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1.0 INTRODUCTION

Corner Brook Pulp and Paper Limited manages over 1.5 million hectares of land on the Island of Newfoundland. The Company has long-term tenure on these lands with timber rights expiring in the year 2037. Within this area, 930,000 hectares are forested, with 640,048 hectares producing timber for the mill.

The **Newfoundland Forest Service** has divided the Island of Newfoundland into 18 **Forest Management Districts** for administrative purposes. Corner Brook Pulp and Paper Limited Timber License Areas fall in 6 of these Districts (5, 6, 9, 14, 15, 16) as shown in Figure 1-1.

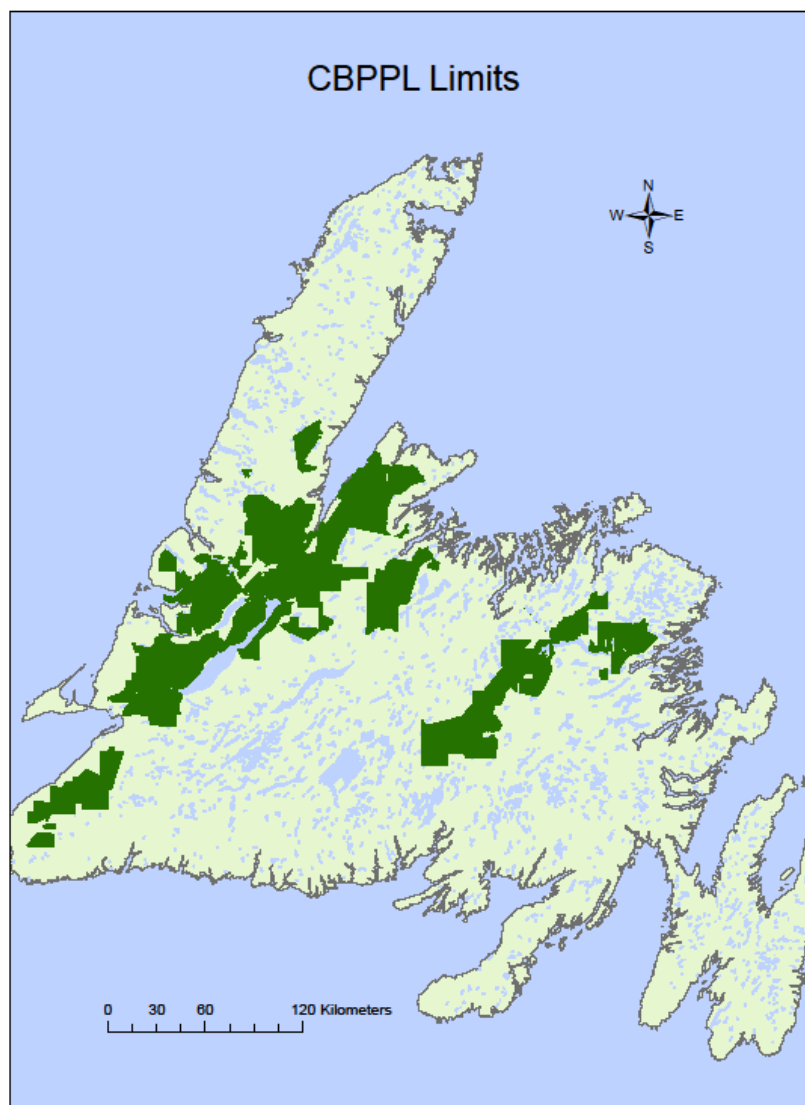


Figure 1-1. Corner Brook Pulp and Paper Limited Forest Management Districts.

Corner Brook Pulp and Paper Limited holds exclusive rights to timber on all Corner Brook Pulp and Paper timberlands. This right arises from the Bowater Act (1938) for areas where the Company owns a Crown timber license, and from a land sale agreement with the Province for lands formerly owned by Corner Brook Pulp and Paper Limited. In exercising these rights, the Company accepts responsibility for sustainable management of the forest under its jurisdiction.

While a primary objective of our forest management plan is to provide a sustainable supply of high-quality raw material to the mill at a competitive cost, Corner Brook Pulp and Paper Woodlands recognizes that forests offer a multitude of economic, environmental, and social values and benefits. The Company is committed to managing the forests under its stewardship in a sustainable manner, to ensure that a full range of forest values and benefits are respected. The Company's initiative to develop a forest management system that meets international environmental standards demonstrates its commitment to **sustainable forest management**. Corner Brook Pulp and Paper Woodlands' Environmental Management System was registered to the International Standard Organization (ISO) 14001 in 2001 and registration to the Can/CSA Z809-02 Standard for Sustainable Forest Management was achieved in 2004.

The Forestry Act of 1990 signaled a shift in the management of the Province's forests, from single resource to ecosystem-based. **Ecosystem-based management** maintains and/or enhances the integrity of an ecosystem to ensure its continued health, while providing resources, products, and non-consumptive values for society. This change to an ecological approach, together with similar national and international initiatives, provides a framework for the implementation of **ecosystem-based management** within Corner Brook Pulp and Paper Woodlands' Sustainable Forest Management Plan.

Ecosystem-based management recognizes that knowledge of forest ecosystem structure and function is paramount, and requires appropriate, stakeholder input into the planning process. Monitoring the results of forest management practices, and adjusting further activities accordingly is the key to achieving planned objectives. This evolutionary approach, called adaptive management, strives to meet the objectives of **sustainable forest management**.

1.1 Purpose of the Forest Management and Operations Manual

The purpose of this ***Forest Management and Operations Manual*** is to document the processes and practices which are followed by Corner Brook Pulp and Paper Woodlands employees in planning, implementing and monitoring forest management activities undertaken on Company timberlands. This document provides a general outline of how each department of the Woodlands Division carries out its business. This document also makes reference to various Policies, Standards, Manuals, Systems, and Standard Operating Procedures, routinely used in day-to-day forest management activities by Company staff, contractors, and their employees. A list of reference materials has been compiled on a Section-by-Section basis and can be found in Appendix 2.