



# SFT & the *Hylobius* Research Fund

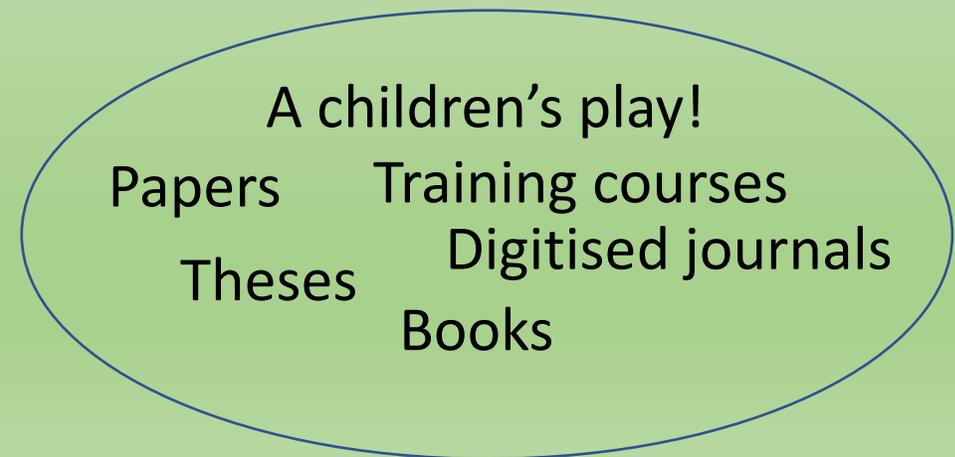
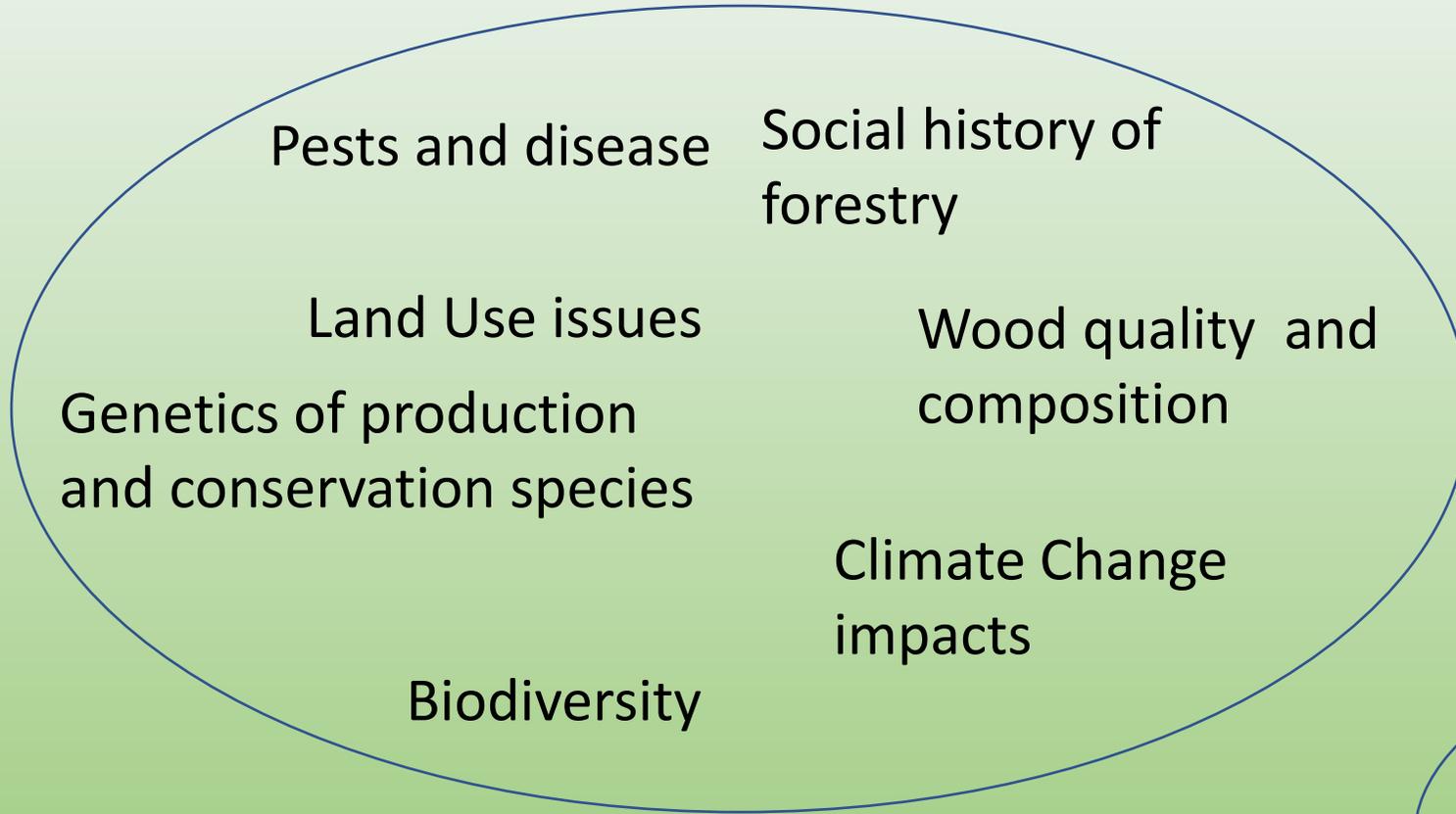
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# Scottish Forestry Trust



- Founded in 1983 – first distributed fund in 1986
- Scottish Charitable Trust
- Funds from Investment Income and Partnership
  - Forestry Commission, Scottish Forestry and NRW – Bursary Scheme
  - QBE/Tilhill – Insured Risks Scheme
  - HIRP – Hylobius Research Fund
- Support Forestry Research, Education and Training across the UK
- Very broad scope – only research limitation is proximity to market

# Funded Topics over last 10 years



Outputs

# *Hylobius* Research Fund

- Easy auditable mechanism for industry to meet their obligations.
- Requirement under the FSC's Pesticides Policy

9. Have programmes in place, according to SIR, to research, identify and test alternatives to replace FSC highly restricted HHPs and restricted HHPs with less hazardous alternatives. Programmes shall have clear actions, timelines, targets and resources allocated.

- Linked to UK FSC UK ESRA for Acetamiprid – specifically setting out a requirement to support research by HIRP/ FR or others into research to find alternatives.
- Suggested donation on £2.50 per Ha treated per annum.
- 10Ha → £25    40Ha → £100    100Ha → £250    400Ha → £1000    1,000Ha → £2500

# *Hylobius* Research Fund - Operation

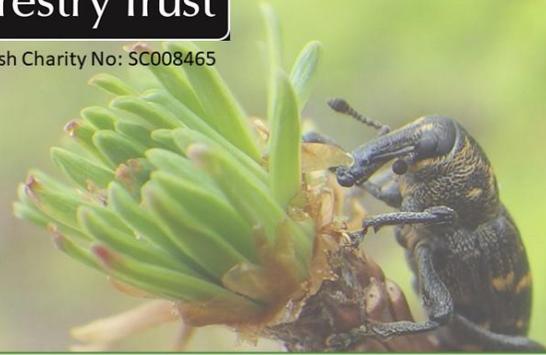
- SFT to retain, manage and distribute funds separately from SFT's other income.
- Open for Research Applications only once first year's funds have been received.
- Projects funded to meet HIRP Priority Areas.
- HRF will fund 30% of project costs – expect to lever in other funds.
- Application rounds 3 times per year – assessed by independent panel.
- Regular reporting to HIRP on progress.

# More Information



Scottish Charity No: SC008465

## SUPPORT THE *HYLOBIUS* RESEARCH FUND



The **HIRP** partnership are appealing to corporate supporters across the forestry sector, concerned individuals, private charitable Trusts and research bodies to provide funds that can be directed towards the actions identified.

A contribution to the **Hylobius Research Fund** will help forest owners and managers comply with the requirements of the Forest Stewardship Council's Pesticides Policy which requires allocation of resources to finding alternatives to the use of Acetamiprid. **A suggested contribution is £2.50 per Ha treated – meaning £25 for a 10Ha site or £250 for a 100Ha site.**

Funds will be managed by **The Scottish Forestry Trust** on behalf of the HIRP partnership. SFT have a 40 year track record of supporting forestry research, education and training across the UK.

For more information on how to donate please visit [www.scottishforestrytrust.org.uk/hylobius-research-fund](http://www.scottishforestrytrust.org.uk/hylobius-research-fund) or email [director@scottishforestrytrust.org.uk](mailto:director@scottishforestrytrust.org.uk).

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The large pine weevil – *Hylobius abietis* – is estimated to cause £7 million worth of damage to young trees every year and this is expected to increase. At present there is a reliance on chemicals to try to minimise this damage which presents risks to both the environment and tree planters.

The **Hylobius Industry Research Programme (HIRP)** co-ordinated by a partnership of private and public sector forestry bodies\* has established the **Hylobius Research Fund** with the intention of investing £2 million over a five year period from 2022-2027 to tackle this problem. These funds will be targeted towards:

1. Developing alternatives to chemical treatments that will work in areas of high pine weevil populations.
2. Developing a viable biocontrol option.
3. Identifying a range of alternative, weather resistant, non-neonicotinoid pesticides that have low environmental impact for use as a last resort.
4. Using tree genetics to identify resistance characteristics in Sitka spruce with a view to breeding more resistant planting stock.
5. Developing an improved predictive *Hylobius* population model.
6. Creating a regularly updated guide on *Hylobius* integrated pest management, accessible to all stakeholders.

\* **HIRP** partners include: Forest Research, Forest England, Forestry and Land Scotland, Natural Resources Wales, Coillte, DAERA - Forest Service, Confor, Tilhill, Scottish Woodlands, Maelor Forest Nurseries, Trees Please, Cawdor Forestry, Oxford University, RTS, Swansea University and The Scottish Forestry Trust.