

# Swamp kauri

If you are interested in trading in Swamp Kauri, there are a number of things you need to be aware of. Swamp Kauri activities (milling, selling and export) are regulated under the Forests Act 1949, and (depending on where you live) extraction and processing of swamp kauri may also be regulated under the Resource Management Act 1991.

In 2015 the Ministry for Primary Industries also introduced voluntary inspection processes for the extraction of swamp kauri, and the export of swamp kauri finished or manufactured indigenous timber products.

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## Extraction

### Before you dig

#### Forests Act

Check that the land is not covered by indigenous flora e.g. manuka scrub, wetland.

#### Resource Management Act

Check the land use (permitted activity) status, and earthworks and natural features rules. You may need a resource consent from your local Council.

Contact MPI on **0800 00 83 33** to arrange a pre-extraction inspection to check that your proposed extraction meets the requirements of the Forests Act.

### After you dig

#### Resource Management Act

Undertake any site remedial work required by the Council.


## Processing

### Before you mill

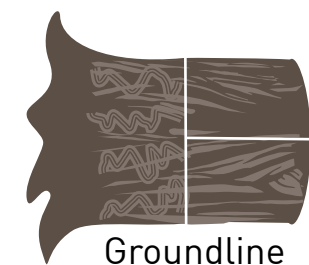
#### Forests Act

Check that the sawmill you intend to use is currently registered to process indigenous timber.

Apply for a milling statement before the timber is processed.



Contact MPI on **0800 00 83 33** to arrange a post-extraction inspection to check that your extraction met the requirements of the Forests Act. This is an important step to verify the source of timber.



Groundline

For more guidance on swamp kauri stumps go to [www.mpi.govt.nz](http://www.mpi.govt.nz)

Contact MPI on **0800 00 83 33** to arrange a stump or root inspection to check that your intended export meets the requirements of the Forests Act.

## Selling

### Domestic sales

You can sell:

- whole stump and root pieces;
- logs;
- flitches, sawn sections and offcuts;
- finished products e.g. tables, bowls;
- kitsets and kitset components.

Note: where you are selling whole logs or pieces that will require milling, you will need to verify the source of the timber.

[New Zealand Government](http://www.govt.nz)

### International sales for export

#### Forests Act

There are several restrictions on what form swamp kauri exports can take.

You can export:

- whole stumps and roots (or products made from these);
- finished or manufactured swamp kauri products e.g. tables, bowls, sculptures;
- kitsets where swamp kauri is part of the kitset componentry.

### You cannot export

- whole logs;
- unfinished products;
- dressed or rough sawn timber, for example, wall panelling or joinery blanks or similar items.

Contact MPI on **0800 00 83 33** to arrange a pre-export inspection to check that your finished or manufactured swamp kauri products meet the standard for export under the Forests Act.