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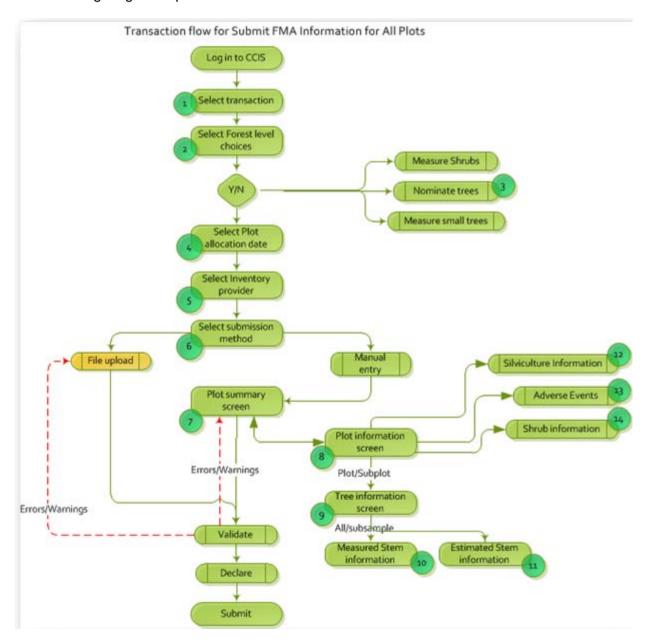
Overview of submitting FMA information to MPI

This guide will help you understand the method you may follow and options you make when submitting your FMA information to MPI. The workflow is meant to make the submission of your data as easy and efficient for you. It is recommended that you read this guide as you work through your initial submission to make the process as smooth as possible.

You will also need a copy of the <u>FMA Information Standard</u> and the <u>Guide to the FMA</u> available here.

If you are entering data for a client, you may need further information from the forest owner.

The following diagram represents the workflow to be followed:



Before starting

Make sure you are familiar with the detail in the following publications that are available from the MPI website:

- Field Measurement Approach standard
- Field Measurement Approach Information Standard
- A Guide to the Field Measurement Approach

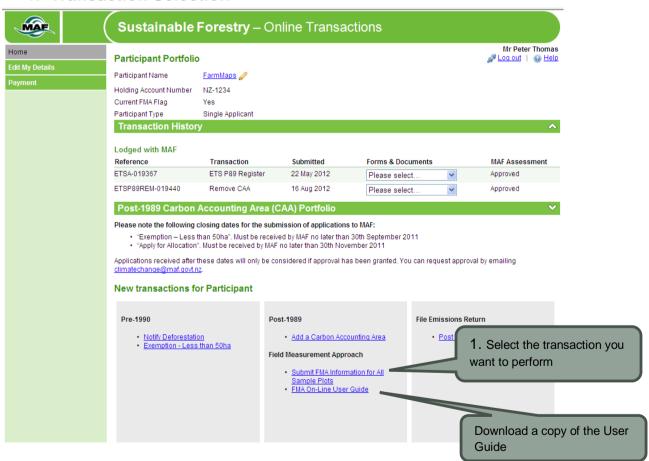
Making the Correct Transaction Selection

You will only be able to submit information for the FMA once you have been allocated sample plots. Having received sample plot locations after you have logged into the system, you will see new FMA transactions available to you.

When submitting FMA information for the first time, you **must** select "Submit FMA Information for All Sample Plots"

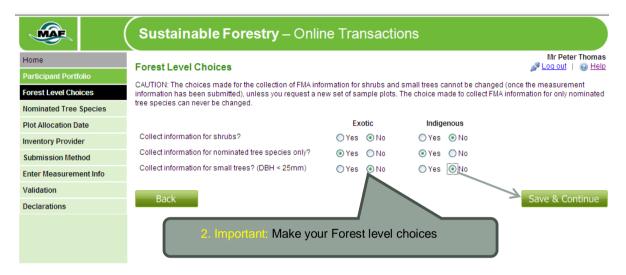
Note: You will only be able to have one unsubmitted transaction active at any one time:

1. Transaction Selection



2. Making your Forest level choices

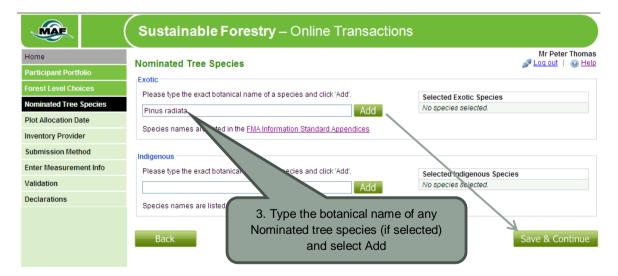
The choices you make on this screen are very important, so make sure your selections are correct. To assist you refer to the "Key FMA Options and Decisions" section of the Field Measurement Approach Guide



3. Nominated tree selection (if applicable)

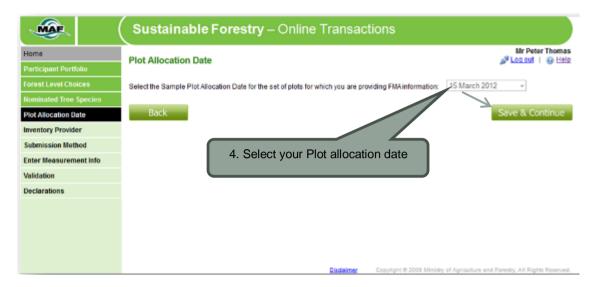
If you have elected to collect information for nominated tree species the following screen will be displayed:

Note: You must enter the correct botanical name of any nominated tree species.



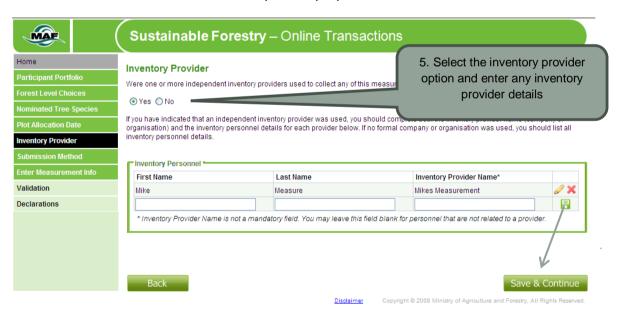
4. Plot allocation date selection

This date should be the same date as shown on the document you would have received listing your sample plots.



5. Inventory provider details

You must provide information on who collected your forest measurements. This may be you or other individuals or individuals associated to an organisation. Where an individual is associated with an organisation please enter the organisation name in the field provided. This information could be used for compliance purposes.



Icon behaviour

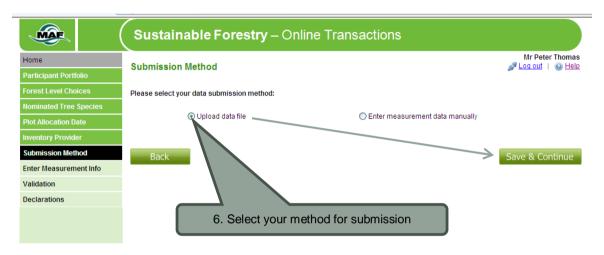
- Select the Save () icon to save the record and create a new blank record.
- Click on the edit icon () to change an entry
- Click on the delete icon (X) to remove an entry

6. Selecting your Submission method

There are two methods for you to supply your FMA information to MPI:

- A file upload (XML format)
 (To obtain details on the xml file format required refer to the <u>Field Measurement Approach Information Standard</u>), or;
- Manual data entry on-line.

Note: Once selected, this decision cannot be changed for this transaction.



File upload

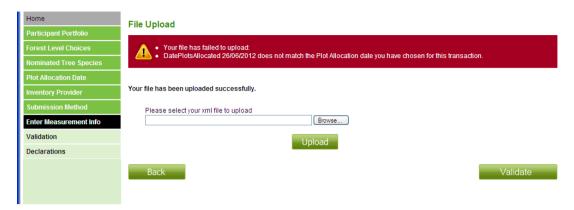
If you are supplying an upload file, select the *Upload file* button and Click on the *Save and Continue* button.



Browse to where the file is located on your system and click on the *Upload* button.

The file will be validated by the MPI system and you will be informed if the upload was successful or not.

The following screen is displayed if your file failed to upload:



The message will include the details of any error(s) and you will need to correct the file before re-uploading.

If your file uploads successfully, select the Validate button to view any Errors and Warnings that may need correction before continuing.

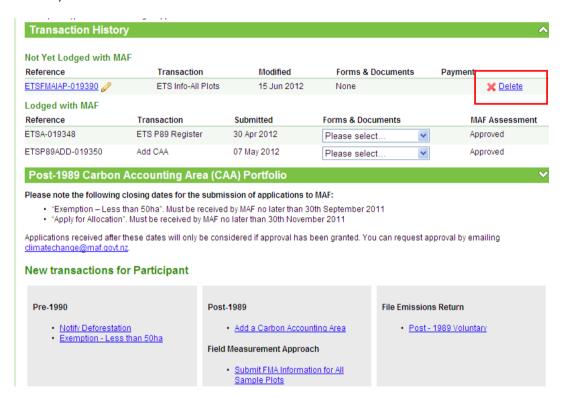


Uploading another file

If you get an error(s) when validating your file, you must correct the error(s) before reuploading the file. Select the Back button after viewing the results of the Validate and upload the corrected file.

Deleting a transaction

If you need to delete a transaction on your Portfolio page and start another transaction, select the <u>Delete</u> link. All information in the initial transaction will be removed, (see following screen).



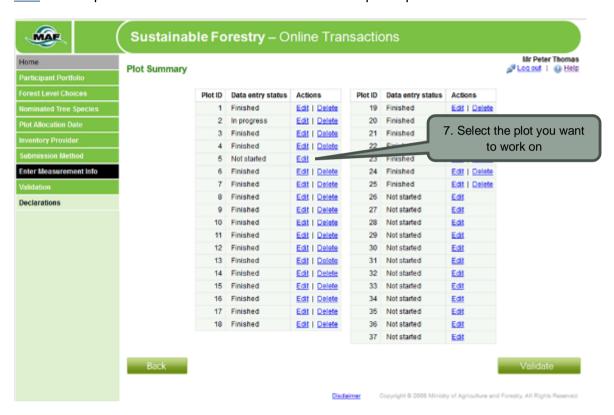
7. Manual entry

If you intend to supply your information manually, select the *Enter measurement information manually* button and click on the *Save and Continue* button.

The rest of this section describes the process to follow to enter your data.

Plot Summary screen - Plot selection

This screen displays your current plot list and shows you the status of each plot. Click on the Edit link to open the Plot Information screen for the required plot.



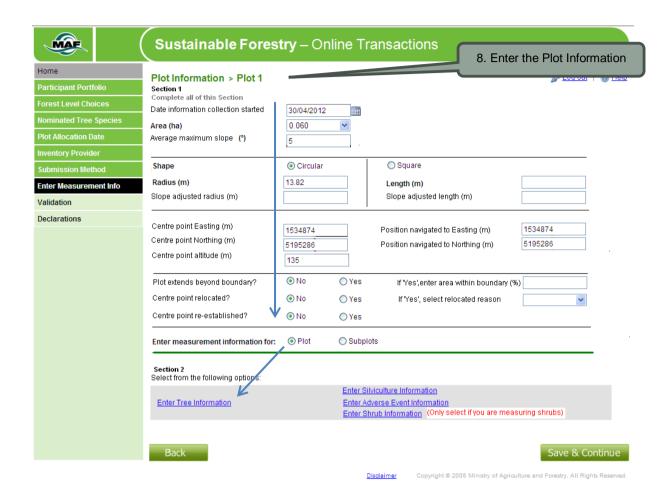
There are three states for a plot:

- Not started –You have not entered any data for this plot.
- In progress You have entered some data for this plot.
- Finished You have completed all the entries for this plot.

You can edit any entries you have made prior to submitting your data.

Warning: The Delete option for a plot is only available after you have entered some information for that plot. This option will remove **all** data for the plot; Stem information, Silviculture information and Adverse event information.

8. Entering Plot information

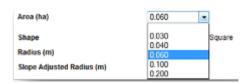


The following is information about the expected data to be provided for certain fields. Refer to the <u>Field Measurement Approach Standard</u> documents and the Field Measurement Approach Guide for further assistance.

8.1 Select the measurement date (mandatory):



8.2 Select the plot size (mandatory):



8.3 Enter the average maximum slope (mandatory):



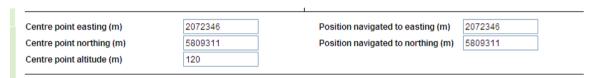
8.4 Select the plot shape and then using the Slope adjusted radii table A1 in the FMA guide; enter the 0 degree radius in the Radius box.



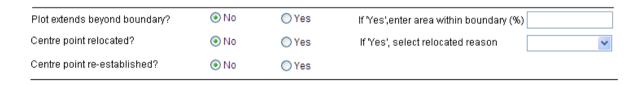
Enter any slope adjusted radius from the table, in the corresponding box (if equal to or greater than 10; in this case 12)

For a square plot use the fields on the right side of the screen.

8.5 Enter the Easting and Northing details in the appropriate boxes; these must be a 7 digit number (mandatory):



- 8.6 Enter the centre point altitude (m); (mandatory):
- 8.7 Select the plot location options:

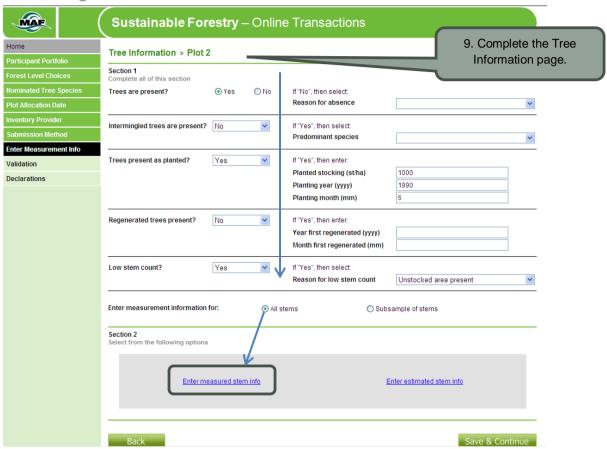


- If the plot extends beyond the boundary; select Yes and enter the percentage in the Area field.
- If the centre point has been relocated; select Yes and select the reason from the drop-down list.
- If the plot centre point has been re-established; select Yes.
- 8.8 Select either Plot or Subplot for the area you entering information for; (mandatory):



8.9 Click on the Enter Tree information link.

9. Entering Tree information



9.1 Select if Trees are present: Yes/No;

If "No", you must select the Reason from the drop-down list.

9.2 Select if Intermingled trees present option: Yes/No;

If "Yes", you must select the predominant species from the drop-down list.

9.3 Select trees present as planted option: Yes/No;

If "Yes", you must enter Planted stocking, Planting year and Planting month

9.4 Select if Regenerated trees are present: Yes/No;

If "Yes", you must enter first year regenerated and month.

9.5 Select if Low stem count: Yes/No (less than 20 DBH measurements);

If "Yes", you must select the Reason from drop-down list.

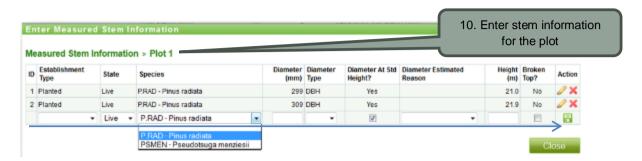
9.6 Select measurement information option:

All stems/Subsample of stems (See; Section 17 for details).



• If All stems selected; click on the Enter measured stem info link.

10. Entering Measured Stem information

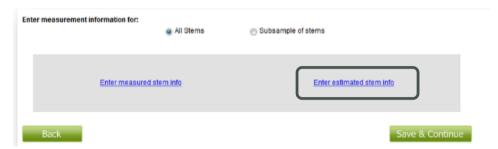


- 10.1 Select the drop down options for the following:
 - Establishment type (Planted/Regenerated)
 - State (Live/Dead)
 - Species
- 10.2 Enter the stem diameter (mm).
- 10.3 Select Diameter type from drop-down; DBH/CD.
- 10.4 Choose option for Diameter at standard height check box (uncheck if not).
- 10.5 You must select Diameter estimation reason if unchecked.
- 10.6 Enter stem height (m) if applicable, (min 5 stems per plot).
- 10.7 Check tick box if stem has broken top (you must enter a stem height).
- 10.8 Select the Save (loon to save the stem record and create a new blank record ready for populating.
- 10.10 Click on the edit icon () to change an entry.
- 10.11 Click on the delete icon (X) to remove an entry.
- 10.10 When you have finished entering data; select the Close button.
- 10.11 Click on the Save and Continue button on the Tree information screen.
- 10.12 Click on the Save and Continue button on the Plot information screen.
- 10.13 If you have finished entering stem information for this plot Click on the OK button on the pop-up box, or Cancel if you need to add further information at another time.



Entering Estimated stem information

Select the <u>Enter estimated stem info</u> link on the Tree information page **only** if you selected to collect information for small trees in your Forest level choices.



11. Estimated Stem information screen

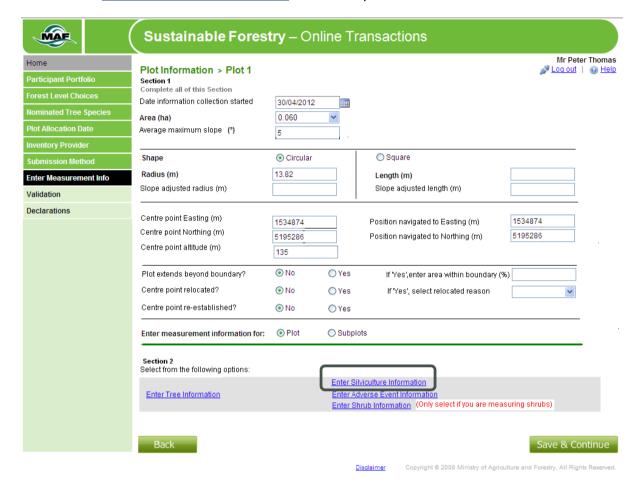


- 11.1 Select the Species group from the drop-down list.
- 11.2 Enter the Average collar diameter of stems (mm).
- 11.3 Enter the Average height of collar diameters (m).
- 11.4 Enter the Stocking of collar diameter stems (st/ha).
- 11.5 Click on the save icon.
- 11.6 Either enter further rows as required or click on the Close button.

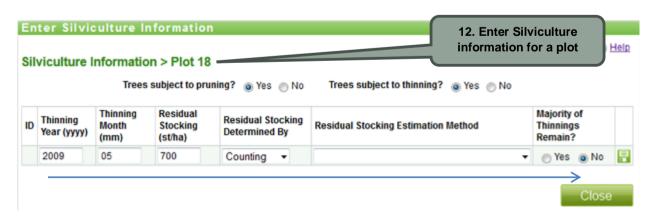
12. Entering Silviculture information for a plot

Note: If you have no Silviculture information for a plot you may ignore this section.

Click on the Enter Silviculture information link on the plot Information screen.



Silviculture information screen



- 12.1 Select the trees subject to pruning and thinning options before entering data.
- 12.2 Enter the thinning year and month.

- 12.3 Enter the residual stocking count (st/ha)
- 12.4 Select the residual stocking determination from the drop-down list: Counting/Estimation:
 - If Estimation; select the method from the drop-down list.
- 12.5 Select the Majority of thinnings remaining option: Yes/No.
- 12.6 Click on the save icon.
- 12.7 Either enter further rows as required or click on the Close button.

13. Entering Adverse event information for a plot

Note: If you have no adverse event information for a plot you may ignore this section.

Click on the <u>Enter Adverse event information</u> link on the plot Information screen. You must answer the question "Trees Subject to Adverse Event?"

Adverse event information screen 13. Enter Adverse event information for a plot Adverse Event Information > Plot 18 Trees subject to adverse event? Yes No ID Adverse Event Year (yyyy) Adverse Event Residual Stocking Cleared Wood Adverse Event Residual Residual Stocking Estimated By Month (mm) Stocking (st/ha) Determined By 2001 Wind Estimation -Stand records Personal knowledge of owner or consultant

- 13.1 Select the Trees subject to adverse event option: Yes.
- 13.2 Enter the year and month fields.
- 13.3 Select the Adverse event type from the drop-down list.
- 13.4 Enter the residual stocking count (st/ha).
- 13.5 Select the residual stocking determination from the drop-down list: Counting/Estimation:
 - If Estimation; select the method from the drop-down list.
- 13.6 Select the Cleared wood remains option: Yes/No.
- 13.7 Click on the save icon.
- 13.8 Either enter further rows as required or click on the Close button.

14. Entering Shrub Information

If you have selected to collection information for shrubs in your Forest level choices; follow this procedure, if not, you may ignore this section:

Note: Do **not** select this link if you have chosen not to measure shrubs as this will create an error for the plot.

Click on the Enter shrub information link on the plot Information screen.



Shrub information screen

You must answer the question "Shrubs present?"

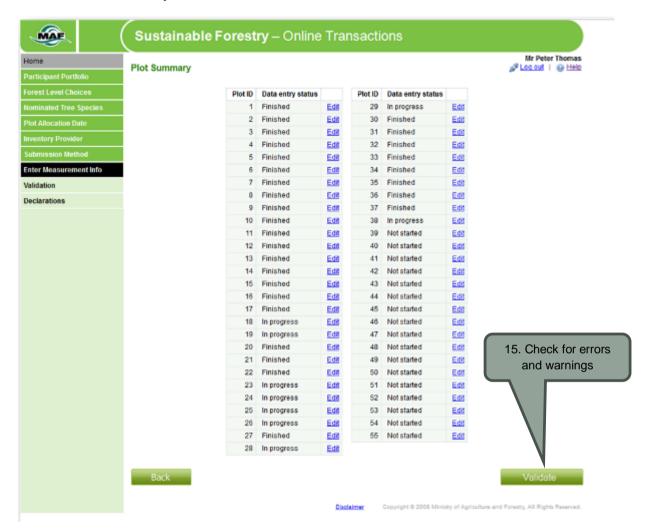


- 14.1 Select the Shrubs present option to Yes.
- 14.2 Select the shrub type from the drop-down list.
- 14.3 Enter the percentage of crown cover.
- 14.4 Enter the average crown height (m).
- 14.5 Click on the save icon.
- 14.6 Click on the Close button or create another record if required.

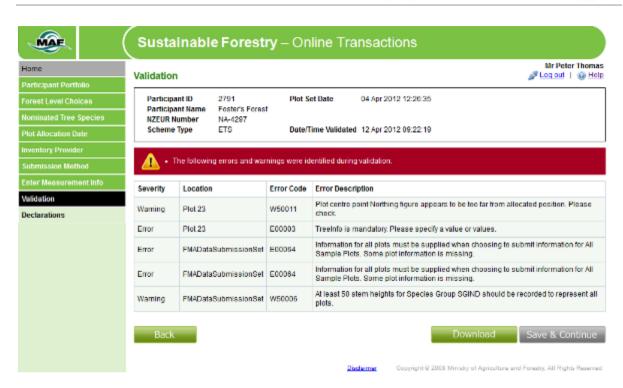
15. Validating your Plot Information

At any time during your data submission, you can check if there are any errors and warnings in the information you have supplied.

From the Plot summary screen, select the Validate button:



If there are any errors/warnings a screen similar to the following will be displayed:



Any errors **must** be corrected before continuing. You may however choose to either correct the data for plots that have warnings against them, by selecting the Back button, or continue to the Declaration and Submission screen.

You can select to download the list of errors and warnings to make it easier for you to correct any data.

If there are no errors but warnings are present, the following message is displayed when you select to Save and Continue to Declaration.



Note: You can only submit your data if **all** plot information has been supplied and there are no errors.

More Complex Cases

This section describes further information for Sub-plots and Sub-samples:

16. Entering data for Sub-plots

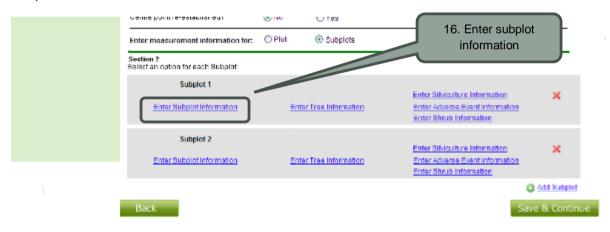
16.1 Complete the Plot Information screen and select the Subplot button.

A warning will be displayed as below:



This warning applies to any measurement information you may have inadvertantly entered for this plot.

16.2 When you click on OK the following screen is displayed, with the option to add data for two subplots (minimum). You can add futher subplots if required, by clicking on the Add Subplot link.



- 16.3 Click on the Enter subplot information link.
- 16.4 Enter the percentage area of the plot this subplot occupies.





16.5 Click on the Enter Tree Information link for the subplot and complete the entries as required.

Section 2 Select an option for each Subplot: Subplot 1 Enter Silviculture Information × **Enter Tree Information Enter Subplot Information** Enter Adverse Event Information Enter Shrub Information Subplot 2 Enter Silviculture Information Enter Subplot Information Enter Tree Information Enter Adverse Event Information Enter Shrub Information Add Subplot

- 16.6 Repeat the same procedure for the next subplot (ensure the percentage of all subplots adds up to 100%).
- 16.7 Enter any other Shrub, Silviculture and Adverse event information as required for each subplot.

17. Entering data for subsamples

If your plot has subsamples on it, from the *Tree information* page, select the *Subsample of stems* button:



When you click on OK the following screen is displayed



- 17.1 Complete the Subsample information screen:
 - Enter the radius
 - Average slope
 - Slope adjusted radius, if applicable
 - Trees are present: Yes/No, if No select reason from drop-down list.

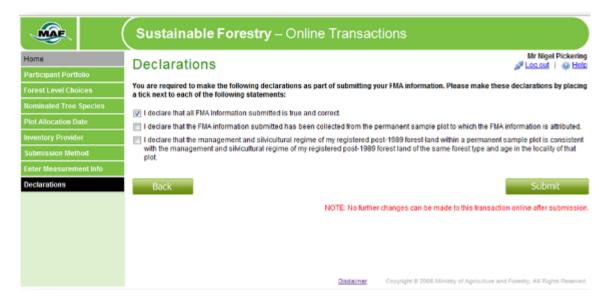


- 17.2 Click on the Save button
- 17.4 Enter the Measure stem information or Estimated stem information for the subsample.
- 17.3 Add any further subsamples as required.

Declaration and Submission

Congratulations if you have made it this far!

Once your data had been validated and there are no errors, (you may have accepted some Warning messages), you can continue to the declaration screen.



Tick all the boxes to confirm your obligations and proceed to Submit.

That's it, you're done, MPI will now process your measurement information and send you your new participant-specific tables. Should we have any questions about your data we will contact the submitter of the information.

Further Assistance is available from the MPI Contact Centre on 0800 254628