

## Monaughty Land Management Plan Summary

This plan covers Monaughty forest 2.5 miles south west of Elgin.

Analysis of the available information has led to the **primary objective** for the forest being the production of a sustainable crop of high quality timber.

In common with the management of all woodland in the National Forest Estate, the forest will be managed to meet the requirements of the UK forest standards. This will ensure that the plan area meets multiple land use objectives while utilising the intrinsic specific strengths of the block.

<b>Total plan area</b>	1,470 ha
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<b>Species breakdown</b>	<b>2016 (current)</b>	<b>2026 (end of plan period)</b>
Primary species: Sitka spruce	35.6%	35.3%
Secondary species: Scots pine	29.1%	28.8%
Other conifers	20.2%	18.4%
Broadleaves	3.8%	4.5%
Open & felled areas	11.2%	13.0%

<b>Planned operations</b>	<b>2016 – 2026 plan period</b>
Felling	98.6 ha
Restocking	48.9 ha

<b>Significant Environment/ Conservation Features</b>	
SSSI	Lethenhill SSSI (adjacent) – grassland
AGLV	Pluscarden area of great landscape value

### Critical success factors:

- Manage the LISS area by continuing with an active thinning programme.
- Expand species and structural diversity to increase forest resilience, while retaining SS as a major crop element.
- Improve the quality of existing riparian buffer zones by NBL establishment, and continue restructuring to create open ground/NBL matrix where watercourses are affected by dense conifer stands.
- Maintain the current recreational infrastructure in Torrieston.
- Follow the guidelines in relation to DNB with heavy thinning and LP removal being priority actions.
- React positively to any disease impacts; seek to use any dramatic change in forest structure to deliver un-anticipated benefits. For example open transient views and greater species/structural diversity.
- Continue the current deer management regime.

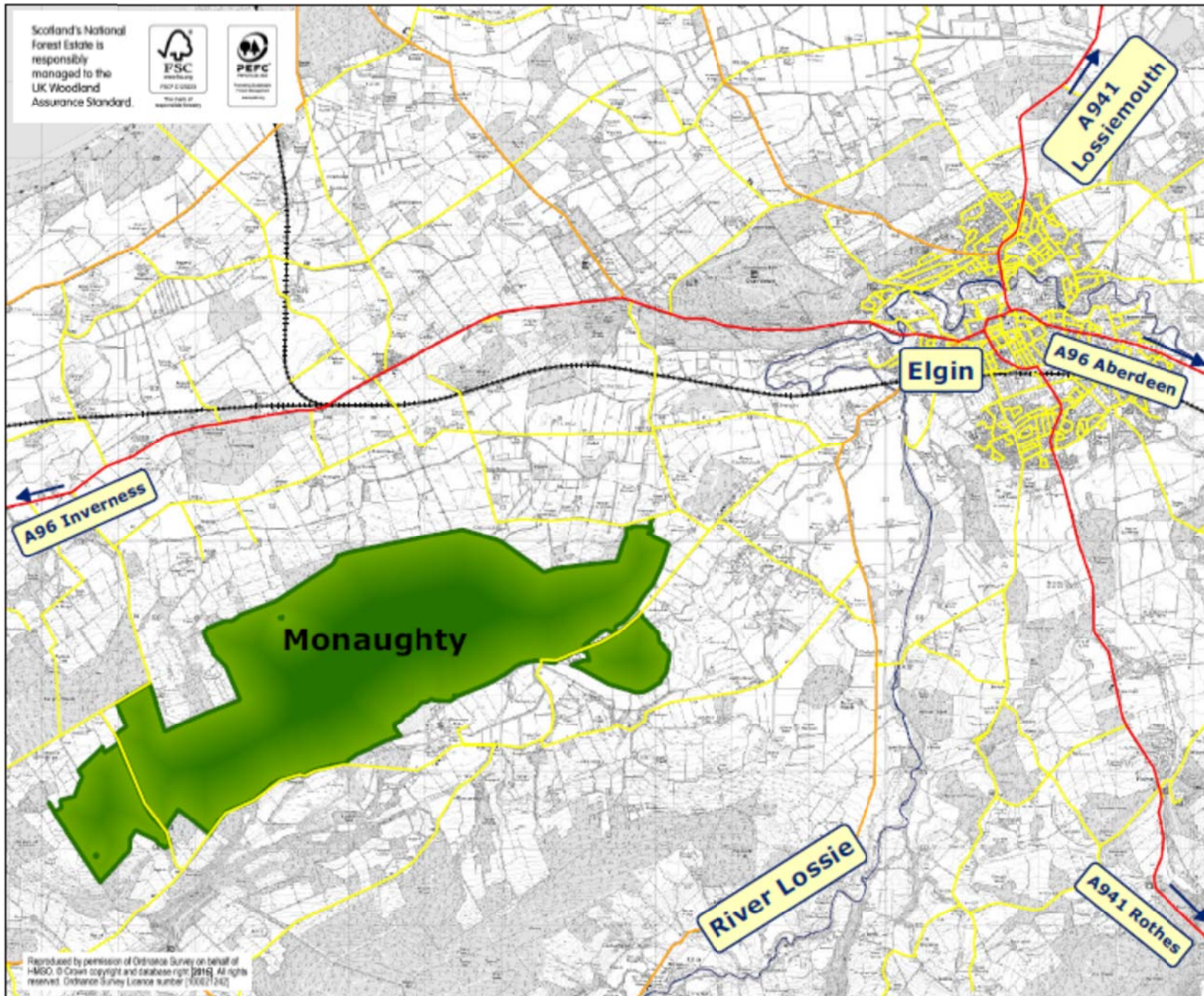
## Consultation and Further Information:

During the development of this plan we have consulted publically including local community representatives and stakeholders known to have an interest in this plan area.

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**Monaughty**

Map 1 Location

O.S. Grid Ref NJ 129582  
Date March 2015  
Scale: 1:50,000 @A3

-  Monaughty
-  A road
-  B road
-  Minor road



