



Quarterly report of swamp kauri activity

1 January – 31 March 2018

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:

<https://www.mpi.govt.nz/growing-and-harvesting/forestry/indigenous-forestry/swamp-kauri/>

This report summarises MPI’s regulatory activities in regard to the milling and export of swamp kauri, in the first quarter of 2018 (1 January – 31 March 2018).



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 January- 31 March 2018

Milling statement #	Timber source	Region	Volume
7-01-02852	Land that is not indigenous forest land	Auckland	18 m ³
7-00-02861	Land that is not indigenous forest land	Auckland	4 m ³
			22 m³

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.

- No extraction sites were active this quarter, and therefore no extraction site inspections have been conducted.
- Six Northland sawmills registered to mill indigenous timber were inspected this quarter.

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 January – 31 March 2018

Destination	Number of exports approved	Number of export inspections	Volume exported
China	1	1	1.79 m ³
France	1	1	0.50 m ³
Germany	1	1	0.10 m ³
Holland	1	1	0.96 m ³
Italy	5	5	39.89 m ³
Russia	1	1	0.2 m ³
USA	3	3	8.64 m ³
Total	13	13	52.05 m³

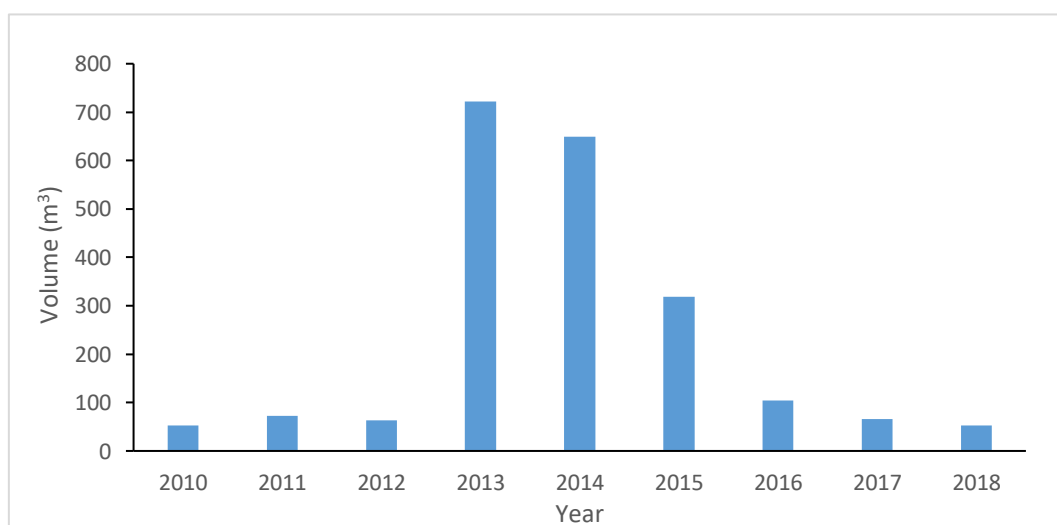


Figure 1: Swamp kauri export volumes for Quarter 1 (1 January – 31 March), 2010 – 2018.

The Swamp Kauri Good Practice Guide

The Swamp Kauri Good Practice guide was released in December 2017. The purpose of the guide is to help swamp kauri extractors, sawmillers, and exporters understand their legal requirements and to promote the enhancement of values associated with swamp kauri. It is also intended to give the public confidence about the activities of the industry and the increasing professionalism of swamp kauri operators.

MPI will be distributing the guide amongst swamp kauri operators, local government, and other interest groups. Full- length and 'field' versions of the guide are available on MPI's website, here: <https://www.mpi.govt.nz/growing-and-harvesting/forestry/indigenous-forestry/swamp-kauri/>.

Printed copies of the 'field' guide can be obtained by contacting indigenous.forestry@mpi.govt.nz.

