

# StarTree 3rd RSG meeting, FCS Battleby, 15apr16

## Validation of StarTree findings - NWFP “institutions”

**a. Which NWFP do you see as having the biggest potential in Scotland?**

**b. StarTree Work Package 4 has identified 6 suggestions for improving conditions for the NWFP sector:**

(Venison and firewood have been excluded, because “they seem to operate quite well under the existing institutional framework”.)

1. Better co-ordination between public and private actors, sharing and consolidation of information.
2. Break-up of large land ownership.
3. Re-education in forest management.
4. Harvesting rights guidance written up. Advisory/research group set up by government.
5. Species-by-species measures written up in regards to harvesting practices.
6. More funding made available for associated training and NWFP business support.

For the product identified in question (a) in particular, do you agree that these changes would be useful in Scotland?

**c. Scenarios for future economic developments (with recommendations for the NWFP sector and SMEs)**

1. Which is the most favourable/desirable scenario that you can imagine for NWFP sector development? Define a positive vision of the future (“the perfect future”) – where do you see the sector in the long term (10-20 years)? e.g. NWFP as a major product of community woodlands. You may focus on a limited number of NWFP identified in (a). Venison/firewood may be excluded.
2. Which implication this “perfect future” has for forest owners, collectors, entrepreneurs/SMEs, consumers?
3. Now imagine that we are in the future (20 years have passed) and that “the perfect future” is a reality. Which things have had to happen to get to this point? e.g. political changes, changes in the attitude, establishment of associations, sector promotion, administrative capacity, financial support, etc. Focus on the major building stones, on things which are possible to do from Scotland, not on limiting factors nor on what had to happen in the rest of the world (“outside”) to make this happen.
4. Which is the major obstacle to get to this “perfect future” and how it can be overcome?



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