



## Walk in Displays



### Forest Service display on new EU Timber Regulation

Illegal logging and its allied trade is a chronic problem for many timber-producing countries in the developing world. In response, the EU has developed an Action Plan to improve Forest Law Enforcement, Governance and Trade (FLEGT).

In October 2010 a new Regulation (995/2010) was published, which lays down the 'due diligence' obligations of operators who place timber and timber products on the market. It is due to be fully implemented from March 2013. As part of the consultation process the Forest Service will have a display at the Conference Centre.

### Forests, Carbon and Climate Change

The UCD CARBiFOR project's aim is to quantify the carbon sequestration and storage potential of Irish forests. The carbon stored by forests, as part of a national climate change mitigation option, will reduce the atmospheric concentration of CO<sub>2</sub>. The overall effect of the forest ecosystem on atmospheric carbon concentrations is monitored by the UCD team. The project will lead to recommendations on the most effective forestry management procedures for maximising carbon sequestration. Our display will present highlights of this research and give visitors an idea of the amount of carbon Irish forests absorbs annually.

## Make the most of your woodlands

### Join the Irish Timber Growers Association



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The Irish Timber Growers Association (ITGA) was established in 1977 and is the national representative body of private woodland owners in Ireland. The membership of the Association mirrors the wide range of different timber growers in the country. The Association is the leading provider of information to growers and its Newsletters, Annual Yearbook, mailouts, Conferences and Website are highly valued.

**Call to our Display in the ITGA Conference Centre today**



## Irish Forestry, Woodland and Bio energy Show



## ITGA Conference Programme

6th & 7th May 2011

FORESTRY & TIMBER  
YEARBOOK 2011  
www.forestryyearbook.ie

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**Learn more about how your woodland:**

- Supports wildlife and birdlife
- Stores Carbon and Mitigates Climate Change
- Is an important Recreation Resource

**Also:**

- Forecast Timber Supply from Irish Forests
- Irish Squirrel and Pine Marten Project
- Forest Service and new EU Timber Regulation
- The Irish Timber Growers Association - [www.itga.ie](http://www.itga.ie)

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## Conference Programme

Free Admission

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2011

**12 noon** The Earl of Rosse welcomes the Show and Minister of State for Forestry, Shane McEntee TD, to Birr Castle Estate

**12.15pm** Mr. Brendan Lacey, ITGA Chairman's welcome to Conference Centre

**12.30pm** Minister of State for Forestry, Shane McEntee TD formally opens the Forestry Show

### Break

**2pm** Introduction to Birr Castle Estate woodlands and its management considerations by Sean McGinnis, Ecoplan Forestry, Woodland Managers

**2.30pm** Presentation on bird diversity in Irish forests.  
Presentation by Dr. Mark Wilson, PLANFORBIO Project, UCC

**3pm** Forecasting Roundwood Production from Irish Forests.  
Presentation by Henry Phillips, COFORD FORECAST Project

**3.30pm** Presentation on the new Regulation (995/2010) which lays down the 'due diligence' obligations of operators who place timber and timber products on the market, by Michael MacCarthy, Forest Service

**4pm** Presentation on the importance and benefits of Forest Recreation in Ireland by Bill Murphy of Coillte

**4.30pm** Presentation on Carbon sequestration potential of Forest Ecosystems by Dr. Brian Tobin, CARBiFOR Project Coordinator, UCD

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2011

**2pm** Forecasting Roundwood Production from Irish Forests.  
Presentation by Dr. Máirtín Mac Siúrtáin, COFORD FORECAST Project

**2.30pm** Presentation on bird diversity in Irish forests.  
Presentation by Professor John O Halloran, PLANFORBIO Project, UCC

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**4.30pm** Presentation on the Irish squirrel and pine martin project.  
By Emma Sheehy NUI Galway



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### Forecasting Timber Supply from our Forests

The *All Ireland Roundwood Production Forecast 2011 – 2028* which forecasts roundwood volumes to come from the forests of Ireland over the next 18 years has been published by COFORD. This will help drive investment and innovation in the industry. The associated COFORD Timber Supply FORECAST GIS Application will be demonstrated by the FORECAST Project team. This display and related presentation will present roundwood forecasts at National, Provincial, Regional and County levels.

### Forests, Wildlife and Biodiversity

A team of botanists and zoologists from TCD and UCC collaborate with Coillte to explore the biodiversity of Irish forests. All elements of biodiversity are being studied, from those that we regularly encounter, such as plants and birds, to those that are usually concealed, such as plants and insects high up in the forest canopy. Our display and presentation will outline these important findings and highlight the contribution of our forests to Irish wildlife and biodiversity.

### Irish Squirrel and Pine Marten Project

Emma Sheehy from the Mammal Ecology Group, NUI Galway, will outline translocation as a conservation tool for the red squirrel, after the success of the recent pilot project in the West of Ireland, where two new populations of red squirrels have been established. Evidence that grey squirrel numbers have declined considerably in some midland counties will also be discussed, and the popular (though unconfirmed) theory that the pine marten may be responsible for controlling the grey squirrel species will be considered.

### Recreation and Forests

Recreation is one of the most important public goods delivered by the forest sector in Ireland. Forest Recreation makes an important contribution not only to national well being but to economic activity in rural communities. Given the land access issues that currently prevail in Ireland, public forests play a huge part in providing this service. Coillte estimates that the value of recreation to users, in utility terms, is over €97 million per annum and that forests generate over €270million of economic activity annually through tourism in local communities. The recreation display by Coillte will focus on these important benefits and explore how they are being delivered nationally and locally.

