



# Quarterly report of swamp kauri activity

1 April 2017 – 30 June 2017

Swamp kauri, also known as ancient kauri, is kauri timber that has been buried and preserved in what used to be swamps for anywhere between 800 and 60,000 years.

The Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) is responsible for regulating the milling and export of swamp kauri under the Forests Act 1949 (“the Act”). More information on the management of swamp kauri can be found at:

<http://www.mpi.govt.nz/exporting/forest-products/wood-and-wood-products/swamp-kauri>

This report summarises MPI’s swamp kauri milling and export regulatory activities in the second quarter of 2017 (1 April 2017 – 30 June 2017).



## Milling controls

All indigenous timber - including swamp kauri - can only be milled by sawmills registered with MPI. MPI regularly inspects registered sawmills which are required to report their milling activity every quarter. All swamp kauri must also have an approved *milling statement* from MPI before it can be milled at a registered sawmill.

**Table 1:** Milling statements issued 1 April – 30 June 2017

<b>Milling statement #</b>	<b>Timber source</b>	<b>Region</b>	<b>Volume</b>
7-00-02230 <sup>1</sup>	Not indigenous forest land	Northland	100 m <sup>3</sup>
7-00-02666 <sup>2</sup>	Not indigenous forest land	Northland	353.9 m <sup>3</sup>
7-00-02667 <sup>3</sup>	Not indigenous forest land	Northland	330 m <sup>3</sup>
7-00-02668 <sup>4</sup>	Not indigenous forest land	Northland	98 m <sup>3</sup>
7-00-02671 <sup>5</sup>	Not indigenous forest land	Northland	5 m <sup>3</sup>
7-00-02679 <sup>6</sup>	Not indigenous forest land	Northland	12 m <sup>3</sup>
7-00-02708	Not indigenous forest land	Northland	63 m <sup>3</sup>
7-00-02709	Not indigenous forest land	Northland	181 m <sup>3</sup>
7-00-02713 <sup>1</sup>	Not indigenous forest land	Northland	100 m <sup>3</sup>
7-00-02720	Not indigenous forest land	Northland	2.5 m <sup>3</sup>
7-00-02740	Not indigenous forest land	Northland	6 m <sup>3</sup>
7-01-02670 <sup>7</sup>	Not indigenous forest land	Northland	7 m <sup>3</sup>
7-01-02681	Not indigenous forest land	Northland	0.2 m <sup>3</sup>
7-02-02705 <sup>8</sup>	Not indigenous forest land	Northland	18 m <sup>3</sup>
			<b>1276.6 m<sup>3</sup></b>

1. This is a renewal of 7-00-02580.

2. This is a renewal of 7-00-02575.

3. This is a renewal of 7-00-02576.

4. This is a renewal of 7-00-02588.

5. This is a renewal of 7-00-02041.

6. This is a renewal of 7-00-02041.

7. This is a renewal of 7-01-02498.

8. This is a renewal of 7-02-02567.

## Site inspections

Responsibility for managing the extraction of swamp kauri rests with Regional and District Councils, under the Resource Management Act. However, as part of the evidence required when applying for a milling statement or for export approval, MPI inspects all new notified sites before and after extraction activities.

All sites active this quarter were inspected by MPI.

**Table 2:** Inspections of notified swamp kauri extraction sites, 1 April – 30 June 2017.

<b>Total Sites</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Total Inspections</b>	<b>7</b>
Pre-extraction	2
Mid-extraction	1
Post-extraction	4 *

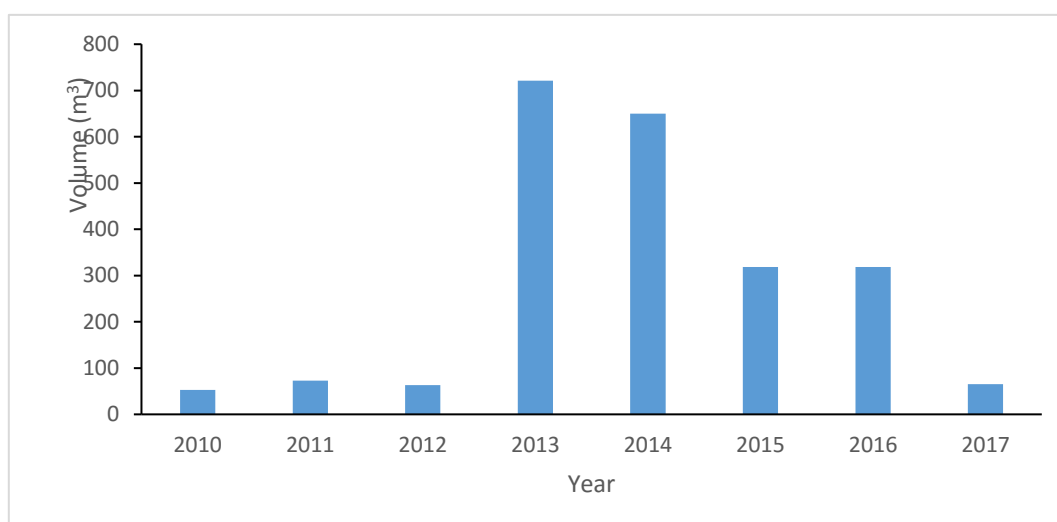
\* Of these four sites; pre-extraction inspections occurred in the previous quarter, the remaining two sites were inspected where extraction originally occurred pre-2015.

## Export controls

Swamp kauri can only be exported as either a finished product or, if it isn't from indigenous forest land, as whole or sawn stumps or roots. Indigenous timber export controls are set out in Section 67C of the Act.

**Table 3:** Notified swamp kauri export consignments for 1 April – 30 June 2017

Destination	Number of exports approved	Number of export inspections	Volume exported
China	2	2	6.8 m <sup>3</sup>
Italy	4	5	14.8 m <sup>3</sup>
USA	1	1	0.1 m <sup>3</sup>
<b>Total</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>21.7 m<sup>3</sup></b>



**Figure 1:** Swamp kauri export volumes for Quarter 1 (1 April – 30 June), 2010 – 2017.



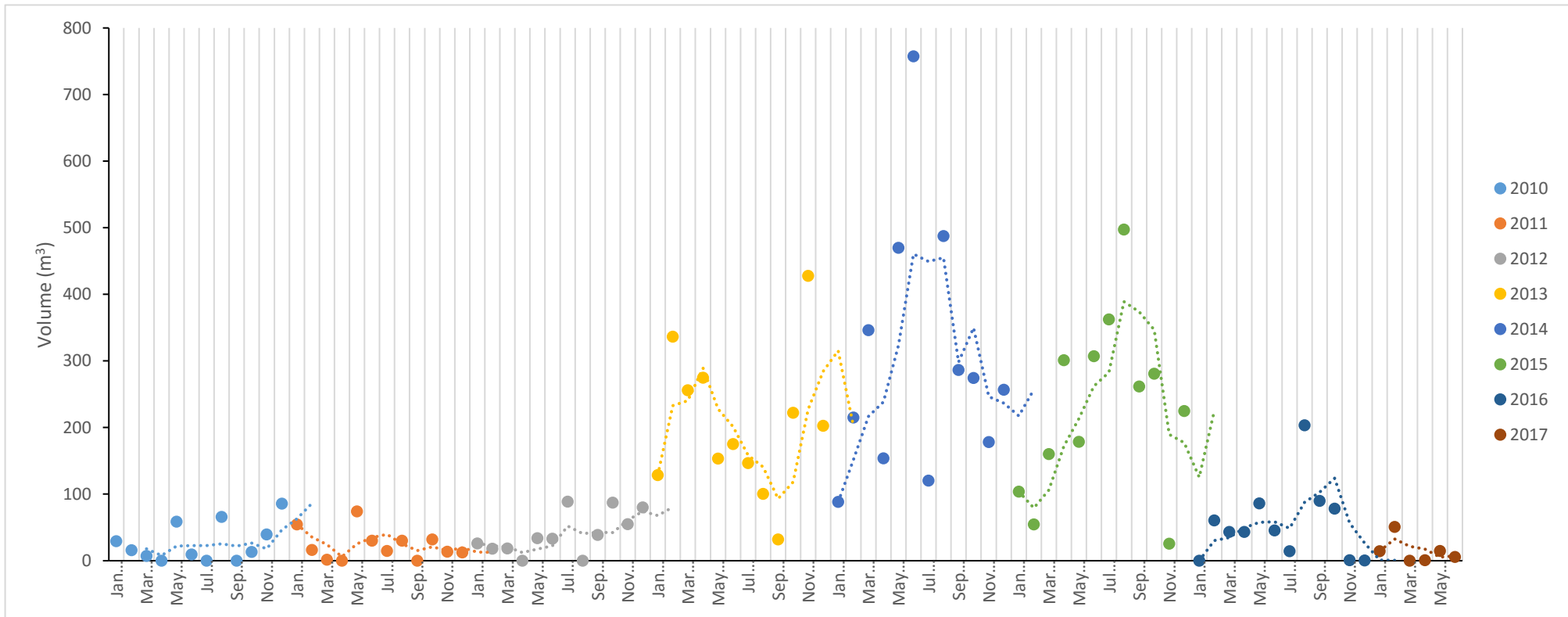
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## Swamp Kauri Judicial Review Findings

The Judge's findings in the judicial review of MPI's decision making under the Forests Act 1949 have been released. The Judge found in favour of the processes and interpretations used by MPI in making export decisions under the Forests Act, and did not make the declaratory statements being sought.

MPI appreciates the cooperation of vigilant members of public and of the Industry in helping to ensure that New Zealand law is upheld and our values are protected.



**Figure 2:** Monthly swamp kauri export volumes, 2010 – 2017 (trend: three point moving average).