

*These notes relate to the Forestry and Land Management (Scotland)
Act 2018 (asp 8) which received Royal Assent on 1 May 2018*

FORESTRY AND LAND MANAGEMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 2018

EXPLANATORY NOTES

THE ACT

Part 2 - Forestry functions

Section 2 - Sustainable forest management

5. **Section 2** confers a duty on the Scottish Ministers to promote sustainable forest management (SFM). SFM is a concept recognised internationally as the management of forests according to the principles of sustainable development and achieving a balance between the three main pillars of economic, environmental and socio-cultural objectives.
6. Subsection (2) places a duty on Scottish public authorities to promote SFM in exercising any of their functions, so far as is consistent with the proper exercise of those functions.