

Lossie Land Management Plan Summary

Lossie Forest covers a total area of 818ha and extends along the Moray coast between the settlements of Lossiemouth to the West and Kingston to the East. The area is rural and of medium population density for Moray. The main access to the forest is taken from the B 9103 leading to Lossiemouth or along the coastal footpath from Lossiemouth or Kingston.

The forest is a single block of predominantly coniferous woodland, of plantation origin with Pine (Scots and Corsican), currently being the primary species. The forest area is flat and runs along the coast. The sea shore is located to the north of the forest.

Analysis of the available information has led to three **primary objectives** for this forest:

- Continue to produce high quality timber.
- Preserve the heritage value of the site.
- Preserve and enhance (dune restoration) the biodiversity value of the site.

An additional **secondary objective** for the future management of all the woodland has been identified as:

- To maintain the quality of the site for recreation.

In common with the management of all woodland in the National Forest Estate, the forest will be managed to meet the requirements of the UK forest standards. This will ensure that the plan area meets multiple land use objectives while utilising the intrinsic specific strengths of the location.

Current species

Species	Percentage (%)
Scots pine	49
Corsican pine	13
Mixed broadleaves	2
Lodgepole pine	3
Mixed conifers	1
Open	30
Felled	2

Planned operations

Operation	Conifer	Broadleaves	Open
Clearfelling	39.2ha		
Selective felling	11.9ha		
Restocking	19.9ha	7.6ha	8.5ha

Critical success factors

- Continue with an active thinning programme to ensure the ongoing success of the LISS areas as described in this plan;
- Management of the LISS regeneration will be mainly used to regenerate the crops in Lossie;
- Continue to monitor and work actively in collaboration with SNH to monitor and maintain the quality of conservation areas.
- The current recreational infrastructure will be maintained;
- React positively to any disease impacts; seek to use any dramatic change in forest structure to deliver un-anticipated benefits. For example open transient views and greater species/structural diversity.

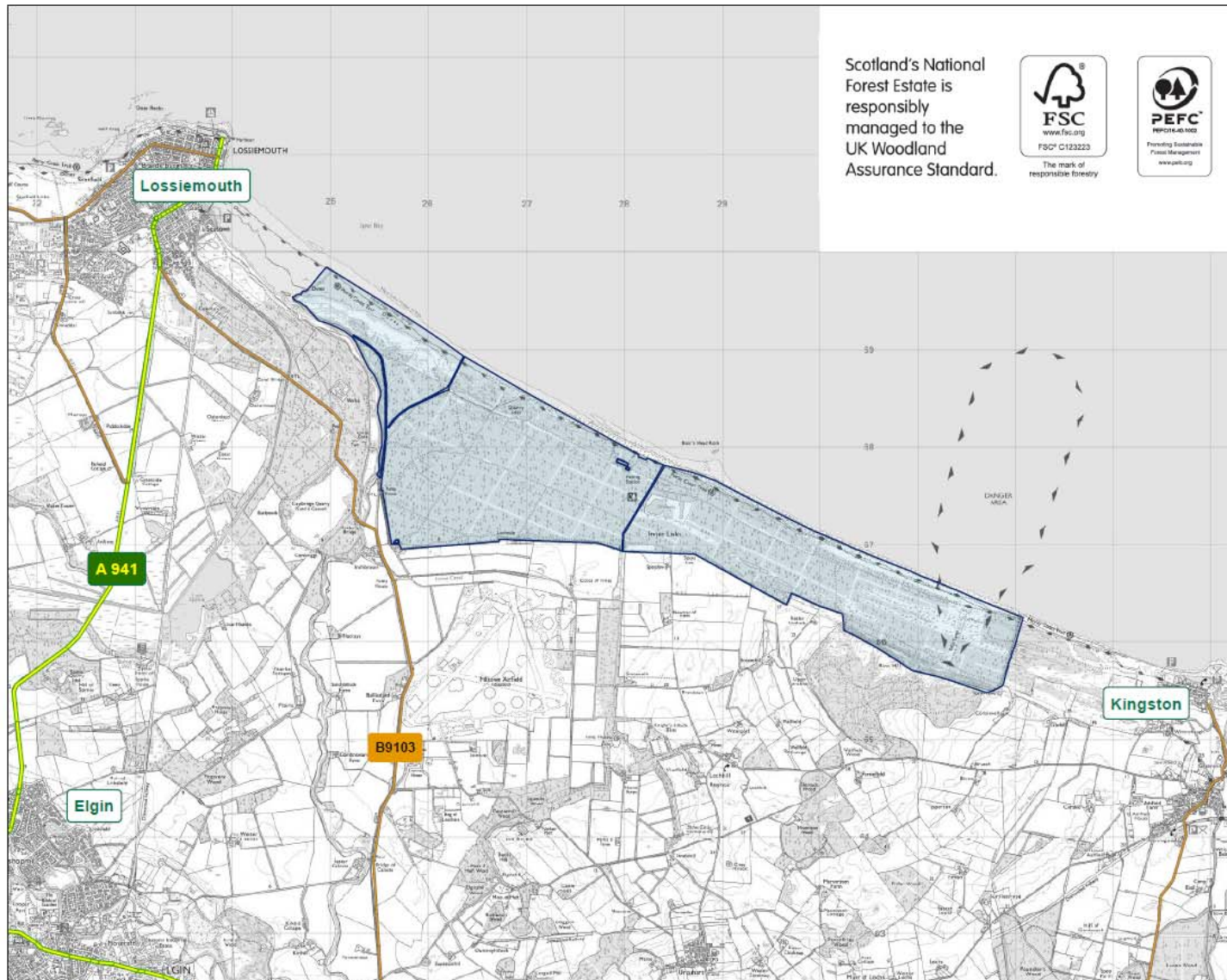
Consultation and Further Information:

During the development of this plan we have consulted publically including local community representatives and stakeholders known to have an interest in this plan area.

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


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Location Map

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Scale: 1:40,000

-  Lossie boundaries
-  A 941
-  B 9103



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