



# Loch Shiel Land Management Plan Summary

Loch Shiel Forest lies along the South eastern shore of Loch Shiel between the Lochaber villages of Strontian and Glenfinnan. Open ground is the dominant habitat occupying 61% of the LMP area with productive conifer being the dominant woodland type. This forest is isolated from utilities and public infrastructure. Access to this area is by forest road from Glenhurich Forest via the public road at Polloch in the south, with the timber transport route accessing the forest from the north via Conaglen Estate and Callop & Drumfern Forest near Glenfinnan.

Loch Shiel LMP was approved on 23/11/2012 and runs for 10 years. The key features of the LMP area are:

- Plantations on Ancient Woodland Sites (PAWS)
- Timber production
- Productive conifer woodland areas not sympathetically fitting into the landscape
- Productive conifer woodland within designated and riparian areas
- Forest road follows a right of way which acts as an emergency route for goods and services
- Remoteness from populations, public roading and utilities

The primary objectives for the plan area are:

- Conservation restoration and expansion of native woodland of ecological values as cited in statutory designations
- Maintain NSA/SSSI in favourable condition.
- Timber production.
- Maintenance and enhancement of landscape values.
- Maintenance of current levels of recreational provision.
- Maintenance of known heritage features.

<b>Total Plan Area</b>	<b>1,811 hectares (ha)</b>
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## Summary of Land Management Plan Proposals

Planned Operations	2012– 2022 plan period
Felling	325 ha
Restocking	150 ha
Significant Environment / Conservation Features	
Designated sites	Loch Shiel SSSI Loch Shiel SPA Moidart & Ardgour SPA Loch Shiel NSA
Scheduled Ancient Monument (SAM)	Rubha an Fhaing Dhuibh Settlement
Natural Reserve	197 ha
Priority Species 1	Golden eagle
Priority Species 2	Black throated diver
Priority Species 3	Chequered skipper butterfly
Priority Species 4	Bats
Priority Species 5	Bryophyte assemblage
Priority Species 6	Oligotrophic loch

### Consultation and Further Information:

Council area – Highland Council  
Community Council: Strontian CC, Glenfinnan CC

#### Consultation: events / consultees

##### Statutory consultees:

SNH  
Highland Council  
Historic Scotland

##### Public consultees:

Strontian Community Council  
Glenfinnan Community Council

##### Internal Consultation:

Lochaber Forest District staff & Renate Jephcott – 29/11/2011



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