



## Tree Production: the Road Ahead

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## **This is what we want to happen:**

- Woodland cover in Wales increases by at least 2000 hectares per annum from 2020 to 2030 and beyond to meet strategy priorities and to maintain the overall productive potential from Welsh woodlands.

*From “Woodlands for Wales: The Welsh Government’s Strategy for Woodlands and Trees” (2018)*

# Challenges

- **Lead times** - forestry is an infrastructure project, tree breeding is akin to the space programme, but nurseries are viewed as a supermarket
  - Opportunity – deliverability strategy for woodland creation and timber
- **Right *provenance* in the right place** – improved material for productivity (2x timber) and future climate adaptation
  - Opportunity – support for tree improvement and research, e.g. CBC, FTT, NTIS, genomic mapping
- **Skills in the supply chain** – species and nurseries are only part of the process – scheme appraisal, plant handling, planting/establishment, silviculture, conversion
  - Opportunity - improve demand forecasting and flexibility around planting windows