

Responsible Wood® Forest Management System Summary Report

Manulife Investment Management Forest Management NZ Ltd

Certificate # SCS-NZS-001

Surveillance audit

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SECTION A – PUBLIC SUMMARY REPORT

1. General Information

1.1 Name and Contact Information

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| Organization name | Manulife Investment Management Forest Management NZ Ltd | | |
| Contact person | Sally Strang | | |
| Address | Unit 5, 120 Hamilton Street, Tauranga, New Zealand 3110 PO Box 13404, Tauranga, New Zealand 3141 | Telephone | +64 274 779 015 |
| | | Fax | +64 7 571 7920 |
| | | e-mail | sstrang@manulife.com |
| | | Website | https://www.manulifeim.com/timberland-agriculture/global/en/property-management/timberland-operations/new-zealand |

1.2 AFS/ PEFC Sales Information

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AFS/ PEFC Sales contact information same as above. | | | |
| AFS/ 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.

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| Certificate Code | SCS-NZS-001 | | |
| Certification Statement | The scope of the certificate includes all activities associated with the Organization's sustainable forest management system with the Defined Forest Area(s) (DFA), including the harvest, transport, and sale or trade of forest products. The Organization has sufficient control over any contracting or outsourcing of forest management planning and activities to ensure conformance to applicable certification requirements. | | |
| Certificate Type | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Single Site | <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple Sites | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Group | | |
| # Sites and/or Group Members (if applicable) | | | |
| Total DFA hectares in certificate | 217 921.00 hectares | | |

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| Description of DFA(s) as Advised to AFS Limited | Area (ha): | | | |
| | Area (ha): | | | |
| | | <i>Add rows as needed</i> | | |
| | 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. Small reduction in area due to hand back of forest after harvest. | | | |
| Applicable Standards/ Guidance | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AS/NZS4708-2021 (Sustainable Forest Management Requirements) | | | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> AS4708 GN02-2013 (Guidance for the certification of group forest management) | | | |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If combined, joint, or integrated with another forest certification scheme, list scheme and describe use here: FSC-STD-NZL-02-2023 v(2.0) Surveillance audit | | | |
| Type of Audit | <input type="checkbox"/> Re-evaluation | <input checked="" 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"/> Special audit (<i>explain</i>): | | | |
| Forest Management Type | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Plantation | | <input type="checkbox"/> Natural/ semi-natural | |
| Forest Product Type(s) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Roundwood | | <input 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 eucalyptus species | | | |

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| Statement on the conformity and effectiveness of the management system together with a summary of the evidence | <p>MFM continues to review and maintain a strong focus on retaining a significant management system and a robust safety culture, evidenced by the work carried out in preparation of the audit and from site visits conducted by the auditor as well as documentation review which observed a high level of awareness by forest staff and contractors of risks/hazards and controls related to their operational activities.</p> <p>There was one OFI in 2024 and this has been closed</p> <p>There were 3 Minor Non-conformances and one OFI issued as a result of this surveillance audit.</p> | | |
| RW Logos/labels | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Logo checked and conformant (no non-conformities issued) <input type="checkbox"/> Logo checked, and Nonconformities issued | | |
| Certification Recommendation by Audit Team to SCS | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Continued certification is recommended, subject to the Organization meeting deadlines to response any findings issued. | | <input type="checkbox"/> Continued certification is not recommended (<i>explain</i>): |

2. Audit Dates and Activities

2.1 Audit Itinerary and Activities Summary

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| Date of Audit | 10-13 March and 17-20 March 2025 |
| Auditor(s) | Kimberly Robertson |
| Criteria | <p>This was the first surveillance audit against the AS/NZS 4708:2021 requirements 11.1.1 to 11.7.14</p> <p>This was a combined audit with 4 on site days allocated to RW and 4 days to FSC-STD-NZL-02-2023 v(2.0) Surveillance audit. The audit itinerary covers 8 days and both audits</p> |
| Detailed Site Notes | Detailed itinerary and site notes are in Appendix 2, <i>Detailed Audit Itinerary and Site Notes</i> . |

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| Any deviations from the audit plan and their reasons, if applicable: | <input type="checkbox"/> If this is a remote audit due to Covid-19, check here and describe ICT below. |
| Summary of most important observations, positive as well as negative, regarding implementation and effectiveness of the Forest Management System: | <p>The review of the Forest management System to confirm its ongoing adequacy, effectiveness and suitability has been completed and was based on the review of documentation in compliance with the AS/NZS 4708:3021 version of RW requirements.</p> <p>A high level of compliance was seen during the audit process.</p> <p>Three minor non-conformances were issued at this audit:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Manulife NZ doesn't undertake carbon stock assessment for the native forest reserve lands (32 459 ha) which is not managed for plantation purposes but is within its DFA (defined forest area). The RTE species guide isn't up to date in terms of the distribution of Weka and Whio (RTE Bird Species). One recent harvest contractor employee (16 years old, started in Jan 2025), in training as a QC is being paid the minimum wage (23.50 /hr) which is less than living wage (27.80/hr). |
| Significant changes, if any, that affect the management system of the client since the last audit took place: | No significant changes |
| Effectiveness of taken corrective actions regarding previously identified nonconformities, if applicable: | Previous OFI was effectively corrected and implemented by MFM. |

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| Unresolved issues (if identified): | To the best of the auditors knowledge there are currently no unresolved issues related to this certificate |
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2.2 Confirmation of Meeting Audit Objectives

The objectives for this audit included:

- a. Determination of the conformity of the client’s management system, or parts of it, with audit criteria (Selected Objectives, Performance Measures, and/or Indicators).
- b. Determination of the ability of the management system to ensure the client meets applicable statutory, regulatory and contractual requirements.
- c. Determination of the effectiveness of the management system to ensure the client can reasonably expect to achieve specified objectives.
- d. As applicable, identification of areas for potential improvement of the management system.

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| Audit Objectives were met | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If no, provide an explanation: |
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