



WELCOME TO THE 49TH EDITION OF THE SUSTAINABLE FORESTRY BULLETIN

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ENHANCEMENTS TO THE ETS ONLINE SYSTEM

MPI has made a number of enhancements to the **ETS online system** as a result of customer feedback.

- » Participants are now able to download shapefiles. (Click on “**participant portfolio**”, then “**view participant CAAs**”. Select the relevant CAAs, and then click “**download shapefile**”.)
- » Deforestation transactions for pre-1990 forest land can now be done **online**. This includes submitting **deforestation emission returns**, as well as uploading shapefiles.

MPI is making further enhancements to this system to make ETS transactions easier. Keep an eye out for these in future editions of this bulletin.

UPDATES TO MAPPING IMAGERY

MPI has updated the background imagery in the **ETS online system** to include more recent imagery. This includes higher definition imagery (0.125-2.5m) from 2006 to 2013, which improves on the previous 1996 to 2011 imagery. Updates have been made to the Wellington, Canterbury, Gisborne, Bay of Plenty, Waikato, Taranaki, Marlborough, Tasman and West Coast regions.

APPLICATIONS TO RE-REGISTER FOREST LAND

MPI assesses all ETS applications, including re-registrations, as new applications. As MPI continually acquires new aerial imagery, the new eligible post-1989 forest area may differ from the original registered area.

Due to the high volume of ETS registration applications lodged recently, GIS processing times have increased. MPI will send preliminary determination notices to applicants as soon as possible, allowing them to provide additional information where necessary. If you have any queries about your application please call 0800 CLIMATE (254628), or email climatechange@mpi.govt.nz.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE EAST COAST FORESTRY PROJECT

The Ministry for Primary Industries seeks feedback from stakeholders and tangata whenua on proposed operational changes to the East Coast Forestry Project (ECFP).

The ECFP funds erosion treatments in the Gisborne District. Since 1992 landowners have used the fund to treat 42 000 hectares. Approximately 60 000 hectares of untreated land remains and landowners need support to treat the remaining land. That is why there are proposed changes to the ECFP.

Consultation closes Sunday 16 March 2014. Feedback from submissions will be considered and proposals developed for approval by Cabinet.

Discussion Paper

East Coast Forestry Project Proposed Changes to the Operation of the Scheme

Written submissions should be sent directly to:

Email

ecfp@mpi.govt.nz

Post

ECFP Submissions
Growth and Innovation Team
Ministry for Primary Industries
PO Box 2526
Wellington 6140

In person

MPI Gisborne office
59 Awapuni Road, Gisborne
1-4pm every Wednesday from 12 February – 12 March

WHEN TO PAY UNITS FOR DEFORESTATION EMISSIONS

Units must be paid for deforestation emissions of **pre-1990 forest land** in the year following deforestation. These cannot be paid in advance to take advantage of the current low unit prices. To find out more about paying units for deforestation emissions see the **deforestation obligation process**.



INTERNET BROWSERS AND THE ETS ONLINE SYSTEM

Some people are experiencing difficulty mapping their forest land in the **ETS online system** when using Internet Explorer. This is related to the version of the browser in use. Newer versions of Internet Explorer (10 and 11) are particularly prone to error. We recommend you use another browser such as the latest versions of Firefox or Chrome. Internet Explorer 9 should also work when run in compatibility mode.

NEW FIELD ADDED TO NZEUR TO IDENTIFY ORIGIN OF NZUs

In November 2013, the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) contacted all New Zealand Emission Unit Register (NZEUR) account holders seeking feedback on proposed changes to the information displayed for identifying New Zealand Units (NZUs). The proposed changes were to allow for the identification of the origin of NZUs, including those given to PFSI participants.

After considering feedback received, the Minister for Climate Change Issues and the Associate Minister for Primary Industries agreed to implement these changes. Consequently, a new field will be added to the information displayed within the NZEUR that will show account holders the purpose for which the NZUs were transferred from the Crown. This field will also be added to all NZUs currently held within the NZEUR. Units originating from the PFSI will be classified as "Permanent Forest Sink Initiative".

The EPA is responsible for implementing the necessary changes within the NZEUR, and these changes are expected to take effect at the beginning of April 2014. For further information and a summary of feedback received regarding this proposal please visit

www.eur.govt.nz

Should you have any further questions please email:
climatechange@mpi.govt.nz