

Group Certification Using Knowledge Transfer Groups– a pilot scheme

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Barriers to Certification of private forests

- Current market demand for minimum percentage certified material mostly met by Coillte and IForUT;
- Lack of awareness/knowledge of the need for certification;
- Concerns regarding additional workload and costs;

Knowledge Transfer Groups

- Used successfully in the beef and sheep sectors
- Promotes peer to peer learning
- Must be task orientated and have a subject matter that will motivate individuals to attend meetings and field days

Objectives of the Pilot

- Establish two Certification Groups for private forest owners
- Develop a template for group certification

Private Timber as a % of total timber production

Year	Gross Volume	NRV	Key project events
2016	27%	24%	September 2016, pilot project starts
2017	25%	22%	
2018	25%	22%	Certification template launched, promotion campaign begins
2019	29%	26%	New certification groups established
2020	32%	28%	
2021	33%	30%	
2022	38%	34%	
2023	44%	41%	5 year group certification cycle completed
2024	48%	44%	
2025	51%	47%	
2026	55%	51%	
2027	56%	51%	

