

PROJECT SUMMARY

This report describes a project undertaken as part of the comprehensive regional assessments of forests in New South Wales. The comprehensive regional assessments (CRAs) provide the scientific basis on which the State and Commonwealth Governments will sign regional forest agreements (RFAs) for major forest areas of New South Wales. These agreements will determine the future of these forests, providing a balance between conservation and ecologically sustainable use of forest resources.

Project objective/s

This project was undertaken to collect historical information on vegetation cover from a representative sample of original portion plans within parishes in the upper north east (UNE) and lower north east (LNE) CRA regions.

Methods

Locations (in terms of easting and northing) of tree types from each corner of each portion were collected and entered into an excel spreadsheet. In addition to this information, the date the survey was carried out and general vegetation information was also recorded.

Key results and products

The project produced a database consisting of vegetation data from 2,001 portions within a representative sample of 202 parishes across the UNE and LNE regions of NSW. The data was supplied to National Parks and Wildlife Service for use in the modelling phase of the pre-1750 extent of vegetation types/forest ecosystems.