

Knowing your forest and its value



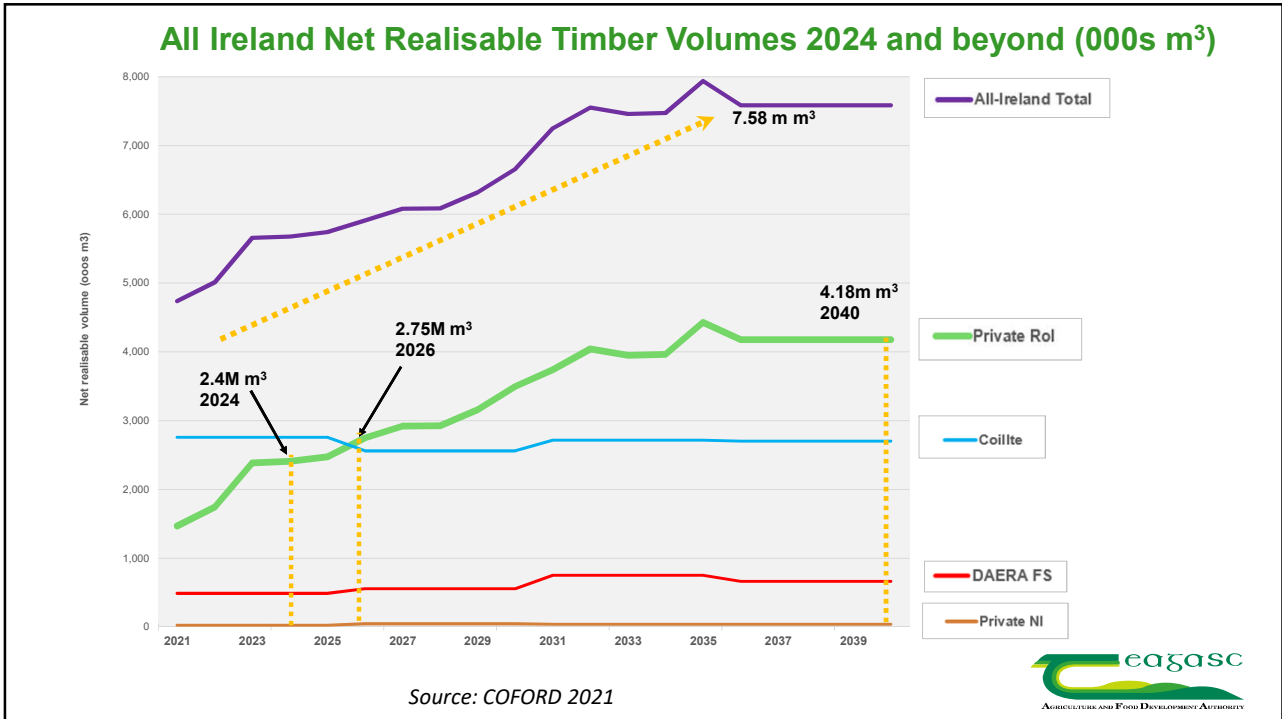
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Getting the best from your forest – *Will you be ready?*

- Our forests keep growing...
 - *Over 4 million m³ of roundwood timber harvested in 2022 (CSO, 2023)*
 - *By 2035 will increase to 7.9 million m³ (COFORD, 2021)*
- Forest owners - indispensable link in timber supply chain... sustainability is central
- Must have confidence and reassurance





The sustainability challenge







Trading

- Timing
 - Thinning or clearfell? Stability
 - Felling licence, road repairs
- Measure
 - Know what you're selling
 - What volume can you remove?
- Sale type?
- Markets/prices (Certification?)
- Appropriate contract
- Professional services



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Training

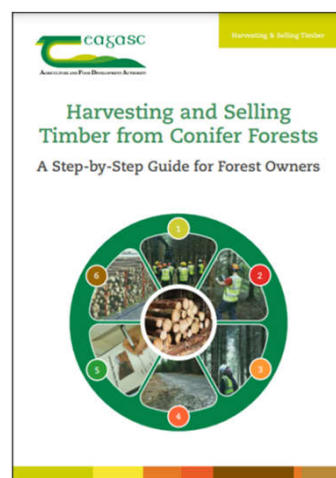
- Knowledge is power
 - To plan and participate
 - Knowledge transfer groups (KTGs) / Forest Owner Groups

- Information exchange
 - Develop skillsets, build confidence and motivation
 - Active management
 - Thinning, forest management, knowledge transfer groups
 - Peer to peer learning
 - DAFM support



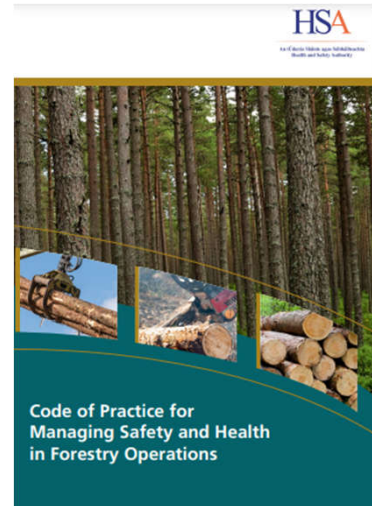
to sum up..

- Know the resource
- Get the best from your forest by sustainable management
- Be informed and upskill
- Plan and implement in good time
- Engage with your peers for a strong and sustainable forest owner sector



Prioritise Health and Safety

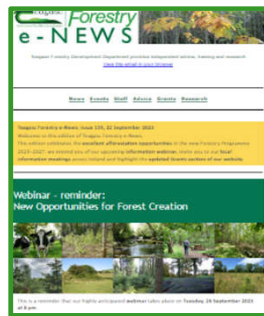
- **Code of Practice for Managing Safety and Health in Forestry Operations** (Health and Safety Authority)
 - Sets out legal duties for **forest owner**, **forestry works manager** and **contractors** e.g.
- Site specific & operational risk assessments
- Safety Statement
- Emergency and contingency planning
- Health and safety monitoring



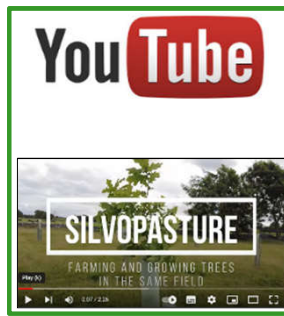
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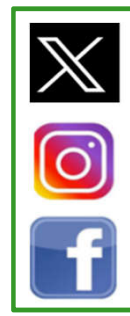
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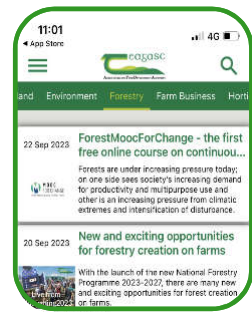
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EMPLOYMENT

RECREATION

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