

**Update on forest genetic resources from Forest Sector Development Division,
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All-Ireland Forest Reproductive Material Forecast 2025-2035

This report has been prepared under the auspices of the COFORD Council Forest Genetic Resources Working Group by Henry Phillips and Myles Mac Donncadha. It analyses potential demand for seeds and plants for a range of tree species across the varying planting types – afforestation, reforestation, non-grant aided planting and agri-environmental schemes. Its aim is to reduce uncertainty and support decision-making in the nursery sector by providing an estimate of future demand incorporating industry views and policy scenarios. The forecast has been finalised and is currently being prepared for publication – expectation is that it will be published in advance of the Christmas break.

Forest Reproductive Material Information Notes Series

DAFM has prepared a series of Technical Guidance information notes on the regulations controlling the marketing of Forest Reproductive Material (FRM) The purpose of these notes is to provide accessible information on the regulations governing the marketing, and production with a view to marketing of forest reproductive material.

There are five notes in the series:

1. Overview of the requirements
2. Forest Basic Material
3. Basic obligations for FRM suppliers
4. Imports and exports (already published online – redesign only)
5. EU controlled species and those certified nationally for use in DAFM Forestry Schemes

The information notes are available for download on the DAFM website. Link <https://www.gov.ie/en/department-of-agriculture-food-and-the-marine/publications/forest-seed-and-plant-marketing-regulations-forest-reproductive-material-frm/#information-notes>