

## Forestry and Woodland

Objective		Significant Achievements against Objective, 2017 - 2022
FW1	WOODLAND EXPANSION - Work to delivery Scottish Government policy for woodland expansion whilst also contributing towards the objectives of integrated catchment management.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SAC have worked with farmers across the catchment to identify and realise woodland creation opportunities.</li> <li>• Undertaken by SF through woodland management approvals and grant support for Sustainable Management of Forests (SMF) and woodland creation.</li> <li>• Supported by CNPA Forest Strategy 2018.</li> <li>• Increasing engagement from landowner/manager sector with woodland expansion targets and grants, general shift in management objectives towards more woodland for habitat creation and restoration, including riparian woodland.</li> <li>• 18,500 trees planted in riparian zones through SCI projects.</li> <li>• Calder woodland, 22ha fenced for woodland creation through planting and natural regeneration.</li> </ul>
FW2	WOODLAND HABITATS AND BIODIVERSITY - Improve habitat and biodiversity through tree species choices and improve woodland networks as part of landscape scale habitat restoration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SCI riparian woodland projects will create woodland habitat corridors, enhancing ecological connectivity, eg Kinchurdy 4.5km, Calder 2.6km, Truim 3.5km.</li> <li>• Under TGLP, 16 ha new catchment woodland at Tom Garlet, 1000+ trees planted.</li> <li>• Diverse spp range planted in some riparian schemes including dog rose, hawthorn, aspen, for enrichment planting.</li> <li>• CNPA working on mapping aspen.</li> <li>• Innovative technique for tree protection ('hedgehog staking') trialled at Truim.</li> </ul>
FW3	WOODLANDS AND FLOW MANAGEMENT - Facilitate opportunities for establishing or enhancing riparian, flood plain and wider catchment woodland to reduce runoff rates, sediment input and aid bank stabilisation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Riparian planting (SCI, TGLP, land owners) across the catchment will have benefits for slowing runoff rates, reducing sediment and stabilising banks.</li> <li>• Further landscape-scale woodland expansion projects under development with flow management objectives, eg Conglass, upper River Avon and Livet (SCI).</li> <li>• Willow spiling used at Aviemore Spey access point to stabilise severe erosion, SCI project 2019</li> </ul>
FW4	FORESTRY MANAGEMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Influenced via CNPA/SFB/SCI input into forestry consultations.</li> </ul>

	<p>- Encourage and promote good environmental practice for woodland management in order to protect and enhance water quality and biodiversity.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• On-going control by SF, eg Pollution Prevention Plans required where needed.</li><li>• SCI/FLS/Cairngorms Connect project to improve four culverts for fish passability in Glenmore forest delivered 2021/22.</li></ul>
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