

SUSTAINABLE FOREST MANAGEMENT POLICY

Overview

Southwood Export Limited is a vertically integrated producer and exporter of wood chips that manages approximately 11,000 hectares of eucalypt plantations in Southern New Zealand. Our customer requires us to be certified to global forest management standards. This provides our customer with assurance that while supplying them wood chips we are doing so in a sustainable manner.



Commitment to long-term, systematic approach to sustainable forest management

We commit to a long-term, systematic approach to sustainable forest management which ensures our economic viability while minimising harm to people, fauna and non-production flora, to providing benefits from the forests.



Commitment to compliance

We commit to comply with laws and regulations, local government plans, industry best practice guidelines and any other compliance obligations we have agreed to. We commit to adhere to the PEFC standard AS/NZS 4708:2021.



Our Sustainable Forest Management Objectives

- Sustainably manage plantations on a multi-rotation basis ensuring their long-term health, productivity, and resilience.
- Conserve biodiversity by protecting and, where appropriate, enhancing native species and ecosystems.
- Maintain water quality, soil health, and other ecological functions of forest ecosystems.
- Respect the rights and interests of Indigenous peoples and local communities.
- Provide safe and supportive working conditions for our employees and contractors.
- Promote responsible and transparent business practices throughout our supply chain.
- Contribute to the well-being of the local economy by generating employment and supporting local businesses.



Acknowledgement of Positive, Beneficial Relationships with Stakeholders

We acknowledge the positive contribution our stakeholders and affected/interested parties can have on our forest management. We commit to proactively engaging with stakeholders to develop respectful working relationships for the benefit of all parties.



Forest Management Practices

We implement this policy through our forest management system which comprises a sustainable forest management plan and is supported by various procedures and standards.



Continuous Improvement

We commit to continually improve our forest management system by taking every opportunity to review our practices including stakeholder feedback, non-conformance investigations and outcomes, results of research and trial work, internal audits and management reviews.

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