



Coillte Teoranta

Forest Management Plan

Erris

MO07

2006 to 2010

District Manager

District

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W3



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Introduction

Forest: MO07 Erris
District: W3 District Manager Myles MacDonncadha

Erris forest is situated in It is situated in North Mayo and extends along a low elevation area from Ballycroy to Belmullet. The Forest is accessed by the N59 in the southern end and by the R313 further North.

The main soil type in Erris are The main soil type is Blanket Peat. The peat is extremely deep in most plantations. The areas which were afforested for the Biomass project are part of this Forest. The soil base base is mainly schist and gneiss.

The main towns and villages located in the catchment area of Erris forest are The main town in the catchment area of Erris forest is the town of Belmullet, with the villages of Ballycroy and Gwesalla as important local centres.

The management focus for the forest is concerned with The long term goal for the forest is the production of timber in the higher yield class areas. A short term goal is the management of the high proportion of biodiversity areas and the search for a means to utilise the Biomass areas.

45.6 ha being felled before 2011

Clearfell volume will average about 200m³ per ha. on this type of soil type.

Only sporadic scattered blocks of SS, which cover less than 5% of the area are suitable for thinning.

The forest contains 0 and 10 experiment plots. Proposed SPs (if any) containing either seedstands or experiment plots will be marked SD or EX as appropriate in tables 2.6 and 2.7



Table 1 Area by Objective

<u>OBJECTIVE</u>	<u>AREA (ha)</u>	<u>%</u>
Timber Production	915.2	61.2%
Biodiversity	573.2	38.3%
Non-forest Commercial	8.1	0.5%
Total	1,496.6	100.0%



Table 2 Area by Special Consideration

Forest:	MO07	Erris	
<u>SPECIAL CONSIDERATION</u>		<u>AREA (ha)</u>	<u>%</u>
Experimentation		75.9	5.1%
Fisheries Protection		87.0	5.8%
Legal		7.2	0.5%
Lettings		8.1	0.5%
None		1,201.1	80.3%
Statutory Designation		117.4	7.8%
Total		1,496.6	100.0%



Table 3 Area by Fell Year

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<u>FELL YEAR</u>	<u>AREA (ha)</u>	<u>ANNUAL AVERAGE</u>
2006	0.0	
2007	0.0	
2008	45.6	
2009	0.0	
<u>5 Year Total and Average</u>	<u>45.6</u>	<u>9.11</u>
2010	0.0	
2011	0.0	
2012	61.4	
2013	27.4	
2014	31.4	
<u>5 Year Total and Average</u>	<u>120.1</u>	<u>15.01</u>
2015	31.6	
2016	37.5	



<u>FELL YEAR</u>	<u>AREA (ha)</u>	<u>ANNUAL AVERAGE</u>
2017	2.1	
2018	41.2	
2019	56.2	
<u>5 Year Total and Average</u>	<u>168.7</u>	<u>16.87</u>
2020	0.0	
2021	30.5	
2022	58.1	
2023	64.8	
<u>5 Year Total and Average</u>	<u>153.5</u>	<u>21.92</u>

Table 4 Area by Species Group

Forest:	MO07	Erris	
	<u>SPECIES GROUP</u>	<u>AREA (ha)</u>	<u>%</u>
	FIR	0.0	0.0
	LAR	2.0	0.2
	LP	1,049.7	80.9
	NS	0.1	0.0
	OC	1.3	0.1
	OP	6.8	0.5
	SS	237.4	18.3
		1,297.2	100.0



Table 5 Listing of Restocking MUs

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2008		Objective	Special Considerations	MU Area (ha)	Area (ha)												
MU	Map Cutting				Open	Spruce	LP	SP	LAR	FIR	OC	Oak	BE	Ash	BI	Ald	OB
38	MO07-4	Timber Production	None	45.6	9.1	0.0	36.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Total MU Area				45.6													

