

# Key ideas for **L**earning about our forests

**L**earning about our forests covers three distinct areas for addressing the Key Ideas. These are the systems (the nature of the forests), management of these systems to meet a range of objectives and issues arising from this management.

This division also makes it easier to make links between **Learning about our forests** and the structure of learning areas within the curriculum.

The Key Ideas shown on the right have been defined to provide teachers with a focus for developing teaching units.

## **Forest systems**

- There are different types of forests.
- Forests change.
- Forests provide an interdependent habitat for a wide variety of plants and animals.

## **Forest management**

- Forests provide valuable resources.
- Forests are managed for a diverse range of purposes.
- Forests are a valuable source of income, employment and trade.
- The utilisation of forests and processing of forest products continues to change.

## **Forest issues**

- People have a range of different values associated with forests.
- Many issues arise as a consequence of human use of forests and forest products.
- There are likely, possible and preferred futures for our forests.

**These key ideas are further developed on pages 10 and 11.**