

## Administrative Datasets Used for National Statistics: FC Felling Licences

<p>Name of National Statistic and contact:</p>	<p>The dataset contributes to statistics on felling in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Forestry Statistics.</li> </ul> <p>The dataset is also used in the following non-National Statistics outputs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The total area of felling licences issued in England is reported annually in Forestry Commission England Corporate Plan Performance Indicators and Woodland Indicators.</li> <li>• The source is used in Forestry Commission Annual Reports &amp; Accounts to report on the activities of the Forestry Commission.</li> </ul> <p>Contact: Sheila Ward, e-mail <a href="mailto:Sheila.ward@forestry.gsi.gov.uk">Sheila.ward@forestry.gsi.gov.uk</a>, tel 0300 067 5236</p>
<p>Name of contributing dataset and what it contributes:</p>	<p>The FC felling licences datasets provide data on felling licences issued by the Forestry Commission. Information used in the production of Official Statistics are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Area covered by felling licence,</li> <li>• Location (England/ Scotland) and</li> <li>• Type of licence (unconditional, excluding thinning).</li> </ul>
<p>Brief description of data and dataset:</p>	<p>The FC felling licences datasets are a series of administrative datasets used to hold information on Forestry Commission applications for felling licences. The datasets are owned by the Grants &amp; Regulations teams in FC National Offices and maintained by FC National Offices and Conservancies. Data held includes area, location, and type of licence. The FC grant schemes datasets are live systems, with data extracted at a specific point in time.</p>
<p>How the data is collected:</p>	<p>Data are collected from felling licence applications, via signed application forms.</p>

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Original purpose of dataset and any other publications from the data:	The data are used by Grants & Regulations staff throughout the year, to assist in administering felling licences to woodland owners. They are also used by National Offices for monitoring progress against corporate plans and compliance.
Security of the data – how it is managed:	Access to the database is restricted to relevant Grants & Regulations staff and to appropriate officers within FC Conservancies through the use of secure usernames and passwords. Access by authorised individuals is restricted to the specific roles required.
Is supporting metadata available for this dataset?:	Grants & Regulations staff in each National Office maintain supporting metadata.
How do we get access?:	Aggregate data was requested from FC National Offices. Data are provided by e-mail.
Quality assurance:	A draft of the statistics to be produced is provided to colleagues in National Offices, seeking feedback on the figures to be presented and the accompanying commentary and background text.
Additional information:	Further information on felling licence arrangements in each country are available at: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• England – <a href="http://www.forestry.gov.uk/forestry/infd-6dfk86">www.forestry.gov.uk/forestry/infd-6dfk86</a></li><li>• Scotland - <a href="http://scotland.forestry.gov.uk/supporting/grants-and-regulations/felling-licences">http://scotland.forestry.gov.uk/supporting/grants-and-regulations/felling-licences</a></li></ul>