Overview

This standard describes methods of maintaining coppice health and productivity.

This will include:
- methods for maintaining and improving coppice density
- identifying factors which effect healthy plant growth

This standard is for those who maintain coppice health and productivity.
Performance criteria

You must be able to:

P1 assess the risks associated with the site and the proposed works
P2 identify areas where stock density can be improved
P3 increase coppice density by planting with appropriate size and tree species
P4 increase coppice density by ‘layering’
P5 improve site conditions to encourage natural regeneration
P6 identify damage caused by vertebrate pests
P7 control vertebrate pest damage
P8 control unwanted vegetation
P9 undertake a method of vegetation weed control
P10 monitor coppice health
P11 maintain the health and safety of yourself and others at all times in accordance with current legislation
Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

K1 how to identify hazards and assess risks
K2 how to interpret risk assessments
K3 the effects of growing conditions on coppice health
K3 the optimum coppice density appropriate to species, rotation and location
K4 the effect of coppice density on productivity
K5 reasons for poor coppice density
K6 the range and appropriate methods for improving coppice density, their benefits and appropriate use
K7 the main woodland vertebrates which cause damage to coppice and coppice stools
K8 methods of vertebrate control their benefits and appropriate use
K9 the main plant species which cause damage to coppice and coppice stools
K10 methods, of controlling unwanted vegetation their benefits and appropriate use
K11 the range of conditions which effect the choice of appropriate management methods. (e.g. economic, site designations, environmental etc)
K12 the potential impacts of your work on the environment and how these can be minimised
K13 your responsibilities under current environmental, health and safety legislation and codes of practice
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