate of change of 0.11 per cent. This equates to an annual shift from forest land use to other land uses of three million hectares per year between 1990 and 2000 and of six million hectares per year between 2000 and 2005.

There were regional differences in forest loss and gain: Major regional differences were found in the net rates of forest area change; only Asia and North America experienced gains in forest area and all other regions saw net losses. South America had the highest net forest loss, losing some 3.3 million hectares annually between 1990 and 2005. Africa had the second highest net forest loss – 1.6 million hectares annually – during the same period. Europe, including the Russian Federation, had a net loss of 0.5 million hectares annually and Oceania lost just under 0.1 million hectares annually. North America experienced a net gain in forest area of 0.2 million hectares annually, while Asia had a net gain of 1.4 million hectares annually between 1990 and 2005.

Forest loss was highest in the tropics: For this survey, forests were categorised according to four climatic domains: boreal, subtropical, temperate and tropical. There were significant gains in forest area in the boreal (0.9 million hectares annually) and subtropical (1.1 million hectares annually) between 1990 and 2005. There was also a net gain in forest area in the temperate domain of 0.9 million hectares annually over the same period. In contrast, the tropical domain had a net loss of forest area of 6.8 million hectares annually between 1990 and



2005. This net reduction in forest land use was nearly 2.5 times the net forest area gained in the other three domains combined.

GREENHOUSE GAS BALANCE MANAGED FORESTS

A landmark NSW report published in an international forest journal has, for the first time, highlighted the potential role of production forests in reducing Australia's greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. The report, 'Harvested forests provide the greatest on-going greenhouse gas benefits', examined key aspects of GHG outcomes for managed multiple use production forests and conservation forests in NSW.

Australian Department of Primary Industries (DPI) Research Leader for Climate in Primary Industries, Dr Georgina Kelly, said Australian scientists are leading the world in this area and are contributing to the global debate on the role of forests in addressing climate change.

"In an Australian first, the report compared the full GHG potential of NSW production forests against conservation forests," Dr Kelly said. "The report authors found that production forests have a significantly higher greenhouse benefit."

For a full copy of the paper [click here](#).

(Item reproduced from the Institute of Foresters of Australia newsletter.)

AUSTRALIAN ILLEGAL LOGGING PROHIBITION ACT NOW OPERATIVE

The Australian *Illegal Logging Prohibition Act 2012* is now operative following passage through the Australian Parliament on 19 November 2012.

The legislation supports Australia's commitment to promote the trade of legally harvested timber and will be applied consistently regardless of where the timber or timber product originates. In doing so, the Bill aims to reduce the harmful environmental, social and economic impacts of illegal logging and is consistent with Australia's international trade obligations. It supports Australia's commitment to promote the trade of legally harvested timber and will be applied consistently regardless of where the timber or timber product originates.

A number of key provisions of the Act are now in effect, most notably the immediate prohibitions for: importing timber and timber products that contain illegally logged timber; and processing domestic raw logs that have been illegally logged. It is now a criminal offence to import illegally logged timber and timber products into Australia or to process Australian raw logs that have been harvested illegally. Australian importers and processors must not knowingly, intentionally or recklessly import or process illegally logged timber.

If you receive information that the timber you are sourcing is illegally logged, believe the timber is illegally logged or are made aware that there is a substantial risk that the timber was illegally logged, be aware that penalties may apply if the timber or timber product is in fact illegally logged.

If you suspect that the timber or timber product you are processing is from an illegal source, you should ask your supplier to confirm its legality. If you are still in doubt, or you have further inquiries about how the new laws may apply to you please call the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry on 1800 657 313.

Regulations are due to take effect in November 2014 that will outline steps that importers and processors should take to check the legality of the product they are receiving. Obligations for importers and processors to undertake due diligence do not commence until that time.

DAFF will release discussion draft regulations shortly so that businesses have time to develop due diligence systems to support the product they are importing or processing.

To find out more visit the [DAFF website](#).



3RD INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS ON PLANTED FORESTS

The 3rd International Congress on Planted Forests is being held in Europe on 16-21 May 2013 (five locations for the scientific workshops and then the plenary in Lisbon). The first conference was held in Chile in 1999 and the second in New Zealand in 2003. Call for papers deadline **14 December 2012**. For more details see: http://www.efiatlantic.efi.int/portal/2013_icpf/.

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CALENDAR

The events in this calendar have come from a range of sources and no responsibility can be taken for errors. Contact the organisers to check times, locations, costs etc. New events are marked in moss green.

December 2012

Mon 17 – Fri 21 Conference on Economics of Sustainable Development in Accra-Ghana, wwfsdev.conferences@secretary.net

April 2013

Sun 7 – Thur 11 Institute of Foresters of Australia National Conference, www.forestryconference.org.au

Sat 20 – Tue 23 NZFFA AGM and National Conference, www.nzffa.org.nz/conference

May 2013

Thur 16 – Tue 21 Third International Congress on Planted Forests, http://www.efiatlantic.efi.int/portal/events/2013_icpf

June-July 2013

Sun 30 – Wed 3 NZIF AGM and Conference, New Plymouth

Thur 4 – Fri 5 Biochar Workshop 2013, L.M.Lowe@massey.ac.nz

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ELECTION FOR NZIF FELLOWS' COMMITTEE 2013

Nomination Form

Nominee's name: Contact address: Telephone number: (0) Email:
Nominated by (print): Address: Email address or phone no. Signature of nominator:
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The Nominee has agreed to the nomination.

Yes/No

Signature of the Nominee: _____

(N.B. Biodata will be sought from each nominee if an election is required).

Please return the completed Nomination Form to the NZIF Administrator by no later than **5:00 pm on Friday 15th February 2013.**

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