

Forest Management System – Summary Audit Report			
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This document provides a summary of the findings contained in a report to this client with respect to the implementation of the client's management system as determined during an audit conducted by BSI.			

Scope of certification:

The processes involved in the management of native forests and plantations in Western Australia including: the planning and supervision of harvesting operations; the transport, processing and sale of forest products; the development and maintenance of associated infrastructure; and post-harvest re-establishment activities.

Executive summary:

This report presents the findings of a recertification assessment of the forest management system operated by the Western Australian Forest Products Commission with respect to the management of forests

The audit was conducted simultaneously with an assessment of compliance with ISO14001:2015. The requirements of ISO14001 support many of the requirements of AS4708.

The audit included corporate processes conducted at the Head Office and Bunbury Office, as well as a range of forest operations conducted from Nannup, Manjimup and Harvey. The assessment also included the Manjimup Nursery and Seed Centre and a visit to the Maringee property which has now been included in the defined forest area.

The audit confirmed the organisation's commitment to continual improvement in its strategic management; operational performance; and the systems that support the business.

Strengths of the system noted in this assessment include:

- Governance processes and risk management framework
- Functional review consolidating
- Communication processes both within the organisation and with stakeholders
- Willingness to engage specialist resources and support for key internal roles e.g. stakeholder engagement, remote sensing, optimisation, utilisation, new business opportunities, evaluation of compliance, indigenous engagement and fire management
- Interagency cooperation particularly with respect to fire management and remote sensing.

Significant improvements and initiatives include:

- Stakeholder engagement processes
- Development and uptake of new technologies e.g. mobile data capture, iForms and Governance Manager

- Development of training database and alignment with risk profile and training needs
- Linkages between central functions and field staff in the regions
- Forest health monitoring and reporting
- Improved capability with respect to analysis of data obtained through remote sensing technology
- Achievement of prescribed burning targets and effective implementation of the burn program

The organisation has responded positively to the minor non-conformances identified in previous reports and these are now closed.

Non-conformances were identified in relation to:

- The scope of certification with respect to the Harvey Log Yard
- Evaluation of compliance
- Internal audit
- Management review
- Processes for identifying changes to external documents e.g. AS1940 Storage and handling of flammable and combustible liquids.

The full report provides details regarding the opportunities for improvement, which were identified during the assessment.

The auditor would like to acknowledge the cooperation, professionalism and constructive engagement of all staff involved in the planning and conduct of this audit. This contributed significantly to the overall effectiveness of the assessment process.

The audit has determined that the organisation continues to meet the requirements of AS 4708:2013 and ISO 14001:2015.

An outcome of the assessment is a recommendation for re-certification to AS4708 and continued certification to ISO 14001:2015, subject to the closure of the non-conformances noted in the report.

Defined forest area statement

The DFA incorporates the following FMUs:

The DFA comprises 5 forest management units located in the south-west of Western Australia: these are described as Northern jarrah; Southern jarrah; Karri forests; Softwood plantations; and Mixed eucalypt plantations.

Defined forest area (in hectares):

1,220,371 ha

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