

Unenclosed Land Issues

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Policy

Growing for the Future (1996)

- Critical Mass (17% Land Mass)
- 20,000ha/annum of YC 14 +
- Alternative to Farming
- Environmental Benefits SFM, Carbon, b/I
- Industry Measures

Achievement

- Planting targets not reached
- Other measures largely successful



Characteristics of Uncl. Sites

- 📁 Peats, Low YC, SSA's currently excl.
- 📁 Adjoining hill farms grass, furze bracken veg
- 📁 Enriched areas adjoining streams rush sedge grasses
- 📁 Hill grass – nardus molinia swards
- 📁 Excluded from field systems unimproved
- 📁 Reclaimed unenclosed



Characteristics Productivity

- 📁 Large range of SS yield classes
- 📁 Evidence from:-
 - Coillte Stand Inventory
 - NFI Sample plots
 - Pole Stage GA forests (defined)
 - Indicative Strategy Studies-
Soil, Site ,Geography



Landscape

Other factors to be considered
e.g. proximity to wind farms frequently
on unenclosed lands (up to 40m
concrete structures



Historical Issue

- 📁 Poor selection in the past
- 📁 Underlying causes
- 📁 Changed application procedures today
- 📁 More tools to match species to site
- 📁 More tools to ensure better management



The Case for Consideration on Merit

- 📁 Hitherto not excluded (over 25yrs Gapf)
- 📁 Productive 'unenclosed' forest
- 📁 Land availability further reduced –impact on programmes
- 📁 Farmer options and flexibility reduced, less incentive-esp with better Ag prices
- 📁 Manageable forest units
- 📁 Longterm Carbon storage and reducing middle term releases from big c/f areas



Possible Actions on Planting Approvals

- 📁 Postpone new directives pending info.
- 📁 Assemble Productivity data (quick study) IFS etc.
- 📁 Re look at impacts of reduced planting scenarios
- 📁 Look prod. data arising from high b/l planting and value of unenclosed c/f
- 📁 Structural farm forestry arguments



Possible Source Matl

- 📁 Older Surveys Leitrim etc.(1970s AFT)
- 📁 Coillte Periodic inventory from 1968
- 📁 Coillte PSPs Yield Model data base
- 📁 Clare IFS (Bulfin – TEAGASC 1990s)
- 📁 National IFS (TEAGASC for FS)1998
- c2001
- 📁 IFS FOR EPA (TEAGASC post 2000)
- 📁 Recent Studies (Farrelly etc)
- 📁 GAPF data

