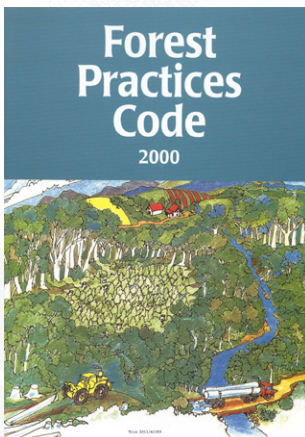




*Forest Practices Authority field day on management of habitat for the giant freshwater crayfish (*Astacopsis gouldi*).*

Key points

- Forestry Tasmania operates within the forest practices system, which is overseen by an independent statutory body, the Forest Practices Authority
- Forest Practices Plans detail how natural and cultural values will be managed and protected during forestry operations
- Forestry Tasmania employs Forest Practices Officers, who are trained and authorised by the Forest Practices Authority, to prepare and certify Forest Practices Plans



The Forest Practices Code is managed and compliance audited by the Forest Practices Authority.

The forest practices system

As with other forest managers in Tasmania, Forestry Tasmania operates within the forest practices system, which is a co-regulatory approach overseen by an independent statutory body, the Forest Practices Authority.

The Forest Practices Code is one of the foundations of the forest practices system. It contains guidelines and standards for protecting natural and cultural values during forestry operations, such as timber harvesting and road construction.

The Forest Practices Code is enforceable by law, and penalties apply for any breaches.

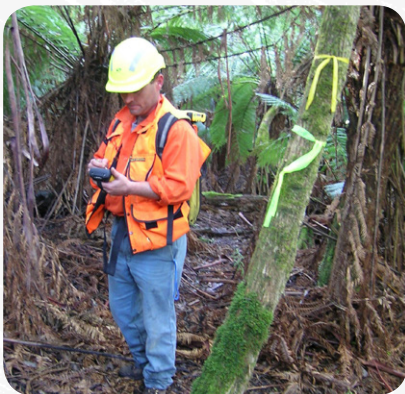
What is a forest practices plan?

A Forest Practices Plan is a document that has been prepared and certified by an authorised forest practices officer. It must comply with the Forest Practices Code.

It contains instructions for protecting special values, such as soils, geomorphology, visual landscapes, water, biodiversity, threatened plants and animals and cultural heritage. It also contains a map showing reserves, roads, harvesting boundaries and log landing areas.

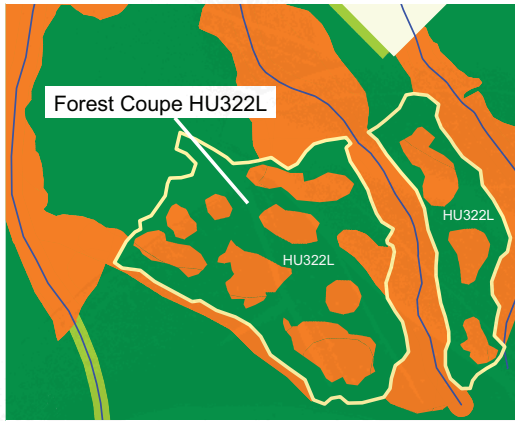
A Forest Practices Plan involves developing special values evaluations and can take months, or even years, to finalise. The planning process typically involves site surveying, consultation with experts, and consultation with potentially affected stakeholders.

When completed, a Forest Practices Plan (FPP) is a legally enforceable document that the harvesting contractor is required to follow.








Forest Practices Officer undertaking a coupe survey as part of a special values evaluation.





LEGEND

-  Provisional Coupe Boundary
-  Private land neighbouring Permanent Timber Production Zone land
-  Native forest areas retained for biodiversity conservation, includes CAR reserves.
-  Areas of Permanent Timber Production Zone land managed for wood production
-  Additional areas set-aside from wood production, for other reasons (e.g. streamside reserves, unloggable).

What are forestry operations?

Forestry operations that require an FPP include:

- native forest harvesting and reforestation
- plantation harvesting and establishment
- clearing forests for other purposes
- road and quarry construction

Forestry Tasmania's role in forest practices planning

The forest practices system is based on a co-regulatory approach, involving self-regulation by the industry with independent monitoring and enforcement carried out by the Forest Practices Authority. This means that appropriately qualified staff or consultants - known as Forest Practices Officers - are authorised to prepare Forest Practices Plans for forestry companies.

Forest Practices Officers are career foresters who have undergone additional training, and received authorisation from the Forest Practices Authority. Forestry Tasmania employs Forest Practices Officers throughout the State.

Before a forest operation starts, a Forest Practices Officer will provide a contractor with an on-site briefing to ensure the works will be conducted in accordance with the Forest Practices Plan. Further monitoring takes place during the operation to ensure compliance with the plan.

All non-compliances are investigated with any serious problems reported to the Forest Practices Authority, which has the power to prosecute and issue fines for breaches of a Forest Practices Plan.

Availability of Forest Practices Plans

All of Forestry Tasmania's current Forest Practices Plans are available free of charge as downloads from:

www.forestrytas.com.au/operations/three-year-wood-production-plans

More information on Forest Practices Plans

www.fpa.tas.gov.au/forest_practices_system

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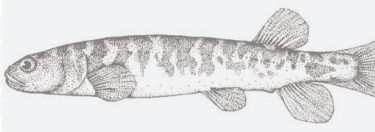
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Grey goshawk

Source: Parks and Wildlife Service
Living with wildlife - Hawks



Clarence galaxias

Source Fulton, 1990

The Forest Practices System provides specific management guidelines for over 250 species of priority fauna and flora. Images source - FPA Threatened fauna manual for production forests in Tasmania.

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