

East Loch Ard LMP
M7: Concept /
Management Zones

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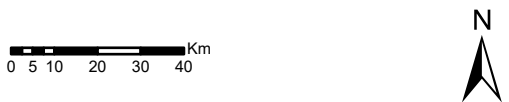
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Legend

-  LMP Plan Area
-  Core Forest Habitat Network
-  Sites of Specific Scientific Interest
-  Major Areas of Ancient Woodland
-  Queen Elizabeth Jubilee Pine Wood
-  Core Timber Production Zone
-  Core Multipurpose Forestry Zone
-  Shannochill

Please Note:

A range of management techniques will be used to meet the objectives of the plan, and the concept and management zones map illustrates areas where management goals will be broadly similar. These zones are not to be interpreted rigidly; there will be flexibility in approach within them and over time.



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Core Forest Habitat Network

An aspirational continuous habitat network based on, but not exclusive to, riparian areas which incorporates various sites of environmental significance. Impediments to improvement in these areas include extensive regeneration of non-native conifer trees, lack of retention of mature woodland in key areas, spread of invasive species, and herbivore pressure.

Riparian zones to be cleared of non-native conifers and planted with wet woodland species to improve water quality and increase flood mitigation potential of the forest.

Rhododendron, Sitka spruce and Western hemlock regeneration will be monitored and eradicated where feasible. Priority to be given to the Queen Elizabeth Jubilee Pinewood, Ancient Woodland Areas and the Drumore Wood and Doon Hill and Fairy Knowe SSSIs.

Shannochill

Continue to manage UKBAP Priority habitats, ancient woodland sites and areas of productive broadleaves established by the previous plan.

Core Timber Production Zone

Timber production to continue to be prioritised in the southern and northwest areas where soils and elevation are less favourable for other management methods, and recreational pressure is less intense. Given the many access restrictions within the plan area, this configuration maximises the amount of volume that will exit the block via the major internal haulage route.

Maintain significant contribution to regional targets but seek to diversify silvicultural options and productive species mixes, where feasible.

Core Multipurpose Forestry Zone

A broader range of species and management options to be applied in the northern and eastern areas where soils contain a higher nutrient status and wind exposure is lower. These areas also overlap with various sites of environmental significance and high recreational traffic.

Evaluate suitability of sites for application of Low Impact Silviculture Systems (LISS) management techniques on a case-by-case basis. Restock suitable sites with a range of productive conifer and broadleaf species. Minimise risk of future windblow and maintain/improve habitats and visual amenities, whilst providing a regular timber supply.

