

## Environmental Conservation & Habitat Protection in Forests

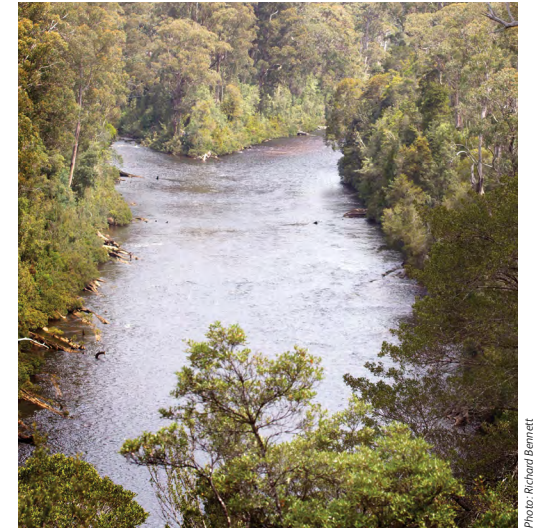
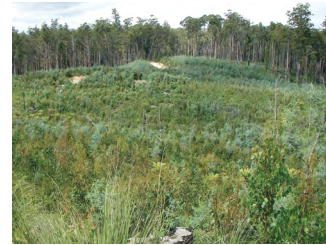


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## Sustainable Forest Management

Our production forests are a valuable resource, providing employment and financial return for the benefit of all Tasmanians. The Forest Practices Code sets guidelines for harvesting activities to protect forest soils, water quality and cultural heritage values; and to minimise the impact of harvesting operations on biodiversity.

These are some of the measures taken to achieve a balance between our need for timber resources and environmental protection:

- Careful location of tracks and landings to minimise soil erosion
- Rehabilitation of disturbed sites
- Provision of streamside reserves to protect water quality
- Establishment of habitat strips to enable wildlife to move between areas that are not harvested and recolonise the regenerating forest

Scientists working in Forestry Tasmania's Division of Forest Research & Development are involved in a variety of environmental study projects in the area of forest ecology – their work increases our knowledge and understanding, informing the continuing development of ecologically-sustainable forest management practices.

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