

Responsible Wood® Forestry Standard

Forest Management System Summary Report

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SECTION A – PUBLIC SUMMARY REPORT

1. General Information

1.1 Name and Contact Information

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1.2 RW/ PEFC Sales Information

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RW/ PEFC Sales contact information same as above.			
RW/ PEFC salesperson			
Address		Telephone	
		Fax	
		e-mail	
		Website	

1.3 Scope of Certificate

Any changes in the scope of the certification since the previous audit are highlighted in **yellow** in the tables below.

Checking this box indicates this is a Stage 1 summary report, and the scope table below reflects relevant information for the certification *applicant* (i.e., certification decision not yet determined).

Certificate Code	SCS-NZS-001
Certification Statement	The scope of the certificate includes all forest management activities associated with the Hancock Forest Management NZ Ltd sustainable forest management system within the Defined Forest Area (DFA). Activities include the planning, establishment, maintenance, roading, harvest, transport, and sale of trade of forest products. Hancock Forest Management has sufficient control over any contracting or outsourcing of forest management planning and activities to ensure compliance to applicable certification requirements. More information regarding Hancock, including a link to its Forest Management Plan can be found at http://hfm.nz and maps here, http://hfm.nz/about-us/ .

Certification Recommendation by Audit Team to SCS <input type="checkbox"/> N/A (Stage 1 summary report)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Initial or continued certification is recommended, subject to the Organization meeting deadlines to response any findings issued.	<input type="checkbox"/> Initial or continued certification is not recommended (<i>explain</i>):
Certificate Type	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Single DFA	<input type="checkbox"/> Multiple DFA
	<input type="checkbox"/> Group	
# Group Members (if applicable)	N/A	
Number of DFAs in Scope of Certificate	N/A	
Description of DFA(s) as Advised to RW Limited	Area (ha):	Central Region is 105,516 ha.
	Area (ha):	Eastern Region is 26,718 ha.
	Area (ha):	Northern Region is 47,452 ha.
	Area (ha):	OTPP Region: 39,795 ha
	Refer to publicly available maps and information about the DFA(s) provided by the Organization on its website or upon request via the contact person cited at the beginning of this report.	
Exclusion of areas from DFA(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A – Entire DFA(s) owned or managed by the Organisation is included in the scope of certification.	
	Organisation wishes to exclude portions of the DFA(s) under evaluation from the scope of certification (check all that apply): <input type="checkbox"/> Nursery areas within the DFA(s); <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation infrastructure under the control of the Organisation, but outside of the DFA(s); <input type="checkbox"/> Areas under the control of the Organisation such as log dumps, merchandising yards or ports within or outside of the DFA(s). <i>Note that COC requirements still apply to the forest products that have come from the DFA(s) and may be evaluated onsite to determine conformance to such requirements; and/or</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Public infrastructure development areas not under the management control of the Organisation (see AS4708 GN01-2013, Requirement 3.9, Guide to implementation, infrastructure, item 2 for more information).	
	<input type="checkbox"/> The Organisation has persistently or seriously failed to meet the certification requirements for specific areas within the DFA(s). The Certification Body has reduced the scope of certification to exclude these areas not meeting the certification requirements. These reductions have been duly reviewed by the Certification Body and are in line with RW certification requirements.	
Applicable Standards/ Guidance	<input type="checkbox"/> AS4708-2013 (Australian Standard® for Sustainable Forest Management)	

	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NZS4708-2014 (New Zealand Standard® for Sustainable Forest Management)	
	<input type="checkbox"/> AS4708 GN02-2013 (Guidance for the certification of group forest management)	
Forest Ownership Type	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Single Entity – One site – Single forest owner and single forest manager. <input type="checkbox"/> Multi-site Entity – Multiple sites – Single forest owner and single forest manager <input type="checkbox"/> Multi-site Entity – Multiple sites – Multiple forest owners and single forest manager <input type="checkbox"/> Group Entity – Multiple sites – Multiple forest owners and multiple forest managers controlled by a Group Manager	
Forest Management Type	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Plantation	<input type="checkbox"/> Natural/ semi-natural
Forest Product Type(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Roundwood	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chips
	<input type="checkbox"/> Non-timber Forest Products	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (<i>describe</i>):
Species (Common and Scientific Name(s))	Radiata Pine (<i>Pinus radiata</i>); some Douglas Fir (<i>Pseudotsuga menziesii</i>), mixed eucalypt species	
Statement on the conformity and effectiveness of the management system together with a summary of the evidence relating to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the capability of the management system to meet applicable requirements and expected outcomes; - the internal audit and management review process 	Hancock Forest Management (NZ) Ltd continue to implement a forest management system in conformance with the requirements of NZS4708-2014. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The review of the Forest management System to confirm its ongoing adequacy, effectiveness and suitability has been completed (remotely) and was based on the review of documentation in compliance with the standard requirements. • HFM continues to innovate and maintain a strong focus on retaining a robust safety culture and this is evident from remotely conducted site visits which observed a high level of awareness by forest workers of risks/hazards and controls related to their operational activities. • The comprehensive and prescriptive harvest planning framework implemented across all the HFM regions demonstrates a consistency in documentation used and implementation of work practices throughout the company. Overall, HFM staff and contractors continue to display a high level of capability and professionalism in the delivery of forest management services and conformance to this standard.	
Conclusion on the appropriateness of the certification scope	The scope of certification is relevant to the forests and lands managed by HFM as appropriate and includes the OTPP (Ontario Teachers’ Pension Plan), Taumata and Tiaki estates which are managed by HFM NZ Ltd.	

	OTPP became part of the forest areas managed by HFM in 2019.
RW Logos/labels	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Logo checked and conformant (no non-conformities issued) <input type="checkbox"/> Logo checked, and Nonconformities issued

2. Audit Dates and Activities

2.1 Summary of Audit Itinerary and Activities

Type of Audit:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Evaluation/ re-evaluation	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 st annual surveillance audit	<input type="checkbox"/> 2 nd annual surveillance audit	<input type="checkbox"/> 3 rd annual surveillance audit
	<input type="checkbox"/> Combined audit	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Joint audit	<input type="checkbox"/> Integrated audit	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Special audit (<i>explain</i>): N/A			
Date of Audit:	10 th to 14 th May 2021			
Auditor(s):	Graeme Lea, Lead Auditor and Kimberly Robertson, Auditor for onsite visits in the HFM NZ Eastern and Central Regions. Also input received from the Auditor Tuesday Phelan			
Objective and Scope of the Audit:	<p>The following objectives and scope formed the parameters of the audit.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Determination of the conformity of the organization’s forest management system with audit criteria. • Evaluation of the ability of the forest management system to ensure the organization meets applicable statutory, regulatory and contractual requirements. • Evaluation of the effectiveness of the forest management system to ensure the organization is continually meeting its specified objectives. • As applicable, identification of areas for potential improvement of the forest management system (OFIs). <p>The Responsible Wood audit was conducted with onsite visits to active operation and inactive sites across the Central and OTHP Regions, carried out by the team auditor. Documentation review, staff, contractor and stakeholder interviews were all carried out either in person onsite, or remotely using VMR (online meeting platform) and other methods as detailed in the itinerary by the Responsible wood Lead Auditor and the onsite team auditor.</p> <p>The Tokoroa Log yard visit and depots (2) and were conducted by the onsite auditor. The on-site auditor also included visits to: Kinleith Fire Store, Kinleith Log Yard, Cougar Park Bike Track, the Lake Road high conservation site, the HFMNZ offices at Rotorua and Tokoroa, company depots, HCV sites across the listed regions, harvest areas, biodiversity areas and silvicultural areas.</p> <p>Road construction, bridges, soil and waterway management were also examined as part of the onsite visits by the team auditor.</p>			

	Stakeholder consultations have taken place prior, during and after the field audit component, these will be carried out by both the onsite auditor during site visits, and also by the Lead RW and FSC auditors (remotely) using Zoom/MS Teams online meeting platforms. Telephone interviews also occurred where none of the above platforms were suitable. Stakeholder consultation also occurred during visits to Aramiro Forest. No stakeholders were available at the time of the Morrisons Forest visit.
Any deviations from the audit plan and their reasons, if applicable:	No significant deviations were noted during the audit, however as stated some stakeholder consultation was undertaken remotely as the stakeholders were not available at the time of the site visits. (i.e., The Aramiro site visit included consultation with the roading contractor, while other stakeholder consultation was undertaken remotely. Stakeholder consultation regarding Morrisons Forest was also undertaken remotely.)
Summary of most important observations, positive as well as negative, regarding implementation and effectiveness of the Forest Management System:	All contractors/crews interviewed noted that communication with HFM was excellent and they are open to discussing changes in harvesting plans/rates if harvesting difficulties arise. Stakeholder feedback was overall very positive, with interviewees being complimentary about HFM operations and interactions One stakeholder describing HFM as “exemplary” in their dealings with Iwi.
Significant changes, if any, that affect the management system of the client since the last audit took place:	No significant changes to management were noted during the audit. Planned visits occurred on schedule.
Effectiveness of taken corrective actions regarding previously identified nonconformities, if applicable:	The NCRs issued at the time of the 2020 surveillance audit were successfully closed by HFM prior to the commencement of this recertification audit
Unresolved issues (if identified):	There were no unresolved issues at the end of the 2021 recertification audit
Notes/Comments:	None

