

# Resurgence in forestry sector

THE past 18 months has seen the forestry sector experience a significant resurgence with log exports booming, and revenue from carbon credits flowing back to forest owners.

IFS Growth is a southern-based forestry management and consulting company that is taking great pleasure in assisting its clients to take advantage of the excellent returns forestry is now receiving.

With offices in Winton and Milton and a full range of forest management services from investment, establishment, silviculture, harvesting, GIS mapping and carbon forestry, IFS Growth is well placed to assist forest owners.

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IFS Growth makes a commitment to its customers to get the best returns when harvesting and marketing their wood. With more than 30 years' experience in establishing, managing and harvesting forests IFS Growth



**Benefits accrued:** Strong demand for logs from China and India has seen good recent returns for those harvesting their forests, IFS Growth says.

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has the expertise and industry contacts to successfully manage harvesting operations and create the best outcomes for forest owners. To meet the increasing demand for timber, IFS

Growth is actively seeking forests of harvestable age within the Otago-Southland region. They encourage forest owners thinking about harvesting to contact them to discuss their options.

The New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme (ETS) has also provided an opportunity for forest owners to generate additional cash flow from the sale of carbon credits while their

forests grow. The ETS proved to be a boon for many forest owners during the past year with significant funds from the sale of carbon credits flowing back to our customers.

What carbon credits a forest owner can claim is dictated by the date when a forest was first established. Those landowners who own land with forestry first planted before 1990 should be aware they are eligible to claim a one-off allocation of compensatory carbon units from government. This compensation package is valued at up to \$1000 per hectare of forestry and must be applied for before the end of November this year. IFS Growth urges forest owners to contact them to assess what carbon credits, or otherwise, they are eligible to claim from government. Those forest owners who fail to register with government will miss out on a valuable opportunity.

IFS Growth has a specialist carbon forestry team called IFS Carbon that can assist forest owners and investors understand this new form of investment. In particular forests that are first planted after 1990 will provide ongoing income from the sale of carbon credits making investing in a new forest very attractive.



The NZETS has created significant opportunities for forest owners the team at IFS Carbon can give you the best advice.  
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