



Forestry Commission Scotland
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'FORESTRY IN SCOTLAND'

ProSilva Meeting

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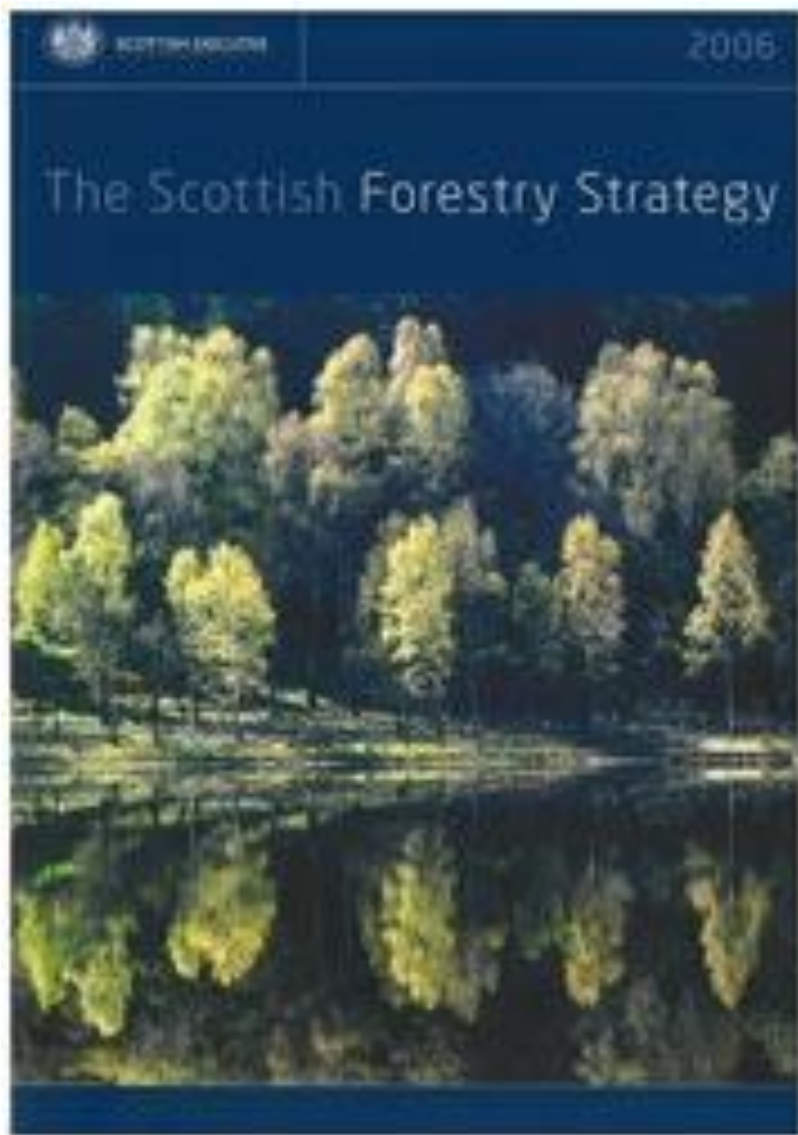
- **45%** of the UK's forests are in Scotland
- Forestry (1.5 million hectares) occupies **18%** of Scotland (EU average = 32%)
- Was **3%** at the start of the 20th Century
- **74% conifer** – rest is broadleaves
- **22% native woodland**



- **33% publicly owned**
– rest owned by individuals, NGOs or investment portfolios
- 60% of UK **timber production** comes from Scotland
- support **community** participation in woodland ownership and management

FCS reports to Scottish Ministers and acts as the Scottish Government's Forestry Directorate.

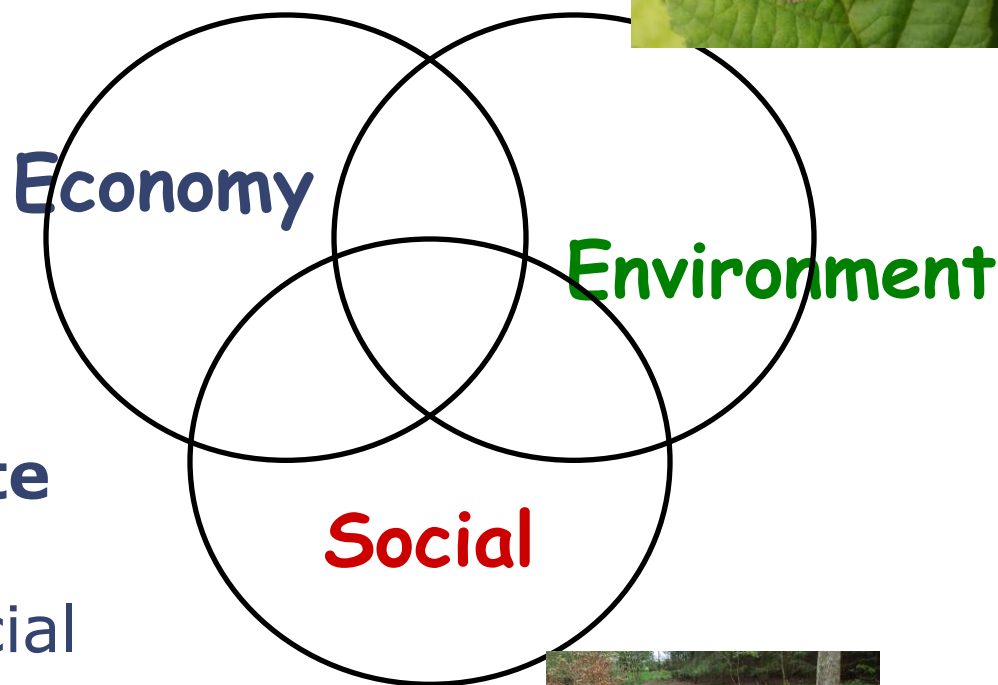
- **Core Purpose:** to protect and expand Scotland's forests and woodlands and increase their value to society and the environment
- **Manage:** the National Forest Estate (650,000 hectares – one third open land) is owned by the Scottish Ministers and managed by an agency of FCS - Forest Enterprise Scotland
- **Deliver:** guided by Scottish Government strategies (economic, forestry and land use)
- **Support:** FCS supports and regulates forest management, provides advice and grants



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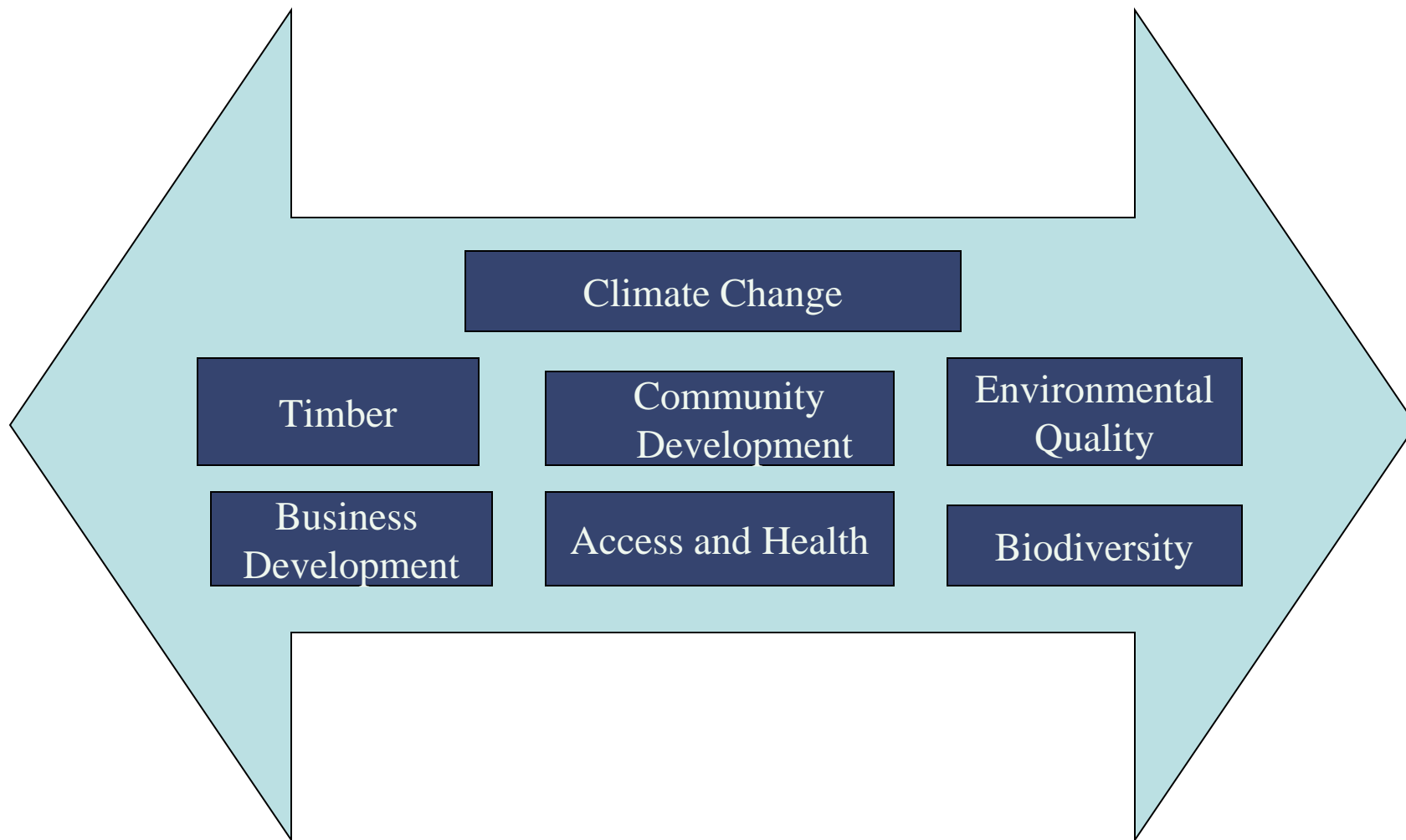
“By the second half of this century

.... the forestry resource has become a central part of our culture, economy and environment”



Finding an **appropriate balance** of economic, environmental and social issues and opportunities







- **disease** threats e.g. Chalara, Phytophthera
- **low impact** silvicultural systems
 - Scotland's forests **sequester** the equivalent of 9 million tonnes of CO2 per year
 - this represents **18%** of Scotland's total net emissions

FORESTRY AND TIMBER PROCESSING



* GROSS VALUE ADDED AND FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT TAKEN FROM "THE ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTION OF THE FORESTRY SECTOR IN SCOTLAND, 2015"



- provide welcoming and well managed woods close to communities
- promote good community engagement practice
- support community participation in woodland ownership and management



FOREST RECREATION AND TOURISM

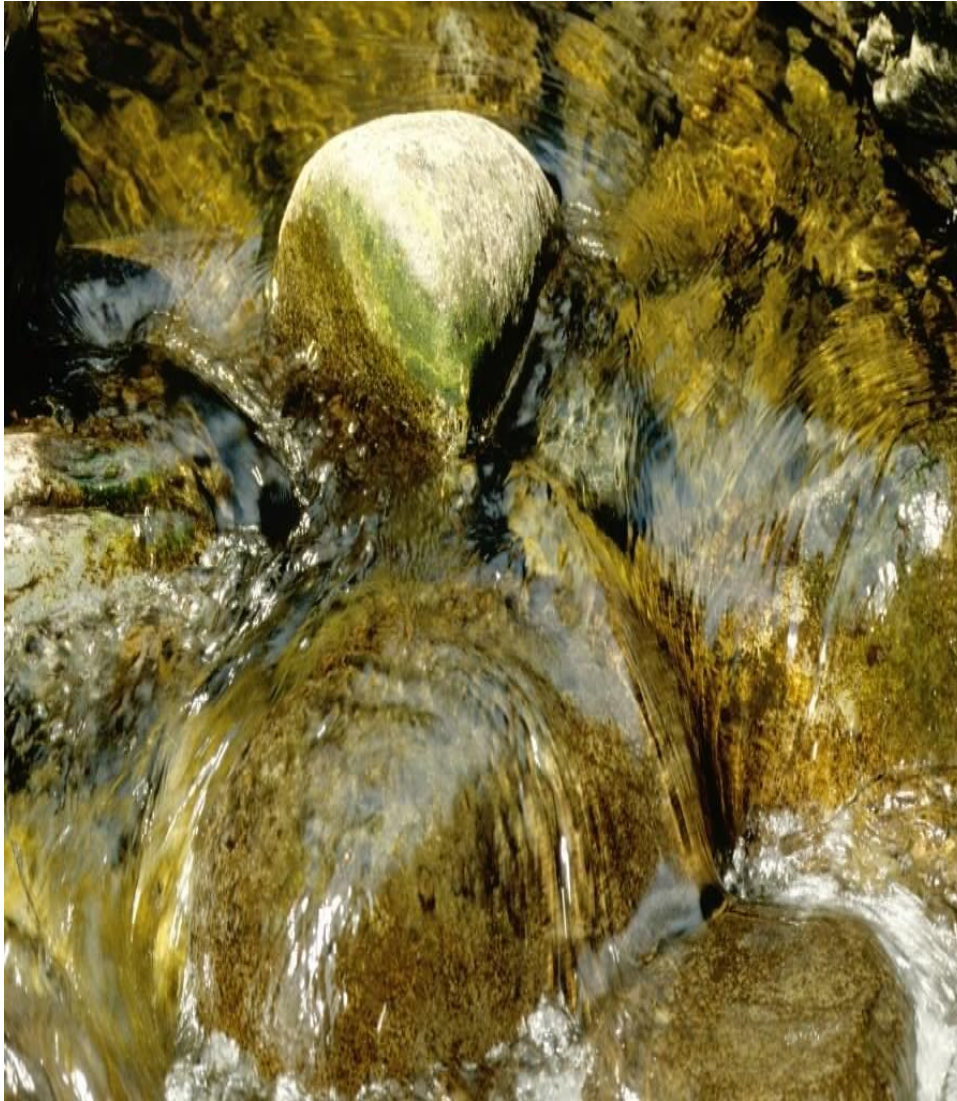


EMPLOYS
6,312 FTE
PEOPLE IN
SCOTLAND

WORTH
£183,000,000 GVA
PER YEAR TO SCOTLAND'S
ECONOMY



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- safeguard sensitive landscapes and historic features
- improve water quality
- use more low impact silvicultural systems
- improve degraded environments



- expand and enhance the area of native woodland
- focus conservation effort on key species and habitats
- restore ancient woodland sites



The physical and mental health of over half of the people in Scotland is at serious risk as a result of inactivity

The following activities (which align with principles of CCF) are supported through grants or delivered on the National Forest Estate:

- increasing species and structural diversity through use of low impact silvicultural systems
- reducing browsing by deer to allow regeneration of conifers and broadleaves
- encouraging natural regeneration to expand native woodlands

