



Data Collection, 2013-4

Do you know the answers?



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Regional Case Studies (RCS)



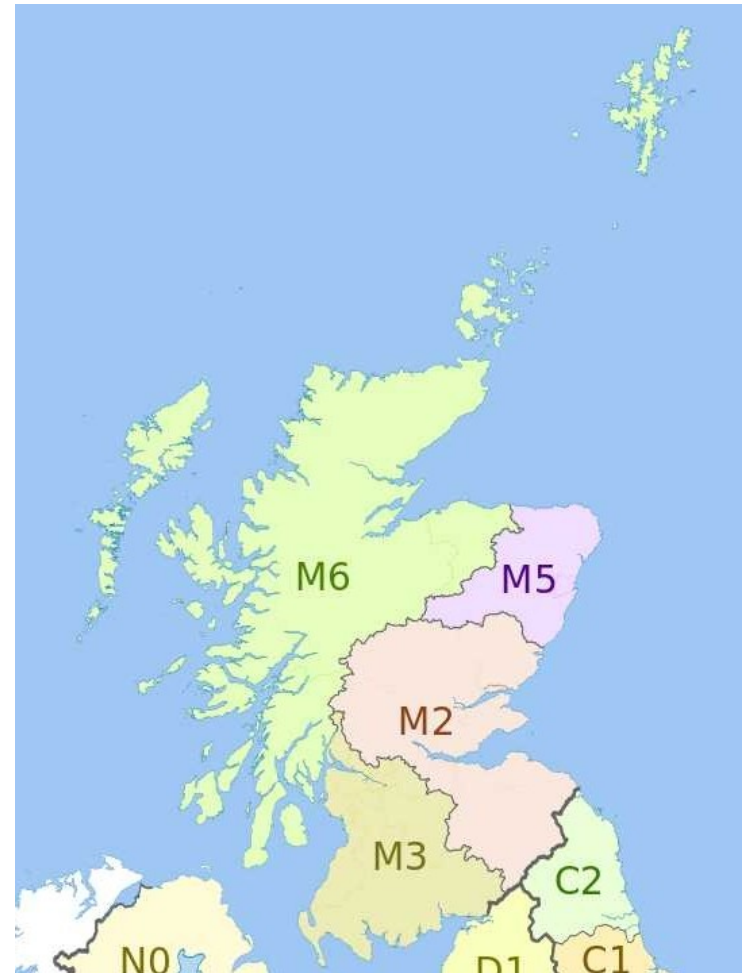
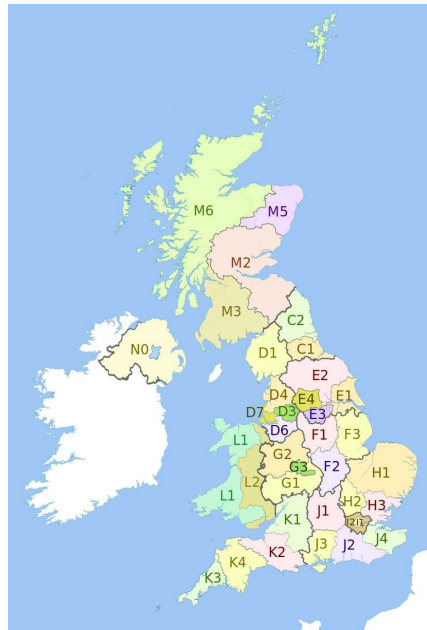
The data collection exercise aims to get comparable data from some very contrasting areas!

- Scotland has among the lowest percentage of forest cover in Europe, Finland the highest.
- Italy has long-established rules and well-developed supply chains for wild mushrooms: in Scotland we've a centuries-old tradition of distrusting “toadstools”
- Some countries have readily available, highly-regulated lists of foresters, forest land owners, businesses... we do not!



NUTS2 choices

To fit in with the overall design of the StarTree project, the survey needs to focus on a “NUTS2” region



NUTS2 - “Eastern Scotland”

Angus
Clackmannanshire
Dundee
East Lothian
Edinburgh
Falkirk
Fife
Midlothian
Perth & Kinross
Scottish Borders
Stirling
West Lothian



We chose “Eastern Scotland” because this area contains such a broad range of NWFP activities and land use types.
We hope the results will be relevant to the whole of Scotland.



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Resource management: contacting foresters and forest owners

We're seeking responses from professional foresters with a range of experience, and from owners of woodlands, large and small.

Telephone survey - foresters:

- Forest Enterprise [3 District offices in Eastern Scotland]
- Conservation landowners [NTS, RSPB, John Muir Trust, BFT, SWT – others?]
- Local authorities [who's the best person to phone?]
- Forestry businesses [which of the large forestry companies & land agents?]

Online survey - foresters & woodland owners:

- Networks of forestry businesses & foresters [Confor, ICF]
- Scottish Land & Estates
- Networks of small landowners & woodland groups [RSFS, RS, CWA, Smallwoods, Living Woods Magazine, ASHS, SCF]



Resource management: literature and models

“Grey literature” on silviculture – useful documents that won't have reached the academic literature databases

Decision Support Systems and Forest Models: are there any that include NWFPs?

e.g. ESC (ecological site classification) – could be used to predict which ground flora would do well in a given woodland



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Economy & Marketing: Household survey

We may be in need of extra hands early in 2014 to deliver a face-to-face questionnaire.

Would this be a good project for agriculture & horticulture students? Do you know who to ask?



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Economy & Marketing: Supply chain actors

We are interested to hear about anyone and everyone who **grows, harvests, processes, sells, or runs courses using** Scotland's wild & woodland products



- Who are they?
- Which networks are they part of?

...here in Scotland, we do not have a “definitive list“!



“Institutions“: rules, regulations, customs

In StarTree, “institutions” means „policies, regulations, policy instruments and informal norms”, e.g. property rights, Acts of Parliament, funding regimes and local customs

We're interested in:

- Any examples of someone being given harvesting rights by a landowner - written contract? simple verbal agreement?

e.g. moss (FCS), herbs (FCS), bulbs (Borders estates), apiary sites

- Any cases where exclusive harvesting rights are granted ? e.g. game
- Any “legal acts in force which deal with forests, access and rules for managing, gathering and trade of NWFPs in your region”
- Any examples of landowners trying to prevent illegal harvesting? Or excluding people from harvestable areas?
- Understanding the rules on managing for NWFPs – is it allowed by forestry legislation (and funding)? e.g. Switching from timber production to orchards or to hazel coppice? Neglecting or abandoning timber production in favour of NWFPs?



Institutions continued...

We're also interested in:

- Knowing where to go for standard business startup advice, particularly for rural areas? (legalities & admin of setting up a business; funding sources)
- The value to the Scottish economy of game, honey, (cultivated) berries (where to look for existing statistics?)
- Anything else that encourages or discourages:
 - Managing for NWFPs
 - Trading, harvesting, and consumption of NWFPs
 - Business development and innovation
 - Organisation of NWFP value chains (vertical or horizontal)
 - R&D, education & training

e.g. WANE Act, SRDP, single farm payments



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