

Environmental Policy

At the core of our Strategic Vision is Coillte's Purpose to manage the state forests on behalf of the people of Ireland; the Mission to deliver the multiple benefits of our forests to society; and the Vision of a sustainable future for all. Our forest management approach is the Right Trees in the Right Place for the Right Objective which is built upon four key pillars: Forests for Climate, Forests for Nature, Forests for Wood, and Forests for People.

- Forests for Climate relates to the role our forest estate plays in the sinking and storing of carbon, and its capacity to produce wood products to substitute for carbon-intensive materials. It also encompasses Coillte's adaptation of the estate to account for future likely climate scenarios.
- Forest for Nature covers the existing biodiversity value of our forest estate and identifies options to protect, enhance and restore the biodiversity value in areas currently managed primarily for nature, to extend these areas further and to provide protections throughout the estate.
- Forests for Wood addresses the commercial aspects of Coillte Forest's operations which largely relate to the management of forests to ensure the continued sustainable supply of roundwood.
- Forests for People examines the social, community, and recreational aspects of Coillte's operations and their contribution to employment.

As a prerequisite to all our operations, Coillte is committed to the protection of the environment. The scope of this policy covers the operations and activities associated with our forests, forest operations, property sales, energy businesses and other land based developments.

To deliver on these objectives, we will:-

1. Manage our business in full compliance with all legal requirements.
2. Adhere to Forest Stewardship Council® (FSC®) [FSC-C005714] and the Programme for Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC) [PEFC/17-23-042] certification requirements.
3. Prevent negative environmental impacts through maintaining a system of operational controls that include risk assessment, written instructions, communication, appropriate training and effective emergency preparedness and response procedures.
4. Continually improve environmental performance by setting and reviewing objectives and targets related to significant environmental risks, putting into effect programmes to reduce those risks and monitor their effectiveness.
5. Procure goods and services from sustainable sources and materials, where practical and available.
6. Promote environmental awareness and support the best environmental practice amongst our staff, contractors and stakeholders.
7. Communicate, as appropriate, our Environmental Policy to Coillte staff, contractors and their employees, stakeholders and the communities within which we operate.

This policy will be reviewed annually and updated as necessary. It will be published on the Coillte website and displayed in public lobbies of our offices.

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