

APPENDIX A

Status of Milestones for the forest agreements for the Upper North East, Lower North East and Eden regions

DUE DATE	FOREST AGREEMENT REGION	REF **	MILESTONE	STATUS	
MANAGING THE FORESTS					
ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS					
2001	1 April	UNE, LNE, Eden	2.1.1 Att 3 Att 4	Preparation of SFNSW EMS - Native Forest Management System.	<p>Draft</p> <p>The EMS is to assist in the continuous improvement of environmental management in native and planted forests.</p> <p>The NFMS forms part of the EMS. The NFMS is a comprehensive planning, assessment, implementation, monitoring and auditing system which details how SFNSW is implementing ESFM on its native and planted forest estate. The draft 'NFMS Strategic Framework' was placed on public display in September 2000. The NFMS Support Systems and Documents (operations manual) is being progressively refined and integrated into day-to-day management.</p> <p>The system is being implemented and staff training and development is currently underway. It is proposed a series of audits are to be undertaken to assist in considering potential for ISO 14001 accreditation.</p>
2004	1 April	UNE, LNE, Eden	2.1.2 Att 3	Preparation of NPWS Environmental Management Systems.	<p>In progress</p> <p>Development of EMS ongoing.</p>
PLANS OF MANAGEMENT					
1999	31 Mar	UNE, LNE, Eden	2.4.1 Att 8	Release and adoption of <i>NSW Biodiversity Strategy</i> .	<p>Complete</p> <p>Strategy released in March 1999.</p>
2005	1 Jan	UNE, LNE, Eden	2.3.2 Att 8	Preparation of plans of management for dedicated reserves under the <i>National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974</i> .	<p>In progress</p> <p>Plans are being prepared progressively.</p> <p>UNE/LNE regions - of 274 national parks, nature reserves, historic sites, State Recreation Areas and Aboriginal Areas located within the regions, 50 Plans of Management have been adopted, with 11 of these currently being revised. A further 62 Plans of Management are currently being prepared.</p> <p>Eden region - of 20 national parks, nature reserves and heritage sites, eight Plans of Management have been adopted, one of which is being revised. A further three Plans of Management are currently in preparation, including one which has already been publicly exhibited.</p>
Forest Management Zoning System					
1999	1 Oct	Eden	2.2.2 Att 5	Mapping of FMZs (as defined in Attachment 5 of Agreement) and attached to Regional ESFM Plans. Zones delineate areas of State forest to be managed as conservation reserves and those managed for timber production.	<p>Deferred</p> <p>Public release in March 2000 of document <i>Managing our Forests Sustainably: Forest Management Zoning in NSW State Forests</i>. The document defines areas of State forest which are to be managed for timber harvesting and conservation purposes. Mapped FMZs were included in draft Regional ESFM Plans placed on public exhibition in September 2000.</p> <p>Changes to FMZ areas will be considered as part of the FMZ Assessment to be undertaken as part of the <i>Government's Action for the Environment Statement 2001</i>.</p>

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2000	1 April	UNE, LNE	2.2.2 Att 5	Provision of maps of FMZs (as defined in Attachment 5 of the Agreement) and attached to the Regional ESFM Plans.	Deferred Public release in March 2000 of document <i>Managing our Forests Sustainably: Forest Management Zoning in NSW State Forests</i> . The document defines areas of State forest which are to be managed for timber harvesting and conservation purposes. Mapped FMZs included in draft Regional ESFM Plans placed on public exhibition in September 2000. Changes to FMZ areas will be considered as part of the FMZ Assessment to be undertaken as part of the <i>Government's Action for the Environment Statement 2001</i> .
Ongoing		UNE, LNE, Eden	Att 8	Implement the Forest Management Zoning System.	In progress Full implementation of the FMZ system is to occur following the completion of the FMZ Assessment to be undertaken as part of the <i>Government's Action for the Environment Statement 2001</i> . Guidelines for using the FMZ are to be developed by SFNSW to enable full implementation.
Regional ESFM Plans					
2000	1 April	UNE, LNE, Eden	2.2.1	Preparation of Regional ESFM Plans and that these must be subject to public exhibition and consultation.	Draft The draft Regional ESFM Plans have been completed for the UNE, LNE and Eden regions and were placed on public display in September 2000. The draft plans include a timetable for the preparation of working plans for flora reserves; a strategy for management of informal reserves and areas management by prescription; and policy on Aboriginal input into forest management. Public comments are currently being considered by SFNSW.
2000	1 April	UNE, LNE, Eden	2.2.4 Att 6	Preparation of SFNSW Forest Practices Code: Part 5 – Wildlife Management in Native Forests.	Draft No progress has been made on this milestone this reporting period. As indicated in the <i>1999/2000 Forest Agreement Annual Report</i> , a draft has been prepared, however, no subsequent action (internal or external review) has occurred.
2001	1 Jan	UNE, LNE, Eden	2.2.2 2.3.2 (E)	Preparation of working plans for all flora reserves, to be incorporated into Regional ESFM Plans.	In progress There are 19 flora reserve situated within SFNSW' North Coast Region, located in across the UNE region and part of the LNE region. Of the 19 flora reserves, 18 working plans were approved by the Minister for Forestry and implemented. The plans will be progressively reviewed as required. The plans are to be attached to the Regional ESFM Plans.
2001	1 April	UNE, LNE, Eden	2.3.3	Preparation of working plans for informal reserves and areas managed by prescription on State forests, to be included in the Regional ESFM Plans.	Draft Strategy for management of informal reserves and areas managed by prescription was incorporated into the draft Regional ESFM Plans, which were placed on public exhibition in September 2000. The strategy provides a framework for the management of various conservation values. These plans are to be finalised with the Regional ESFM Plans.
2001	30 June	UNE, LNE, Eden	2.4.4.5	Directors-General of NPWS, PlanningNSW and CEO SFNSW to agree on the larger more significant exclusion areas of rainforest, high conservation value old growth and other prescriptive exclusions.	Deferred To be discussed as part of finalising the management plans for large areas of rainforest, high conservation value old growth and other areas excluded by prescription.
2002	1 Jan	UNE, LNE, Eden	2.4.4.5	Preparation of management plans for large areas of rainforest, high conservation value old growth and other areas excluded by prescription (attach to Regional ESFM Plans and in consultation with NPWS).	Draft Draft management plan for areas managed by prescription have been incorporated into draft Regional ESFM Plans placed on public display in September 2000. The plans are to be finalised as part of the Regional ESFM Plans.
Annually		UNE, LNE, Eden	2.2.6	Report on progress on meeting targets in Regional ESFM Plans.	In progress Initial work has begun in developing the report. Reporting will begin following full implementation of the Regional ESFM Plans.

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CAR RESERVE SYSTEM				
Additions to the National Park Estate				
1999	31 Aug	UNE, LNE, Eden	6.16.2 6.16.1 (E)	Preparation of procedures for purchasing leases on land. Deferred Procedures for purchasing leases were not established by NPWS during 2000/2001.
1999	1 Dec	UNE, LNE	6.16.2	Identification of areas 'available for formal reservation' refined from the 'areas for further consideration'. Process for identifying these lands was outlined in the PlanningNSW Memo dated 4 February 1999, and entitled 'Procedure for dealing with lands for further consideration for reservation'. Complete The NPWS, the Department of Mineral Resources and SFNSW have completed their review of 'areas for further consideration for reservation'.
2001	1 April	Eden	6.16.1	Pursue the voluntary purchase of any leases on State forest tenure that has been revoked. No reporting required No purchases have been made.
Ongoing		UNE, LNE	6.16.2	The Government may attempt to voluntarily acquire leases using approaches coordinated with the NPWS purchase strategy. Funding to be sought for the purchase of leasehold lands. Implemented During 2000/2001, four leases on leasehold public land were voluntarily acquired for addition to the national park estate in the UNE and LNE regions. These acquisitions provided an additional 11 317 hectares to the estate at a cost of \$1.4 million. Acquisition of these lands provides protection of values including; wilderness, old growth, under target ecosystems and threatened species habitat.
Ongoing	as soon as practical	UNE, LNE, Eden	6.16.2 6.16.1 (E)	Any areas for which leases are purchased must be incorporated by gazettal into the NPWS estate as soon as practical. Implemented NPWS purchased four properties during 2000/2001 which have yet to be gazetted. However, Financial Impact Statements have been submitted and approved. Gazettal of these properties will occur following the cessation of grazing rights on one property. Other properties are still dedicated as State forest. The gazettal process will occur following the dedication being revoked.
Ongoing	As required	UNE, LNE, Eden	2.3.4	Minister for Fisheries may declare aquatic reserves under <i>Fisheries Management Act 1994</i> within State forests, National Parks, nature reserves or Crown lands and develop management arrangements. No reporting required No aquatic reserves have been declared under the <i>Fisheries Management Act 1994</i> .
FMZ Assessment				
1999	1 Oct	UNE, LNE, Eden	2.3.1	Minister for Forestry to create informal reserves pursuant to the amended <i>Forestry Act 1916</i> , and called 'special management zones'. Deferred The preliminary identification of informal reserves in the UNE, LNE and Eden regions has occurred. Maps showing these areas were placed on public display in September 2000 with the draft Regional ESFM Plans. Finalisation of these areas was delayed due to further development required on the CRAFTI layer for the UNE region (now complete).
1999	1 Dec	UNE, LNE	6.16.2	SFNSW must pursue upgrading to FMZ2, any FMZ3 area that would be classed as 'available for formal reservation' but for unresolved mineral issues. Deferred Process covered by SFNSW Operational Circular Guidelines for Managing FMZ on State Forests. The final requirements of the FMZ areas are to be resolved during the FMZ Assessment to be undertaken as part of the Government's <i>Action for the Environment Statement 2001</i> .
2000	30 June	UNE, LNE	6.16.2	NPWS and SFNSW, in consultation with the Department of Mineral Resources, to complete negotiations on the FMZ category for State forests with mineral and lease interests. Deferred The majority of negotiations were completed during 1999/2000. FMZ categories have been determined by SFNSW following consultation with DMR and NPWS. The final requirements of this task are to be completed as part of the FMZ Assessment to be undertaken as part of the Government's <i>Action for the Environment Statement 2001</i> .

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2000	30 June	UNE, LNE	6.16.2 2.3.1	Lands must be zoned by SFNSW as FMZ2 and FMZ3 where they are encumbered by leases or have major mineral value precluding FMZ2 and must be managed accordingly. Any activities on these lands which may diminish the values of the area must only be carried out with the agreement of NPWS and following consultation with leaseholders.	Deferred This task is to be considered as part of the FMZ Assessment to be undertaken as part of the Government's <i>Action for the Environment Statement 2001</i> . Discussions to be undertaken between the NPWS, SFNSW, PlanningNSW and the Department of Mineral Resources.
Ongoing	Every 5 years or as required	UNE, LNE	2.3.3	Review of mineral and petroleum objections over FMZ2 and FMZ3 lands every five years or as required and land may be added to dedicated reserve system.	Deferred There was no change to mineral or petroleum interests in FMZ areas during 2000/2001. Further consideration of this milestone is to occur as part of the FMZ Assessment to be undertaken as part of the Government's <i>Action for the Environment Statement 2001</i> .
Ongoing		UNE, LNE, Eden	2.3.1 6.16.2 6.16.1 (E)	Consult with the Department of Mineral Resources when upgrading FMZ3 to FMZ2 and purchase of leases.	Deferred Process covered in the SFNSW Operational Circular 'Guidelines for using FMZ system'. Further consultation to occur as part of the FMZ Assessment to be undertaken as part of the Government's <i>Action for the Environment Statement 2001</i> .
CROWN RESERVES					
1999	30 Sept	UNE, LNE, Eden	2.3.3	Memorandum of Understanding regarding management of Crown reserves.	Complete A memorandum of understanding regarding the management of Crown reserves was signed in March 2001 between the Directors-General of NPWS and the Department of Mineral Resources. This memorandum is an agreement on the management of Crown reserves dedicated for the purposes of public recreation, conservation and mineral and petroleum exploration.
1999	30 Sept	UNE, LNE, Eden	2.3.3	Formation of a management committee regarding the management of Crown reserves.	Deferred NPWS sought to have this committee established during this reporting period. However, due to new negotiations regarding state conservation areas, and the possibility that some Crown reserves would be put into them, the Department of Mineral Resources did not want the formation of the committee to proceed at that stage. Formation of the committee has therefore been deferred pending the completion of the negotiations.
2002	1 Jan	Eden	2.3.3	Preparation of plans of management for Crown reserves which are adjacent to land dedicated or reserved under the <i>National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974</i> .	Deferred Development of plans is currently on hold pending the clarification of legal issues.
2003	1 Jan	UNE, LNE	6.16.2	NPWS to assess forest conservation values on remaining vacant Crown land in consultation with the Department of Land and Water Conservation, the Department of Mineral Resources and other relevant stakeholders.	In progress NPWS have finalised the assessment of forest conservation values on all remaining vacant Crown land. The Department of Mineral Resource and the Department of Land and Water Conservation are currently preparing detailed responses to NPWS.
2005	1 Jan	UNE, LNE	2.3.3	Preparation of plans of management for Crown reserves which are adjacent to land dedicated or reserved under the <i>National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974</i> .	Deferred Development of plans is currently on hold pending the clarification of legal issues.
Ongoing		UNE, LNE, Eden	6.16.2 6.16.1 (E)	PlanningNSW, SFNSW and NPWS to prepare a joint strategy for vacant Crown lands with potential mineral resource interests to determine if any of this land is suitable for Crown reserve.	In progress Discussions are continuing between PlanningNSW, SFNSW and NPWS.
Ongoing	Every 5 years	UNE, LNE, Eden	2.3.3	NPWS and the Department of Mineral Resources to review Crown Reserves every five years, any areas no longer required for mineral interests must be dedicated under the <i>National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974</i> with concurrence of the Department of Mineral Resources.	No reporting required Not required until the 5-year review.

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CO-OPERATIVE APPROACHES FOR THREATENED SPECIES MANGEMENT					
1999	30 June	UNE, LNE, Eden	2.4.4.3	Implementation of a process to assess conservation requirements in relation to important new information concerning the biology and ecology of a species and/or effectiveness of licence conditions.	Implemented NPWS has implemented a process which mirrors that adopted for species newly listed in schedules of the <i>Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995</i> (stipulated in Condition 1.3 of Appendix B in the UNE, LNE and Eden region IFOAs). A process is also in place for the review of certain fauna conditions of the Threatened Species Licences. This process includes the exchange and assessment of new information by the NPWS, SFNSW and, where appropriate, independent experts. Recommendations arising from such reviews are provided to the relevant Ministers for approval.
1999	1 Oct	UNE, LNE, Eden	2.4.4.2	Development of a process for the assessment of new records of threatened species, populations and ecological communities not already covered by licences, whereby the conservation requirements of the species are assessed.	Complete Process mirrors that adopted for species newly listed in schedules of the <i>Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995</i> (stipulated in the IFOAs).
1999	31 Dec	UNE, LNE	2.4.3	Refinement of models to identify Hastings River Mouse habitat.	Complete Refinement of micro-habitat models completed before the signing of IFOAs. Analysis of results of the research and review program is currently underway. Further studies are being undertaken to increase scientific knowledge of the species.
Ongoing		UNE, LNE, Eden	2.4.3	Continued implementation of joint management plans such as Pine Creek Koala Management Plan.	In progress The Pine Creek Koala Management Plan for the Pine Creek State forest in the UNE region has been implemented. The plan contains provisions for the protection of koala habitat and harvesting to occur in specified areas. Continued research and monitoring is to occur on the impact of harvesting on koala populations. Further joint management plans to be implemented pending finalisation.
Ongoing		UNE, LNE, Eden	2.4.3	Cooperation over non-licence components of the <i>Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995</i> , such as nomination of species, populations, ecological communities and key threatening processes, recovery plans, threat abatement plans and critical habitat.	Implemented Inter-agency cooperation over non-licence components of the <i>Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995</i> has occurred as required. Such cooperation has occurred during the preparation of the fox threat abatement plan and draft forest owls recovery plan, and with pre-recovery plan management actions for <i>Quassia</i> sp Moonee Creek and <i>Euphasia scabra</i> .
Ongoing		UNE, LNE, Eden	2.4.3 2.4.4.1	Agencies to notify each other of any proposal to nominate for listing or de-listing of any species, populations, ecological communities or key threatening processes. The IFOA provides a review process to deal with changes to threatened species schedules.	Implemented SFNSW process included in the provisions of the IFOAs. NPWS notification occurs as required.
Ongoing		UNE, LNE, Eden	2.4.4.1	A process must be developed and implemented whereby the conservation requirements of a species new to science are assessed. The IFOA provides a review mechanism.	Complete Process mirrors that adopted for species newly listed in schedules of the <i>Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995</i> (stipulated in the IFOAs).
Ongoing		UNE, LNE, Eden	2.4.4.1	Details the process to be followed when a species new to science is found.	Complete Process has been established and has been included in IFOAs.
Ongoing		UNE, LNE, Eden	2.4.4.2	Details the process to be followed when an important new record of a species in the area is found.	Complete Process has been established and has been included in IFOAs.
Ongoing		UNE, LNE, Eden	2.4.4.3	Review of particular Threatened Species Licence conditions in light of new information on the distribution, population size or ecology of a threatened flora species.	No reporting required No new information requiring a review has occurred to date.
PEST, WEED AND FERAL ANIMAL CONTROL					

DUE DATE		FOREST AGREEMENT REGION	REF **	MILESTONE	STATUS
1999	All	UNE, LNE, Eden	6.16.3; 6.16.2 (E)	Wild dog control using 1080 baiting on lands managed by the <i>National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974</i> where SFNSW has given approval.	Complete Baiting underway on land transferred to the national park estate during 1999, where SFNSW has given approval for such works to be undertaken.
2005	1 April	UNE, LNE, Eden	2.4.2	Preparation of grazing management plans, predator and feral control plans and threatened flora species management plans.	In progress SFNSW have completed draft strategic plans which were placed on public display with draft Regional ESFM Plans in September 2000. Public comment and discussion with regulatory agencies has occurred. The plans are to be finalised with the Regional ESFM Plans. The draft Fox Threat Abatement Plan has been completed by NPWS, in consultation with SFNSW, the Department of Land and Water Conservation, CSIRO, Sydney University, and the NSW Pest Animal Council. Plans for other threatening processes are being progressively completed. The NPWS are progressively completing recovery plans under the <i>Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995</i> . During 2000/2001, 24 recovery plans for flora and fauna species have been approved by the Minister for the Environment. Of these, eight plans were relevant to the UNE, LNE and Eden regions. These plans may be viewed on the NPWS website (www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au).
Ongoing		UNE, LNE, Eden	2.12 2.11 (E)	Cooperative programs in addressing noxious weed control, feral animal control and other matters relating to forest health.	Implemented Both SFNSW and NPWS adopt a coordinated approach to pest, weed and feral animal management, working closely with individuals and groups such as; landholders and permit holders, rural lands protection boards, local government; regional pest committees, catchment management boards, the CSIRO, universities, community groups and other State agencies. A Forest Health Advisory Committee established under the terms of joint State and Federal Ministerial Council Generic Incursion Management Plan to deal with forest pests and diseases. Representation by SFNSW, NPWS, NSW Forest Products Association, AQIS, NSW Agriculture and the Royal Botanic Gardens, Sydney. SFNSW' draft Feral and Introduced Predator Control Plans have been included in the draft Regional ESFM Plans that were placed on public display in September 2000. These plans are to be finalised with the Regional ESFM Plans. These plans specify that annual operational plans are to be prepared in cooperation with neighbours and other State agencies. Cooperative programs are being progressively incorporated into pest and weed management strategies by NPWS to manage efficiencies and consistency of approach. Bush regeneration programs are continuing in areas including Hat Head, Booti Booti, Myall Lakes and Eurobodalla national parks. Over 2000/2001, more than 800 pest animal control programs were undertaken by NPWS across the State, most of which were joint efforts with the community and stakeholders.

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MANAGING FOR OTHER FOREST VALUES AND USES					
Fire Management					
2001	1 April	UNE, LNE, Eden	2.10 2.9 (E)	Preparation of a joint agreement with District Fire Committees for the prevention, detection and suppression of bush fires.	Complete Prepared annually for District Bushfire Management Committee, with representatives from NPWS, SFNSW, the Department of Land and Water Conservation and the NSW Rural Fire Service.
Recreation and Tourism					
2001	1 April	UNE, LNE, Eden	2.13.1 2.12.1 (E)	Preparation of joint regional recreation and tourism plans.	In progress – UNE/LNE regions A reference group has been formed to progress this task. The project will build upon the draft Recreation Management Strategy for the NPWS's Northern Directorate. Deferred – Eden region The development of a plan for the Eden region was deferred until the signing of the Southern Regional Forest Agreement, as some areas of Southern were to be included in the plan. The Southern Regional Forest Agreement was signed in April 2001. Discussions on how to progress this task will now be undertaken. NPWS and SFNSW are continuing individual recreation and tourism planning.
Carbon Sequestration Opportunities					
2004	1 April	UNE	2.13.2	Undertaking of a revegetation project that includes carbon sequestration opportunities.	In progress A memorandum of understanding was entered into by the Minister for the Environment and the Minister for Forestry in July 2000. The agreement provides for the sharing of expertise and information to expand carbon sequestration rights and environmental markets. As a result of negotiations between SFNSW and TEPCO, the parties have agreed to establish 10 000 hectares of carbon sinks in eastern NSW. During 2000/2001, SFNSW established 2 000 hectares of plantations as carbon credits in the Hunter Valley as part of the partnership with TEPCO over this reporting period.
Occupation Permits on State forests					
1999	1 July	UNE, LNE, Eden	2.3.3	Formation of Occupation Permit Taskforce. (This taskforce will also consider issues in the Eden region)	Complete A taskforce was formed in November 2000, with representatives from NPWS, SFNSW and NSW Farmers.
2000	1 July	UNE, LNE	2.3.3	Phasing out of occupation permits.	Deferred Phasing out of occupation permits has been deferred until the completion of the FMZ Assessment to be undertaken as part of the Government's <i>Action for the Environment Statement 2001</i> .
Plantation Areas within National Parks					
2001	30 June	UNE, LNE	3.3 6.16.1 Att 11	Supply from logging associated with rehabilitation of identified hardwood plantations remaining within the new reserve system and completion of harvesting of plantations in national parks.	No reporting required No logging activities have yet been undertaken in former State forest plantation areas now in national parks.
Ongoing	Within 6 months of harvest	UNE, LNE	6.16.1	Rehabilitation works on plantation areas within national parks must be completed within six months of harvest completion.	No reporting required No harvesting operations have been undertaken, therefore no rehabilitation works have commenced.
Ongoing		UNE, LNE	6.16.1	Works programs and rehabilitation plans to be jointly prepared and approved. Rehabilitation costs to be funded by sale royalties.	In progress Rehabilitation plans must be prepared prior to the beginning of works on these areas. During 2000/2001, a review of environmental factors and a rehabilitation plan have been completed for the proposed logging operation in additions to Myall Lakes National Park (7 hectares). A draft review of environmental factors and rehabilitation plan has been prepared for additions to the Knappinghat Nature Reserve (50 hectares).

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Roads and Trails					
2000	1 Jan	UNE, LNE, Eden	2.13.4; 2.12.4 (E)	Preparation of a memorandum of understanding on joint road and trails maintenance and access arrangements.	<p>Complete – UNE/LNE regions Memorandum of Understanding signed by SFNSW and NPWS in January 2000. Implementation guidelines are currently being finalised and field-tested.</p> <p>In progress – Eden region Memorandum of Understanding has been prepared and is currently awaiting approval by NPWS and SFNSW.</p>
PRIVATE LAND					
Identification of lands of Conservation Priority					
2000	1 Jan	UNE, LNE	2.9.1	Identification of forest ecosystems on private land which are of conservation priority for inclusion in the CAR reserve system.	<p>In progress A list of priority forest ecosystems is contained in Attachment 2 of the North East Regional Forest Agreement). As stated in the UNE and LNE region forest agreements, identification of high conservation values on private land will require completion and incorporation of the CRAFTI data into regional databases. Revision of the CRAFTI linework for UNE region was completed in August 2000, and for LNE region in December 2000. Refining of the CRAFTI data will derive forest growth stage, ecosystem modelling and predictive modelling of species habitat across all tenures. This information will provide spatially accurate data for private land and will assist the completion of a range of government programs, including regional vegetation management plans and the <i>NSW Biodiversity Strategy</i>.</p>
Regional Native Vegetation Committee					
1999	30 June	Eden	2.8.1	Establishment of Regional Native Vegetation Committee under the forest agreement, to promote conservation of rare or non-existent ecosystems on private land.	<p>Complete As required by the forest agreement, a Regional Vegetation Committee was formed. The first meeting was held in October 2000. Committee members include representatives from PlanningNSW, NPWS, SFNSW and the Department of Land and Water Conservation. An outcome of this meeting was for members to identify current voluntary conservation mechanisms and financial incentives being applied by each agency available to promote conservation on private land.</p>
2000	1 Jan	UNE, LNE	2.9.1	Establishment of a committee under the forest agreement, to look at conservation values on private land which are a conservation priority for inclusion in the CAR reserve system, and seek funding.	<p>Complete As required by the forest agreement a Regional Vegetation Committee was formed. The first meeting was in October 2000. Committee members include representatives from PlanningNSW, NPWS, SFNSW and the Department of Land and Water Conservation. An outcome of this meeting was for members to identify voluntary conservation mechanisms and financial incentives currently being applied by each agency available to promote conservation on private land.</p>
Voluntary Mechanisms					
Ongoing		UNE, LNE, Eden	2.9.1 2.8.1 (E) Att 7	Principles applying to land and voluntary mechanisms that may be applied to achieve conservation on private land (e.g. VCAs, property agreements, management contracts etc).	<p>Implemented VCAs are continuing to be promoted in all regions. During 2000/2001, ten VCAs signed, covering an area of 2 714 hectares across the UNE, LNE and Eden regions. The Natural Heritage Trust assisted with funding for rainforest regeneration and weed management programs undertaken by NPWS.</p>

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WORLD HERITAGE AND WILDERNESS					
2000	1 Jan	UNE, LNE	2.5	Public exhibition of wilderness assessment report for the UNE and LNE regions.	In progress Assessment of wilderness areas was completed by NPWS in May 2001.
2001	1 April	UNE, LNE	2.7	Review of CERRA World Heritage Areas to identify any additional rainforest to be included.	In progress Possible additions to the World Heritage Register were presented at CERRA Committee meeting in September 2000. The Committee has now decided that it will not pursue these additions, pending the establishment of a CERRA Technical and Scientific Advisory Committee. The appointment of members is underway. The Commonwealth has indicated the CERRA additions are of a low priority at this time due to World Heritage Operational Guidelines considerations.
2002	1 April	UNE, LNE, Eden	2.7 2.6	Further studies of the dedicated reserve system to identify World Heritage values, including eucalypt dominant vegetation and religious beliefs embedded in the landscape.	In progress UNE/LNE regions – The CERRA Ministerial Council endorsed the 'Strategic Overview for the Management of World Heritage CERRA' in November 2000. Actions have not yet been implemented due to Commonwealth consideration of the World Heritage Operational Guidelines. Eden region – No further studies are planned at present.
Ongoing		UNE, LNE	Att 8	Make subsequent decisions on the declaration and management as wilderness of areas of the CAR reserve system provisionally identified as wilderness during the regional forest assessment.	No reporting required Declaration of wilderness areas will occur following the public exhibition of the Wilderness Assessment Report
CULTURAL HERITAGE					
1999	1 Oct	UNE, LNE, Eden	2.8 2.7 (E)	Cultural heritage management guidelines for SFNSW to be attached to the IFOA.	Complete Attached to the UNE, LNE and Eden region IFOAs. Guidelines have been developed with reference to the report entitled <i>Protecting Cultural Heritage Values and Places in NSW Forests</i> (Kinhill, 1999) describing planning, operation, monitoring and review processes for managing cultural heritage.
1999	1 Oct	UNE, LNE, Eden	2.8 2.7 (E)	NPWS to review and ensure consistency with the principles contained in CRA project reports prepared by the Cultural Heritage Working Group (2000 a and b).	In progress NPWS is reviewing its statewide guidelines to ensure consistency with principles contained in the CRA project reports entitled <i>Protective Mechanisms for Cultural Heritage – Generic Version</i> and <i>Protective Mechanisms for Cultural Heritage – Lower North East Region</i> (Cultural Heritage Working Group, 2000 a and b). New policies being developed by NPWS include its 'Cultural Heritage Strategic Policy', 'Consultation Policy', 'Cultural Heritage Information Policy and Guidelines for the Assessment of Impact on Heritage Places'.
2000	1 April	UNE, LNE, Eden	2.8 2.7	Finalisation of SFNSW policy on Indigenous and Non-Indigenous cultural heritage.	Draft Policy was incorporated into the draft Regional ESFM Plans which outlines strategies for the protection and management of cultural heritage, which went on public display in September 2000. Part of the NFMS Overview includes policies on 'Cultural Heritage', 'Protection of Indigenous Interests and Values' and 'Protection of Non-Indigenous Cultural Heritage'. Subject to period of public comment and presentation and discussion with stakeholders, such as the NSW Aboriginal Land Council.
Annually		UNE, LNE, Eden	2.8 2.7 (E)	Report on cultural heritage performance through annual report, state of the environment reports that publish against performance indicators and provide access to the outcomes of performance reviews.	Complete Cultural heritage performance reporting carried out annually by SFNSW through its <i>Environmental and Social Values Report</i> . NPWS carry out reporting for cultural heritage performance on an annual basis. The agency is currently developing more detailed performance indicators for cultural heritage for its <i>State of the Parks</i> reporting which will provide access to the outcomes of performance reviews for national parks. NPWS and SFNSW both contribute significant information to the <i>ESFM Criteria and Indicators Annual Report</i> each year, which includes cultural heritage indicators.

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Ongoing		UNE, LNE, Eden	Att 8	Manage cultural values, both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal, according to guidelines.	Implemented Cultural heritage performance indicators for SFNSW have been created and are being reported against. Cultural values managed according to NPWS' existing statewide guidelines, which are currently being.
Places of Cultural Significance					
Ongoing		UNE, LNE, Eden	2.8 2.7 (E)	Updating of section 170 register, sites of state significance will also be listed.	In progress A review of the section 170 register is underway by the NPWS. Funding has been secured by NPWS for the development of a new Historic Place Register which will improve section 170 register reporting.
Places of Aboriginal Cultural Heritage					
2001	1 April	UNE, LNE, Eden	2.8 2.7	NPWS to review indigenous cultural heritage management processes to provide a landscape based system.	In progress A legislative review of the <i>National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974</i> to incorporate some limited changes to Aboriginal cultural heritage management is underway. NPWS processes for the issue of consents and permits are currently being reviewed. Generally, NPWS management processes for both natural and cultural heritage through management planning and impact assessment are taking a landscape approach as recommended in the <i>Visions for the New Millennium</i> report (NPWS, 1998). Aboriginal cultural heritage processes for consents and permits to be reviewed.
Ongoing		UNE, LNE, Eden	2.8	NPWS must continue to develop its information management system for Indigenous heritage in consultation with Aboriginal communities and other stakeholders (information submitted to Aboriginal Sites Register).	In progress NPWS is currently finalising the new Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System (AHIMS). The new system will improve the quality of information on Aboriginal sites. NPWS will consult with key Aboriginal heritage stakeholders to establish a new methodology for classifying Aboriginal sites by recorded site features.
Ongoing		UNE, LNE	5.1.1	NPWS to conduct a preliminary assessment of all new parks to identify priority areas that could be added to Schedule 14 of the <i>National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974</i> .	In progress Guidelines being developed for the assessment of all parks to determine their inclusion in Schedule 14 of the <i>National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974</i> .
ABORIGINAL INTERESTS					
Strategies for Aboriginal Involvement					
2000	1 April	UNE, LNE, Eden	5.1.3	SFNSW and NPWS each to prepare a strategy to ensure Aboriginal communities and stakeholders are given a greater participatory role in forest management.	In progress SFNSW's strategy on Aboriginal involvement in forest management has been incorporated into the draft Regional ESFM Plans which went on public display September 2000. The strategy is to be presented to key Aboriginal stakeholders. NPWS has completed a draft strategy to increase Aboriginal community involvement in forest management in the Eden region. The strategy is to be completed following consultation with the Aboriginal community. In the Eden region, a draft memorandum of understanding between the Eden Local Aboriginal Land Council and SFNSW has been drafted, which details arrangements for Aboriginal involvement in forest management, protection of cultural heritage and access to resources on State forests.
2001	1 April	UNE, LNE, Eden	5.1.3	SFNSW to involve Aboriginal communities in the development and finalisation of its policy in relation to Aboriginal involvement in forest management which will form part of the NFMS.	Draft Draft policy has been developed as part of the NFMS Overview which went on public display in September 2000. The policy is currently being finalised as part of the NFMS and has involved consultation with Aboriginal people. These contributions are being incorporated into the final policy.
Co-management Arrangements					
2000	1 April	UNE, LNE	5.1.1	Examination of any State forest that could be considered for co-management and joint venture arrangements.	In progress A number of projects are under development by SFNSW through the building of relationships with local communities. This comes about through SFNSW' pre-harvest inspection work, and draws on previous SFNSW/Aboriginal community partnerships.

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Ongoing	UNE, LNE, Eden	5.1.1	SFNSW and NPWS must progressively negotiate joint management arrangements and joint ventures with local Aboriginal communities.	Implemented NPWS and SFNSW are both engaged in various joint venture arrangements with Aboriginal people. The formalisation of a joint strategy between NPWS and SFNSW to provide for Aboriginal involvement in forest management is being pursued.	
Access for Traditional and Cultural Purposes					
2000	1 April	UNE, LNE, Eden	5.1.1	Preparation of a joint strategy which will include how Aboriginal communities can gain access to materials for traditional/cultural purposes (such as art and craft purposes, food sources and medicine; access to firewood).	Draft - Eden region - A draft joint strategy has been prepared by SFNSW and NPWS. The draft strategy is to be taken to the Aboriginal community for discussion. In progress - UNE /LNE regions - A similar approach is being considered for the UNE and LNE regions. Aboriginal access to forest resources for traditional purposes is being facilitated by SFNSW and NPWS, across all regions.
Employment Opportunities					
2000	1 April	UNE, LNE	5.1.2	Preparation of a joint strategy to facilitate employment and development program for Aboriginal people.	In progress No progress has been made to date on the joint strategy. NPWS has developed an internal position which could be used as the basis of future negotiations. A new Aboriginal Employment and Training Strategy was developed by the NPWS during the year, and implementation has commenced. As part of this strategy cross-agency approaches to training are being examined. SFNSW has implemented an Aboriginal employment and industry program for recruitment of Aboriginal people. Two Cultural Heritage officer positions and four traineeships have been appointed. Other Aboriginal people have been employed by SFNSW in other areas of SFNSW operations.
Ongoing	UNE, LNE, Eden	5.1.2	NPWS to offer permanent employment opportunities for Aboriginal people in operational management as part of the funding package for the management of additions to the reserve system.	In progress The NPWS received a funding package to provide for the management of additions to the reserve system. In the Eden region, four Aboriginal staff were appointed by NPWS as a result of this funding. These were, a Trainee Field Officer, two Aboriginal Sites Officers (one male and one female), and one Project Officer. Further employment options are currently being explored for the UNE and LNE regions. A new Aboriginal Employment and Training Strategy was developed by the NPWS during the year, and implementation has commenced. As part of this strategy cross-agency approaches to training are being examined.	
Ongoing	UNE, LNE, Eden	5.1.1	Ventures likely to generate mutual benefits to the Aboriginal, as well as the wider, community must also be considered.	In progress Ventures being considered by agencies.	
Ongoing	UNE, LNE, Eden	5.1.1	Where further analysis indicates the feasibility of other ventures, project plan must be developed for implementation.	No reporting required No additional ventures have been identified, therefore no project plans have been developed.	
MANAGING TIMBER SUPPLY					
SUPPLY ARRANGEMENTS					
1999	1 Mar	UNE, LNE	3.2	Amendment of wood supply agreement with Boral.	Complete Signed 5 March 1999 taking effect from 1 January 1999.
1999	31 Dec	UNE, LNE, Eden	Att 8	Review legislation and policies relevant to the allocation and pricing of hardwood logs from State forest before the end of 1999	Complete During 1999, in accordance with the scheduled review of State Forests' log pricing policy, the final phase of amendments was made to the Log Value Pricing System to update assumptions within the residual value pricing model and remove anomalies. These amendments included the removal of the remaining 10% capping of price variations in relevant price zones. The log value pricing system was also expanded to include the linkage of small sawlog prices to quota sawlog prices. The main objective of the final stage of the implementation of Log Value Pricing was to have hardwood sawlog prices closer to market value.
2000	1 April	UNE, LNE	3.2	Wood supply agreement arrangements for processing thinnings.	Complete No new markets for processing thinning from native regrowth and hardwood plantations have emerged this period. Therefore, the Minister for Forestry has not considered any new agreements.

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2000	1 April	Eden	3.2	Amendment of wood supply agreement with Harris Daishowa Australia.	Complete Signed 5 March 1999, amended 29 September 1999.
2000	31 Dec	UNE, LNE	3.2	Additional volumes supplied under a transitional "top-up" arrangement over two years to assist industry adjustments to terminate by 31 December 2000.	Complete SFNSW made arrangements for additional wood supply volumes over a two year period. 'Top-up' arrangement amount reduced by half during the year 2000 and terminated on 31 December 2000.
Ongoing		UNE, LNE, Eden	3.4 4.3	Consultation on timber supply arrangements must occur through the development of Plans of Operation.	Implemented Consultation by SFNSW with stakeholders occurs in development of Plans of Operation.
MONITORING TIMBER SUPPLY					
Timber Volumes Harvested					
2004	1 April	UNE, LNE	3.5	SFNSW, NPWS and PlanningNSW will consult on appropriate spatial scales for reporting actual yields against FRAMES estimates.	In progress Preliminary discussions have been held to enable reporting actual versus predicted volumes in the forest agreement annual reports.
Annually		UNE, LNE, Eden	3.5	Reporting on actual versus predicted volume at the scale determined by SFNSW, PlanningNSW and NPWS. To be included in annual report to Parliament.	Complete In the UNE region, 79% (91 254m ³) of the committed volume of High Quality Large sawlogs and veneer logs were harvested from native forest and hardwood plantations during 2000/2001. In the LNE region, 79% (135 845m ³) of the committed volume of High Quality Large sawlogs and veneer logs were harvested from native forest and hardwood plantations during 2000/2001. In the Eden region 118% (27 056m ³) of the committed volume of High Quality large sawlogs and veneer logs were harvested from native forests during 2000/2001.
Annually		UNE, LNE	3.5	Monitoring of FRAMES performance will include a comparison of actual and predicted volume each 12 month period at the RFA region level. To be included in Annual report to Parliament.	Complete An initial review of actual versus predicted volumes has been undertaken and did not reveal any results that significantly question FRAMES estimates. However, trends revealed over a number of such analyses will better determine accuracy.
Annually		Eden	3.5	Monitoring of FRAMES performance to include comparison of actual and predicted volume for the multi-aged forest resource each 12 month period. To be included in Annual Report to Parliament.	Complete An initial review of actual versus predicted volumes has been undertaken and did not reveal any results that significantly question FRAMES estimates. However, trends revealed over a number of such analyses will better determine accuracy.
Annually		UNE, LNE, Eden	3.5	Monitoring of FRAMES performance will include an assessment of the progressive 20 year supply. To be included in Annual Report to Parliament.	Complete An initial review of actual versus predicted harvest volumes has been carried out by SFNSW during 2000/2001. This review did not reveal any result which questions FRAMES estimates. This monitoring is to continue on an annual basis.
Ongoing		Eden	3.5	SFNSW, NPWS and PlanningNSW will consult on appropriate spatial scales for reporting actual yields against FRAMES estimates.	In progress Preliminary discussions have been held to enable reporting actual versus predicted volumes in the forest agreement annual reports.
Production of Timber Products					
Annually		UNE, LNE, Eden	3.5	Report on annual production of timber products other than sawlogs.	Complete Reporting to be done on a financial year basis. Data provided for the 2000/2001 financial year in Table 3.

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SUPPLEMENTING TIMBER SUPPLY					
1999	30 June	UNE, LNE	6.16.2	The development of a process (prior to any purchases) of selecting land for purchase by SFNSW for timber supply must consider key substantially unmet CAR conservation targets. A process for this and the key targets must be developed by SFNSW including consultation with NPWS and PlanningNSW by the 30 June 1999. This is not to hinder the overall purpose of the Private Property Supplementation Program to supplement the SFNSW timber supply.	In progress Discussions have occurred between SFNSW, NPWS and PlanningNSW on the development of a process for considering unmet CAR conservation targets without hindering the overall purpose of the private property supplementation program. This process has considered protective mechanisms for flora and fauna by application of the IFOA, and development of a protocol for identification and protection of high conservation value old growth forest.
2004	1 April	UNE, LNE, Eden	2.9.2 2.8.2 (E)	Private property supplementation program, involving the purchase of timber rights or private property to assist in supply arrangements to industry must apply controls in legislation.	Implemented Program implemented As at June 2001, six properties had been purchased in the UNE/LNE regions, covering an area of 7 276 hectares with an estimated 47 800m ³ of quota sawlogs purchased.
FRAMES IMPROVEMENT					
2007	1 Mar	UNE, LNE	3.2 3.5	Review of supply levels at year 8, after inventory is reviewed, to determine a supply level for years 9-20, with value adding criteria applied at year 5.	No reporting required Review at year 8 will be undertaken as part of FRAMES review.
Ongoing	Within next 5 years	UNE, LNE	3.5 Att 8	Refinement of resource availability by improving the inventory such as additional plot measurements (funding provided at \$500 000 pa for five years).	In progress SFNSW are finalising approach, including pre and post harvest assessment method and growth and other model refinement for consultation with the NPWS and PlanningNSW.
Ongoing		Eden	3.5 Att 8	Refinement of resource availability by improving the inventory such as additional plot measurements.	In progress Program being developed. Work to date includes that identification of permanent growth and extra plots to improve measurement of resource availability.
Ongoing		UNE, LNE, Eden	3.5	Results of resource inventory and annual monitoring must be used to review performance in achieving the implementation of sustainable yield of timber products in State forests.	In progress A review of projected timber yields for the UNE and LNE regions is currently in progress. No further work has been conducted for the Eden region at this stage.
Ongoing		UNE, LNE, Eden	3.5	Inventory system used in FRAMES must be supplemented by progressive enhancement of modifier models, such as harvesting area exclusions and FRAMES parameters such as tree protection and tree availability modifier models.	In progress SFNSW are finalising approach, including pre and post harvest assessment method and growth and other model refinement for consultation with the NPWS and PlanningNSW.
Ongoing		UNE, LNE, Eden	3.5	SFNSW consultation with NPWS and PlanningNSW on the terms and conduct of the FRAMES assessment.	Deferred The forest agreements for the UNE, LNE and Eden regions identify a number of specific areas that should be the subject of FRAMES improvement. SFNSW has also undertaken an internal assessment of objectives and outcomes of the FRAMES review process. In addition, SFNSW are to commence discussions with stakeholders and agencies to determine their priorities for future development of FRAMES. Information from these sources will be used to develop a FRAMES Improvement Strategy that will direct future work and be the basis for future reporting of progress.

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SILVICULTURE PRACTICES					
1999	1 Dec	UNE, LNE	2.2.4	Preparation of Eco-field Guides.	In progress Guides are being prepared in two parts: Part 1 - The Overview of Forest Management in North East NSW is still being prepared. Part 2 - the diagnostic component has been prepared and was exhibited with draft Regional ESFM Plans in September 2000. Part 2 of the Guide has since been finalised and is currently being used in the field. It will be updated regularly.
2001	1 April	UNE, LNE, Eden	2.2.8	Native forests silvicultural regimes must be implemented on State forests.	Implemented Part of post-harvest monitoring. A silvicultural manual for forest operations in native forests has been prepared and was placed on public display in September 2000. The manual documents silvicultural regimes that have traditionally been practiced on State forests with proven success. As part of the IFOAs, certain silvicultural regimes are to be implemented on native forest, which have also been incorporated into the manual. The manual is currently being used in the field.
2001	1 April	UNE, LNE, Eden	2.2.8	Preparation of arrangements for silvicultural practices including establishment of demonstration areas (UNE/LNE regions only), audit compliance, reporting and consultation.	Complete Demonstration areas established in the UNE and LNE regions and used to assist in training of forest operators. Three demonstration sites are established, including Queens Lake and Kiwarrak, with others nearing completion. An audit system is currently under development.
Ongoing		UNE, LNE, Eden	2.2.5	SFNSW to employ internal audit system to ensure consistent application of standards across Crown-timber lands.	In progress SFNSW has included their policy on internal auditing in their NFMS Overview. Audit system will comprise a four-tiered system of compliance monitoring to be implemented in all regions.
Ongoing		UNE, LNE, Eden	2.2.3	Harvesting plans to be prepared for all logging operations and forest products conducted under a Timber Licence.	Complete SFNSW prepares harvesting plans for all logging operations and forest product removal conducted under a timber licence. A harvesting plan manual detailing the requirements to ensure consistency and standards has been developed.
Ongoing	No less than 2 months prior to commencement of forestry activities	UNE, LNE, Eden	2.2.7	Liaison by SFNSW with PlanningNSW, NPWS and EPA on proposed forestry operations and activities not originally covered by a forest agreement or IFOA. SFNSW must carry out an appropriate assessment of the impacts resulting from any proposed changes and each agency must consider the environmental consequences of any proposed changes in terms of their regulatory responsibility.	No reporting required No amendment procedures invoked.
Ongoing		UNE, LNE, Eden	2.2.7	Notification by SFNSW on the location and nature of forestry operations to be done at least bi-monthly to PlanningNSW, NPWS, EPA, and NSW Fisheries as outlined in IFOA arrangements.	Implemented Program implemented. SFNSW are providing monthly notification of operations to PlanningNSW and other regulatory agencies.

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IMPLEMENTATION, REVIEW AND COMMUNITY AWARENESS				
STAFF TRAINING, EMPLOYMENT AND INDUSTRY INITIATIVES				
Staff Training				
Ongoing	UNE, LNE, Eden	2.1.1 3.6 (Eden only)	SFNSW field staff and contractors must receive appropriate competency-based training. In Eden, establish timber industry training and accreditation program to assist workers in developing recognised competencies in soil and water, flora and fauna, indigenous and non-indigenous cultural heritage, log grading and log merchandising requirements.	Implemented Competency-based, nationally recognised training has been developed by SFNSW. SFNSW and the timber industry have developed 'Supervising Forest Harvesting Operations' and 'Forest Harvest Operations' manuals to assist in training. Practical field-based training is being provided in the silvicultural demonstration sites established in the UNE and LNE regions. In 2000, SFNSW introduced a new Staff Development and Training Policy and Staff Development program. The aim of the policy is to develop a highly skilled and efficient workforce. SFNSW currently provide 44 in-service training programs to staff on a regular basis. Many of these are available to external individuals and organisations. These courses include, training cultural heritage, wildlife identification and management, systems management, fire management and suppression, and other various human resource areas.
Ongoing	UNE, LNE, Eden	2.1.2	NPWS field staff and contractors must receive appropriate competency-based training.	Implemented NPWS are continuing staff training programs. Documents on professional and ethical conduct are made available to all new and current NPWS staff. Workshops were held during 2000/2001 on Aboriginal cultural heritage in the UNE and LNE regions. The course, Introduction to Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Management provided training to staff in identifying Aboriginal sites of significance, recording techniques, provide an awareness and understanding of the role of NPWS in preserving Aboriginal cultural heritage. The program also provided opportunities for local Aboriginal people to participate.
Employment				
Ongoing	Subject to funding	UNE, LNE, Eden	3.6 Att 10	Employ a range of initiatives to facilitate employment, subject to funding.
Industry Initiatives				
Ongoing	Subject to funding	UNE, LNE, Eden	3.6	Extension of FISAP to fund various initiatives in the UNE, LNE and Eden regions.
				In progress Funded initiatives are being undertaken.
				In progress FISAP allocated funding for two initiatives in the North East region (comprised of the UNE and LNE regions) and a further two in the Eden region. UNE/LNE regions - Under the Private Property Timber Supplementation Program, \$7.5 million of FISAP funds were allocated to assist SFNSW to purchase timbered property as a means of providing additional resources to the native timber industry (received as a result of the reduction in resource following the establishment of the CAR reserve system in the UNE and LNE regions). Under the Log Haulage Assistance program, \$1 million per year over five years has been allocated from FISAP funds to help native forest quota sawmilling companies meet additional log haulage costs incurred where they have to obtain quota sawlog supplies from outside their usual areas of supply as a result of the establishment of the CAR reserve system. Eden region - FISAP provided financial assistance for the establishment of the Eden Recovery Mill by Blue Ridge Hardwoods Pty Ltd. The Mill is now operational and the company has met all requirements from FISAP. This Mill has created 44 new jobs within the region. The Commercial Regrowth Thinning program in the Eden region is yet to commence.

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COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND EDUCATION				
2000 1 Jan	UNE, LNE, Eden	6.15	Devise and implement a coordinated complaint handling and response system.	Complete The final coordinated complaint handling system has been completed.
Ongoing	UNE, LNE, Eden	Att 8	Providing ongoing formal public participation to raise awareness and understanding of ESFM and how it can be achieved in NSW forests.	In progress NPWS's <i>Discovery</i> program is underway and is promoting education and awareness of natural and cultural heritage. SFNSW are continuing to provide a range of education and awareness classes and programs to students and teachers to increase awareness of ecologically sustainable management of forests.
Ongoing	UNE, LNE, Eden	Att 8	Improving cooperation and coordination between Government agencies so as to achieve integrated management for conservation, wood production and other values in both public and private forests.	Implemented Implemented and formalised by an inter-agency implementation group which meets every two months to discuss issues related to the implementation of the forest agreements, regional forest agreements and IFOAs. The group comprises representatives from the NPWS, SFNSW, NSW Fisheries, the EPA and PlanningNSW.
Ongoing	UNE, LNE, Eden	Att 8	Continuing to develop the public consultation and public reporting mechanisms through the introduction of new partnerships (for example the International Model Forest Network).	In progress Joint management agreements are being implemented with some Aboriginal groups and SFNSW, including training to manage their own sites register in some regions.
INFORMING THE PUBLIC				
Access to Information				
As soon as possible	UNE, LNE, Eden	1.6	Granting of an IFOA on, or as soon as possible after, the making of the agreement.	Complete IFOAs for the UNE, LNE and Eden regions were signed on the 21 December 1999, and commenced on 1 January 2000.
Within 7 days after signing	UNE, LNE, Eden	6.10	Furnishing of the Agreement (and IFOA) to the Presiding Officer of each House of Parliament and to be laid before Parliament within 15 sitting days of receipt.	Complete Furnishing of Agreements to the Presiding Officer of each House of Parliament occurred on 9 March 1999. Furnishing of IFOAs to the Presiding Officer of each House of Parliament occurred on 24 December 1999.
1999 1 April	UNE, LNE, Eden	6.11	Public notice in newspaper circulating throughout the State and also in a newspaper circulating the region, about the Agreement and IFOA.	Complete Forest agreements on 12, 16, and 18 March 1999 in regional newspapers (Northern Daily Leader, Newcastle Herald, Armidale Express, The Advocate, Port Macquarie News, Northern Star, Northern Rivers Echo, Bega District News, The Magnet, Queanbeyan Age, and South East Magazine) and The Sydney Morning Herald. Complete IFOAs on 29 December 1999 and 5 January 2000 in the same regional newspapers, The Australian and Sydney Morning Herald.
1999 1 April	UNE, LNE, Eden	6.11	Copies of documents to be made available for public inspection at the head office and other regional offices of PlanningNSW.	Complete Forest agreements were signed on 5 March 1999 – deposited at PlanningNSW Head Office Sydney; Newcastle, Queanbeyan and Grafton Regional Offices; SFNSW Regional Offices in Casino, Glenn Innes, Grafton, Coffs Harbour, and Eden, and NPWS Regional Offices in Port Macquarie, Armidale, Grafton, Glenn Innes, Alstonville and Merimbula. Complete IFOAs were signed on 21 December 1999 – deposited at PlanningNSW Head Office Sydney, Newcastle, Grafton, and Queanbeyan Regional Offices; SFNSW Regional Offices in Walcha, Taree, Casino, Eden and Coffs Harbour; and NPWS Regional Offices in Glenn Innes, Alstonville, Merimbula, Armidale and Port Macquarie.

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1999 1 May	UNE, LNE, Eden	6.11	Public availability of documents on the Internet, by means of the website of PlanningNSW.	Complete Forest agreements were available on the Resource and Conservation Assessment Council website (www.racac.nsw.gov.au) in March 1999. IFOAs were available on the site in April 2000. The site also contains links to the Commonwealth regional forest agreement website (www.rfa.gov.au) (currently under review) that contains project reports carried out as part of the CRAs for the UNE, LNE and Eden regions.
1999 1 Dec	UNE, LNE, Eden	2.11.3 2.10.3 (E)	Determining a method to provide all research reports to the public.	Complete All regional forest assessment project reports have been placed in the PlanningNSW Library. Access to these documents can be obtained by request at the PlanningNSW Information Centre, located in the Henry Deane Building, 20 Lee Street Sydney. Some project reports are also available through a link on the Resource and Conservation Assessment Council website (www.racac.nsw.gov.au) and the Commonwealth's Regional Forest Agreement website (www.rfa.gov.au) (currently under review).
Additional Reporting Mechanisms				
2000 1 April	UNE, LNE, Eden	4.2	Additional reporting and consultative mechanisms for NPWS (e.g. State of the Parks report, NPWS Advisory Council, District Advisory Committees).	Complete Corporate level annual reporting is continuing. This will provide information on the activities of the agency on a statewide level. NPWS's District Advisory Committees are continuing to provide advice to the National Parks Advisory Council and NPWS on range of natural and cultural heritage conservation matters both on and off reserve. Membership of these committees includes Aboriginal communities, women, local government and farmer groups. Proposed Parknet system will facilitate public awareness.
2000 1 April	UNE, LNE, Eden	4.3	Additional reporting mechanisms for SFNSW (e.g. Plan of Operations, Regional ESFM Plans).	Complete Plan of Operations complete May 2000 as per Wood Supply Agreement. Publication of <i>Environmental and Social Values Report</i> continues annually, together with the periodical <i>The Bush Telegraph</i> published every two months. Corporate level annual reporting is continuing which provides information on the activities of the agency on a statewide level.
2001 1 April	UNE, LNE, Eden	4.5	Additional reporting and consultative mechanisms, such as committees, by other agencies.	Complete All agencies are continuing to report annually at a corporate level through their annual reports. The EPA is continuing to release the <i>State of the Environment Report</i> every two years. Public participation and comment are invited during the display periods of all new policies and management plans developed. SFNSW, NPWS, EPA, NSW Fisheries and PlanningNSW are continuing to meet regularly in regard to forest agreement, regional forest agreement and IFOA implementation issues. Continuing consultation on the development of various requirements of the agreements and approvals is continuing.
Annually	UNE, LNE, Eden	2.2.6	SFNSW reporting at statewide level through Environmental and Social Values Report.	Complete SFNSW have published the 2000/2001 <i>SEEing Report</i> .
ESFM CRITERIA AND INDICATORS				
Monitoring				
Ongoing	UNE, LNE, Eden	2.11.2 2.10.2 (E)	Monitoring of ESFM criteria and indicators.	Implemented Monitoring of criteria and indicators is underway. During 2000/2001, NPWS and SFNSW, in consultation with PlanningNSW, have focused on the development of compatible data collection systems to enable better ongoing monitoring.

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Reporting					
Annually	UNE, LNE, Eden	2.11.2 2.10.2 (E) Att 9	Reporting on indicators to contribute to annual report to Parliament.	Complete This Annual Report contains summarised information on the monitoring of ESFM criteria and indicators. Full details are contained in the <i>2000/2001 ESFM Criteria and Indicators Annual Report</i> . Improvement and development of monitoring and reporting processes for the criteria and indicators ongoing.	
Trial and Assessment					
2000	1 April	UNE, LNE, Eden	2.11.2 2.10.2 (E)	Preparation of an evaluation framework for the criteria and indicators, to provide basis for five-year review.	Draft Draft framework has been developed. Further refinement and consultation on the form and use of the framework is to occur.
2004	1 April	UNE, LNE, Eden	2.11.2 2.10.2 (E)	Trial and assessment of indicators to ensure they are practical, measurable, cost effective and capable of being implemented at the regional level.	No reporting required Review of indicators is to be completed as part of the 5 year review.
DATA MANAGEMENT					
1999	1 Oct	UNE, LNE, Eden	6.13	Lodgement of all archival copies of data.	Complete All archival copies of data for the UNE, LNE and Eden regions have been lodged. Archive set finalised in July 2001.
2000	1 April	UNE, LNE, Eden	6.13	Data Management Agreement.	Complete Finalised March 2000 by State members of CRA Data Management Group.
Ongoing		UNE, LNE, Eden	Att 8	Developing and implementing an information system to facilitate the sharing of data for the use by all agencies, including local government, involved in the management of forested land.	In progress This milestone is currently being considered.
RESEARCH					
1999	1 Dec	UNE, LNE, Eden	2.11.3 2.10.3 (E)	Research projects that are in areas formerly on State forests and are now in national parks and nature reserves, SFNSW to provide NPWS with details of affected studies, location of sites and access requirements.	Complete SFNSW has provided details to NPWS. Access to these areas is being provided where required. These details were provided to the Forest Research Liaison Committee (first meeting held 6 November 2000).
2000	1 Jan	UNE, LNE, Eden	2.11.3 2.10.3 (E)	Preparation of strategy to outline all monitoring and research to be undertaken.	In progress A Forest Research and Liaison Committee has been formed and held its first meeting in November 2000. The Committee will assist in the development of a joint research and monitoring strategy. Agency-based strategies: SFNSW is to exhibit a draft monitoring and reporting strategy with the Regional ESFM Plans in September 2000. After consideration of public input, the strategy will be finalised as part of the Regional ESFM Plans in December 2000. A strategic plan for SFNSW's research division is revised each year. A biodiversity research strategy is being developed under the <i>NSW Biodiversity Strategy</i> and an inter-agency working group has been established to progress this task
2004	1 Mar	UNE, LNE, Eden	2.11.3 2.10.3 (E)	Preparation of a compendium of forest research.	In progress Preliminary work has begun by agency representatives on the Forest Research and Liaison Committee, identifying current research being undertaken. PlanningNSW are to progress this task.
Ongoing		Eden	3.1	An operational research trial within the Eden region is proposed to be conducted by SFNSW and EPA associated with selective harvesting from some filter strips.	In progress A new proposal was developed and submitted to the EPA. The EPA has reviewed the proposal and technical comments are being considered by SFNSW.

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REPORTING AND REVIEW					
Reporting					
Annually		UNE, LNE, Eden	6.9	Preparation of an annual report on the forest agreement, which will include a discussion on the achievement of milestones for ESFM and compliance with any IFOA.	Complete This is the second annual report. The report covers the forest agreements for the Eden, UNE and LNE regions for the 2000/2001 financial year. Progress has been provided on: - achievement of milestones in the forest agreements; - a summary of monitoring data collected for the ESFM criteria and indicators; - compliance with the integrated forestry operations approvals.
Annually		UNE, LNE, Eden	6.9	Each annual report on the agreements is to be tabled in each House of Parliament by the Minister for Urban Affairs and Planning as soon as practicable after it is prepared.	Complete The 1999/2000 Forest Agreement Annual Report was tabled in Parliament in February 2002. The 2000/2001 Forest Agreement Annual Report will be tabled as at the earliest possible sitting day following completion.
Review					
Ongoing	Every 5 year review	UNE, LNE, Eden	6.8	Ministers to review the performance of the forest agreements and IFOAs including their effectiveness and efficiency in meeting Government goals and policies.	No reporting required Not required until the five-year review.
Ongoing	Every 5 year review	UNE, LNE, Eden	6.8	Parties to ensure the public are given an opportunity to participate in the review (public notification and inspection).	No reporting required Not required until the five-year review.
Ongoing	12 months after each 5 yearly review	UNE, LNE, Eden	6.8	Report on the outcome of the Ministers' performance review to be tabled in each House of Parliament twelve months after review.	No reporting required Not required until 12 months after the five-year review.

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(E) – denotes milestone reference in the Eden Region Forest Agreement, where it is different from the UNE and LNE region forest agreements.

Multiple references denote milestone is referred to in another section of the forest agreement.