

GBREVIEW

Review of *Growing Broadleaves*

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BACKGROUND

COFORD published *Growing Broadleaves* in 1998 with the intention of providing foresters, landowners and students with silvicultural guidelines for the establishment and management of broadleaves in Ireland. In the interim period, much experience and knowledge has been acquired on the performance of broadleaves. In order to capture changes as well as to extend the range of species, it was decided to undertake a full review of the original publication.

OBJECTIVES

The main objective is to review and update the original COFORD publication *Growing Broadleaves* based on practical experience gained with the establishment and management of broadleaves in Ireland since its publication in 1998. Other objectives include extending the range of species covered in the original document from five of the major species to all broadleaved species encountered in Irish forestry today including most of the minor broadleaved species.

PROGRESS

Several meetings of the editorial committee took place during 2008 and agreement was reached on the new structure of the book. Final drafts are ready for distribution to members of

the working group. Many studies and evaluations have been undertaken in 2008 in relation to material for the book combined with field visits to successful and problematic sites during the year.

OUTPUTS

As part of the review, an Irish student from the Albert-Ludwigs University in Freiburg, completed a masters degree in forest ecology and management in 2007 on *Quantifying the development of oak/Scots pine and oak/European larch stands in Ireland*. A draft COFORD Connects Note based on the study will be published in 2009.

ACTIVITIES PLANNED

It is anticipated that the new publication will be launched at the end of 2009 as part of an international conference on broadleaved silviculture.