

Field Measurement Approach comes into force on 1 September 2011

The Field Measurement Approach (FMA) is required for those with 100 hectares or more of post-1989 forest land registered in the ETS, or the PFSI. It comes into force on 1 September 2011, for the mandatory emissions return covering the commitment period 2008 to 2012. From 1 September participants will be able to commence the FMA process steps to enable them to request their sample plot locations.

Questions and answers on the FMA are now available.

FMA Workshops

Location	Date	Venue	Time
Wellington	Thursday 8 September 2011	MAF, Pastoral House, 25 The Terrace, Level 5 Meeting Room	9.30–3.30
Auckland	Wednesday 14 September 2011	URS Forestry, URS Centre, 13 15 College Hill	9.30–3.30
Rotorua	Monday 19 September 2011	School of Forestry & Primary Industries, Waiariki Institute of Technology	9.30–3.30
Christchurch	Wednesday 21 September 2011	Copthorne Hotel Commodore, Christchurch Airport, 449 Memorial Avenue	9.30–3.30
Balclutha	Tuesday 27 September 2011	Telford, 498 Owaka Highway	10.30–4.30

Register for a workshop here, via the NZIF website.

Note: **PF Olsen Forest Industries 2011 Expo** and **Rugby World Cup games** are on around these dates. We advise planning and booking any travel and accommodation that may be required in advance.

Publications

A draft of the **Field Measurement Approach Standard** is now available. The Standard provides:

FMA workshops

MAF and NZ Institute of Forestry are running a series of workshops on the new Field Measurement Approach.

A basic knowledge of forest inventory would be helpful. Topics include:

- Timelines and FMA participant's responsibilities.
- Sampling design choices.
- Locating and establishing plots.
- Information to be collected at plots.
- PFSI and the FMA.
- Submitting data and participant-specific tables.
- Compliance and auditing.

Charges for the workshops are:

- General public – \$103.50 (incl GST)
- NZIF members – \$57.50–\$80.50 (incl GST)

- definitions of FMA-specific terms,
- the circumstances when permanent sample plots must be allocated;
- the minimum number of plots required;
- the procedures for establishing plots, and if required, sub-plots and sub-samples within the plots;
- the circumstances in which FMA information must or may be collected at the allocated plots;
- the procedures for collecting and recording FMA information for plots, sub-plots and sub-samples.

Future FMA publications expected for release progressively from early September include:

1. *Field Measurement Approach Standard*
The issued version of the draft Field Measurement Approach Standard above.
2. *A Guide to the Field Measurement Approach for Forestry in the ETS*
Information for participants and forest inventory providers on the FMA. It includes an overview of the FMA process, guidance on the practical aspects of field measurement, and an overview of the information and data requirements.
3. *FMA Information Standard*
This standard prescribes the form and technical format of information exchanges between participants and relating to the FMA, sample plot locations and the information collected at sample plots.

Pre-1990 forests

A step-wise guide to applying for an allocation or exemption is available [here](#).

This is a user-friendly guide to applying for an allocation or exemption, to help navigate the websites, and clarify what information is required when.

Report on Afforestation Schemes Review

An independent review panel, appointed by the Ministers of Forestry and for Climate Change Issues, has submitted its final report on a review of the afforestation schemes.

Officials are analysing the recommendations of report and the Government will consider the recommendations early in 2012.

The scope of the review included Afforestation Grant Scheme, Permanent Forest Sink Initiative, Sustainable Land Management Hill Country Erosion Programme and East Coast Forestry Project (in part).

The independent review panel final report is available on the [MAF website](#).

Information for SILNA (South Island Landless Natives Act 1906) landowners

There is **new information for SILNA landowners** on MAF's website. It provides a one-stop-shop of information for SILNA landowners, and includes useful background information.

First report on the New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme

New Zealand's Emissions Trading Scheme (ETS) was introduced by the Government as the lowest cost way to reduce this country's greenhouse gas emissions. This is the first annual report on the scheme. **The report includes a good overview of what the ETS is, and how it works.**

Early signs are that a price on carbon has successfully entered the New Zealand economy; businesses and foresters are factoring in this price into their long-term decisions, and passing the price of carbon down to consumers.

Afforestation Grant Scheme update

The final tender round for the Afforestation Grant Scheme (Public Pool) closed on 30 April 2011. A total of 82 tenders were received for funding for forest establishment in 2012.

There were 26 tenders approved in the high sequestration pool for approximately 1777 hectares of new forest establishment. Two applicants were approved in the low sequestration pool for approximately 11 hectares of indigenous forest establishment.

In the regional council funding pool, 22 applicants were successful in securing grant funding for 1213 hectares.

2011 International Year of the Forests

The United Nations has designated 2011 as the International Year of Forests. The global launch was in February at the United Nations Headquarters in New York. In New Zealand, it was launched at Parliament in March by the Minister of Forestry, Hon David Carter. **[Read his speech.](#)**

New Zealand IYF events are being coordinated by a committee including MAF, NGOs like Forest and Bird, and industry organisations like the New Zealand Forest Owners Association. The Committee is working to celebrate the IYF and promote sustainable management of forests for conservation, recreation and sustainable production and use of forest products. If you would like to be associated with IYF, please contact Avinash Shrivastava on (04) 984 0709, or by email avinash.shrivastava@maf.govt.nz.

[Read more about IYF events and how it is being celebrated in New Zealand.](#)