

# Future of plantation industry perspective

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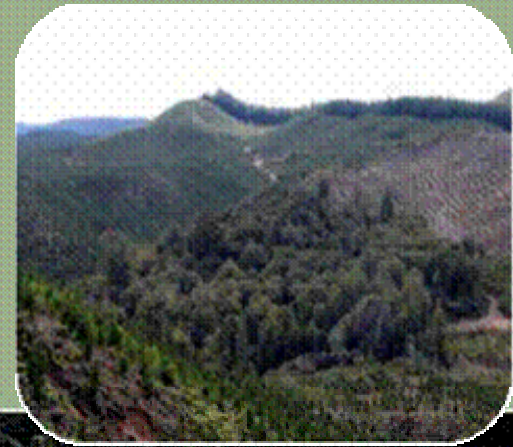


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# Vision

- Well managed plantations are broadly recognised (such as through certification) as a commercially, environmentally and socially sustainable and acceptable means of meeting world wood demand.



# Most plantations

- Commercial
- Rotational
- Clearfell
- Chemicals
- Silviculture and labour intensive



# Most plantations (cont.)

- Exotic trees
- Single species.
- Compete with:
  - illegally and unsustainably produced wood
  - metal
  - plastic
  - concrete
- Highly productive



# Well managed plantations should be recognised for

- Their role (if properly managed) in the reduction of natural forest depletion.
- Alternative to degraded and unsustainable agricultural land use:
  - Commercial return
  - Sustainable
  - Soil protection
  - Water quality
  - Biodiversity
  - Visual
  - Employment
  - Recreation



# Vision on natural areas and biodiversity

- Plantations cannot restore previously depleted ecosystems.
- Plantation managers have biodiversity responsibilities.



# Vision on natural areas and biodiversity

- The principles for management of natural area remnants within the plantation should be separate from the plantation management
- Not responsible for creating or increasing natural forest area.
- Except in special circumstances natural forest should not be converted to plantations



# Vision on indigenous people

- Rights and areas of special significance are protected
- Integrated within plantation ownership and management
- Economic beneficiaries and stakeholders in their own right





# Vision on social responsibility

- Help sustain employment, communities and the environmental services
- Commercial decisions not eroded by onerous social accountability.
- Recognised for their role in society.



# Recommendations to FSC

- The incentive is often marginal
- Well managed plantations can be certified
- Plantations should not continue to be certified as “natural rainforests” with a plantation principle “slapped on the end”.
- The FSC Principles and Criteria address the differences between plantation and natural forest management.



## Vision – 20 years time

- Recognised and accepted as a key means of meeting world wood demand.
- Preferred substitute for environmentally less benign products
- Alternative to degraded and unsustainable agricultural land.
- No illegal and unsustainable logging.
- NZ provides a good model



# Key messages to take forward

- The world demand for wood continues to increase
- “Plantation Wood is Good Wood” - Alternatives have high environmental costs and few certification barriers.
- Well managed plantations are a key means to supply wood demand.
- Plantations must be commercially viable
- If FSC excludes plantations it will lose its effectiveness in improving plantation management practices
- Without plantations the rate of natural forests depletion WILL be higher.



# Further information – NZ

- NZ Position Statement on FSC Principle 10
- NZ Forestry Facts and Figures
- From Principles to Practice – The NZ Sustainable Forest Management Story
- The New Zealand Forest Accord
- The Principles for Commercial Plantation Forest Management in NZ



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