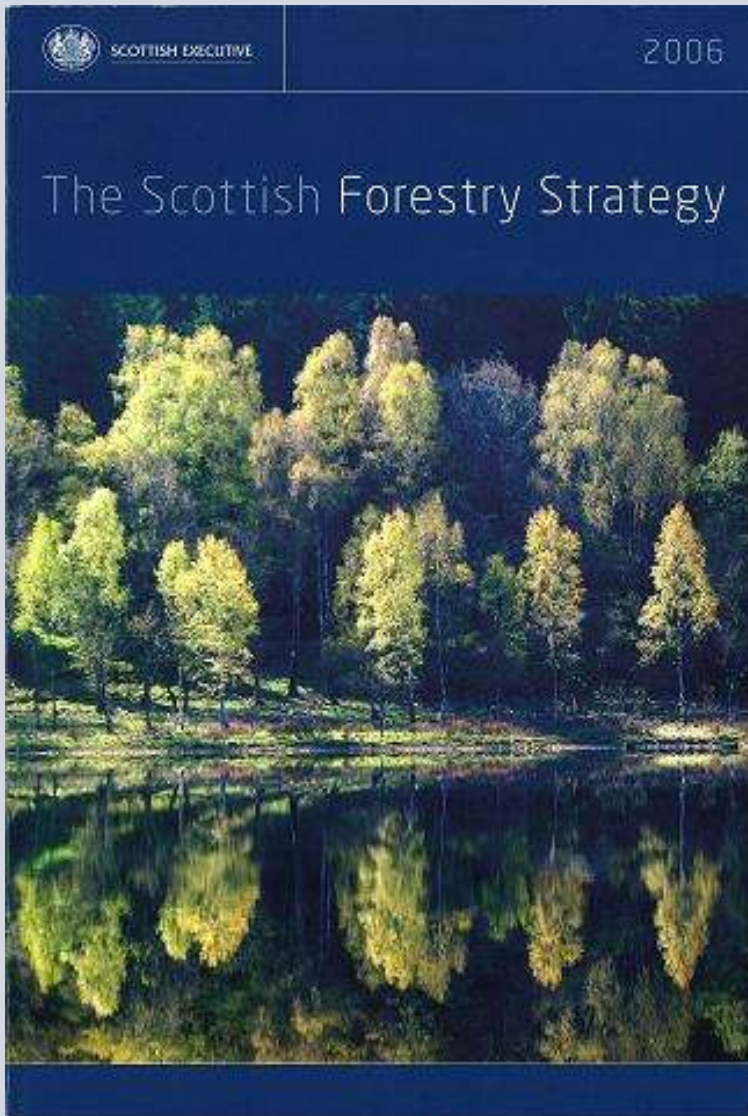


10 Years of the Strategic Timber Transport Fund

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Outline of the presentation

- **Timber production from Scotland's forests.**
- **Strategic Timber Transport Fund.**



Delivery Themes

- Climate Change.
- **Timber.**
- Business Development.
- Community Development.
- Environmental Quality.
- Access and Health.
- Biodiversity.

- “Increase the efficiency of the timber supply chain to improve sector competitiveness, and minimise the social and environmental impacts of timber transport”.

Economic Growth

- High demand for timber products – reduce imports.
- Increase processing and manufacturing (Primary and secondary).
- Increase value of GVA to Scottish economy.

Climate Change Mitigation

- Carbon Sequestration through tree growth.
- Offer low carbon substitution for construction products that have higher embodied energy.
- Carbon storage within products such as massive timber and timber frames.

*“If the market for wood construction products continues to grow at its current rate over the next 10 years, there is the potential to store an estimated additional 10 million tonnes (Mt) of carbon (equivalent to 36.7 Mt Co₂) in new and refurbished homes by 2019. (**Read report 2009**)”*

GB Conifer standing volume = 336 million m³ obs

England = 87 million m³ obs.

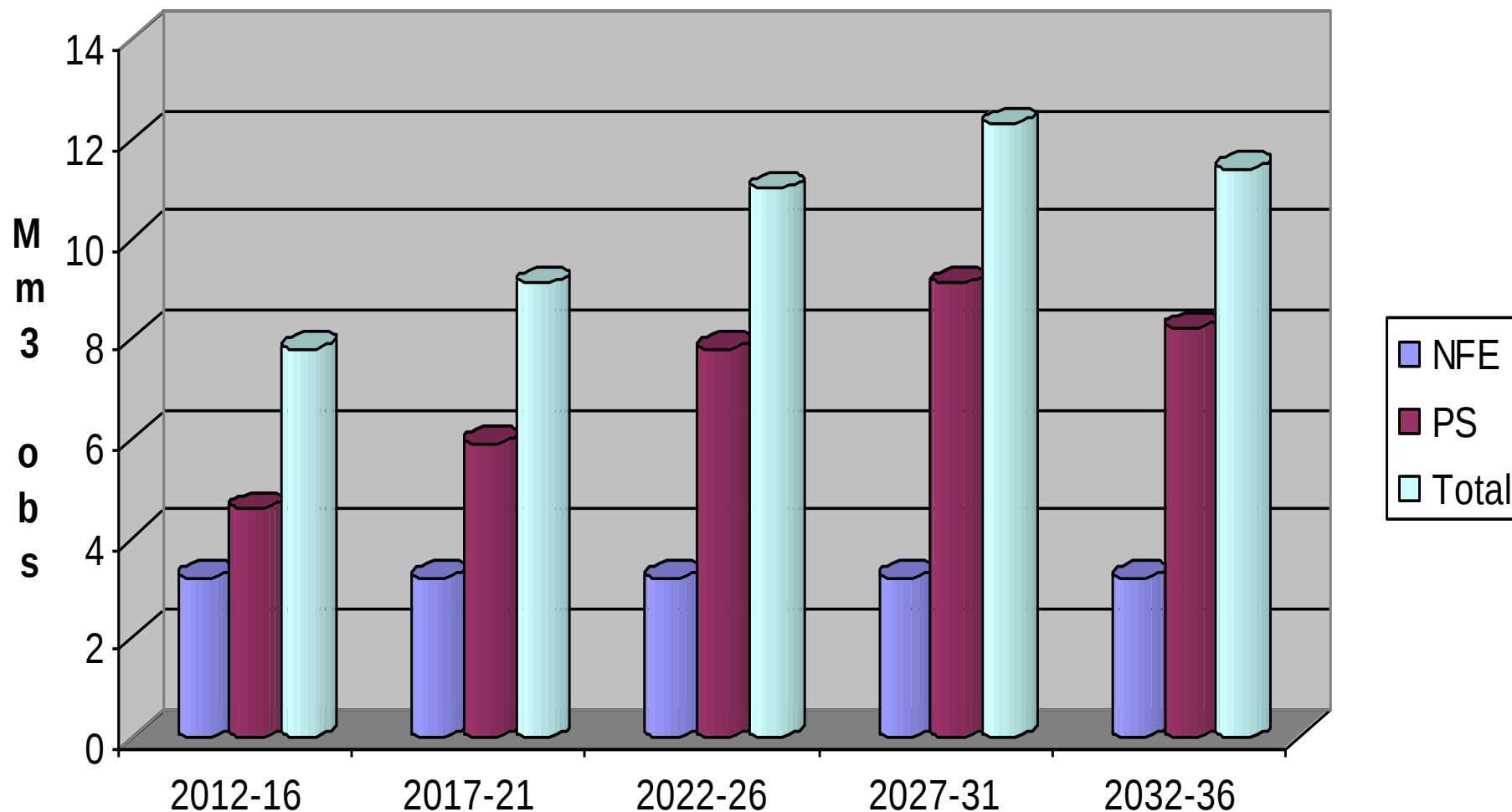
Wales = 37 million m³ obs.

Scotland = 212 million m³ obs.

900,000 hectares of conifer forest.

Policy to increase by 10,000ha per annum.

Forecast of AVAILABLE standing volume from Scottish forests





- The aim of the STTF is to *facilitate the sustainable transport of timber in rural areas of Scotland for the benefit of local communities and the environment, maximising the value of monies through innovative regionally and nationally strategic projects and partnerships.*
- **Current Budget of £3m per annum.**
 - £2m for Strategic Timber Transport Scheme.
 - Up to £1m for Timberlink Public Service Contract.



- **Deliver social and environmental benefits.**
- **Re-tendered in 2012, runs until March 2017.**
- **Managed by Associated British Ports.**



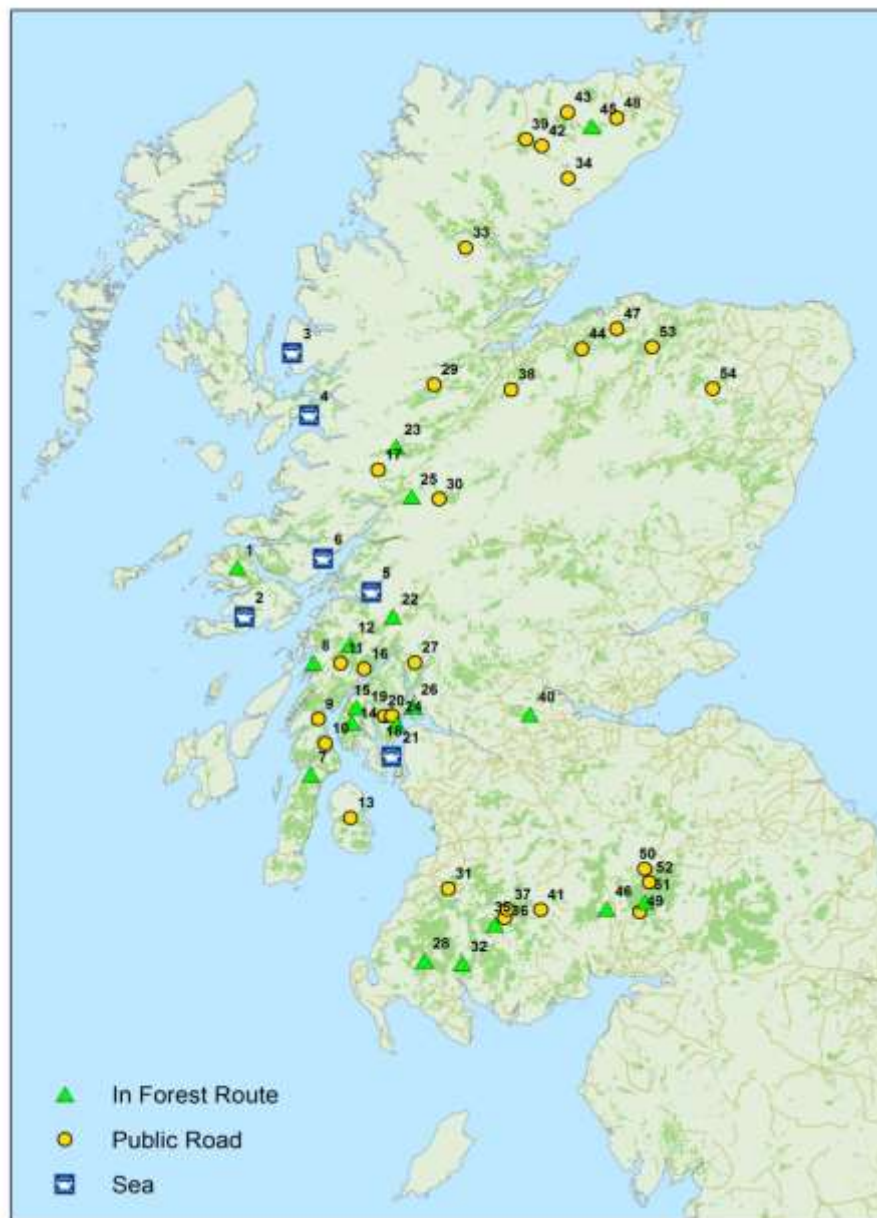
- **In operation since 2000(2012/13 figs):**
 - Received approx £9.1m in subsidy and transported over 1.3m tonnes of timber from Argyll to Troon.
 - Saved an estimated 13 million road miles of lorry journeys.



- Challenge fund – call for bids from **partnerships** from private sector, local authorities and even Forest Enterprise.
- Key criteria:
 - Social benefits; local communities and other road users.
 - Environmental benefits; reduce road miles, enable environmental works.
 - Unlock timber resources provided social and environmental benefits are delivered.

- Managed and funded through FC Scotland; current budget £3M per annum.
- Supported and sifted at Regional TTG level.
- Bids evaluated by a panel of industry, local authorities and government representatives.
- Applicants interviewed by Panel as part of evaluation process.
- Strategic at national or regional levels.
- Fund supports mainly infrastructure, support and specialist equipment.

STTS Mapped Projects









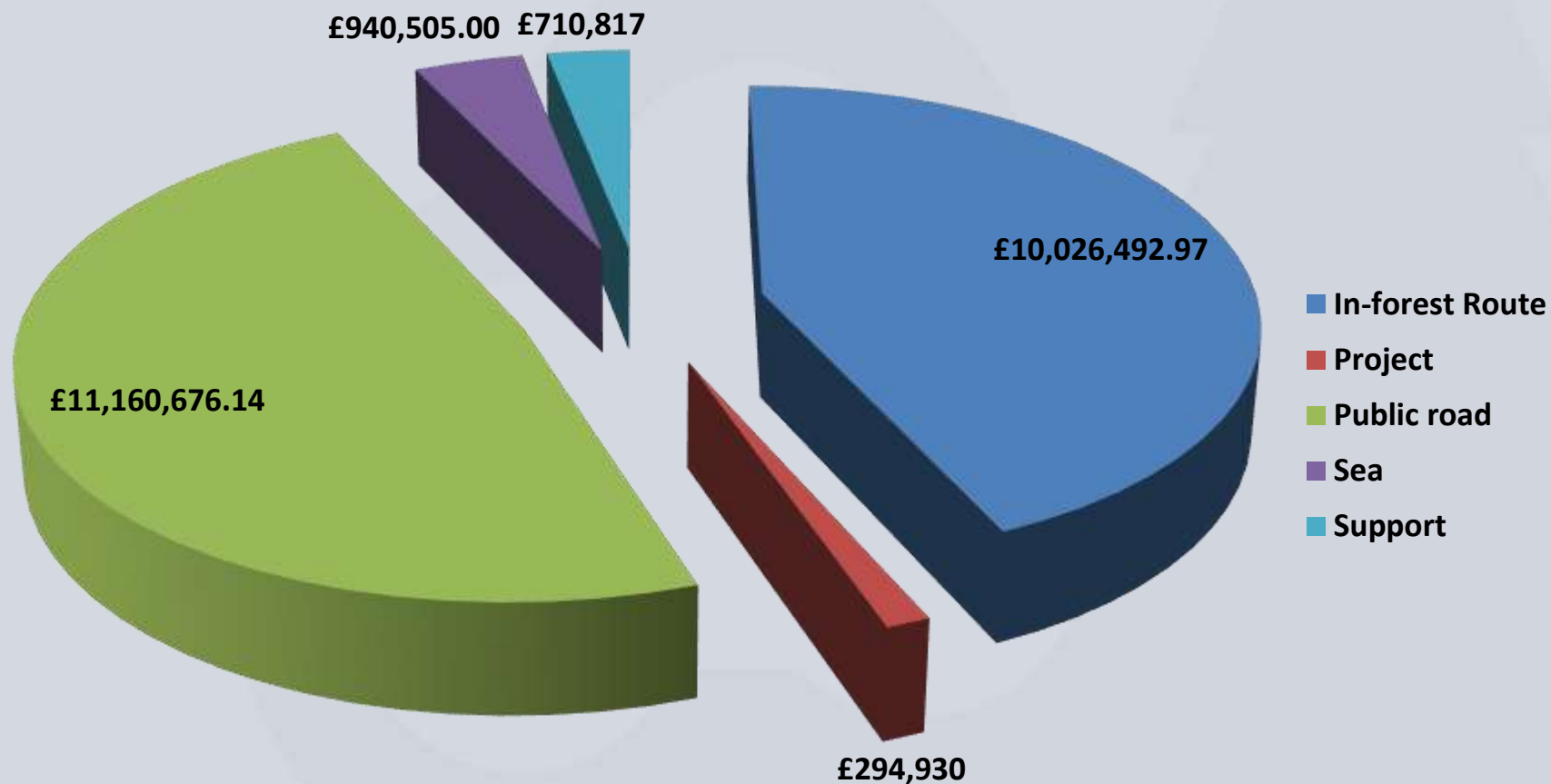
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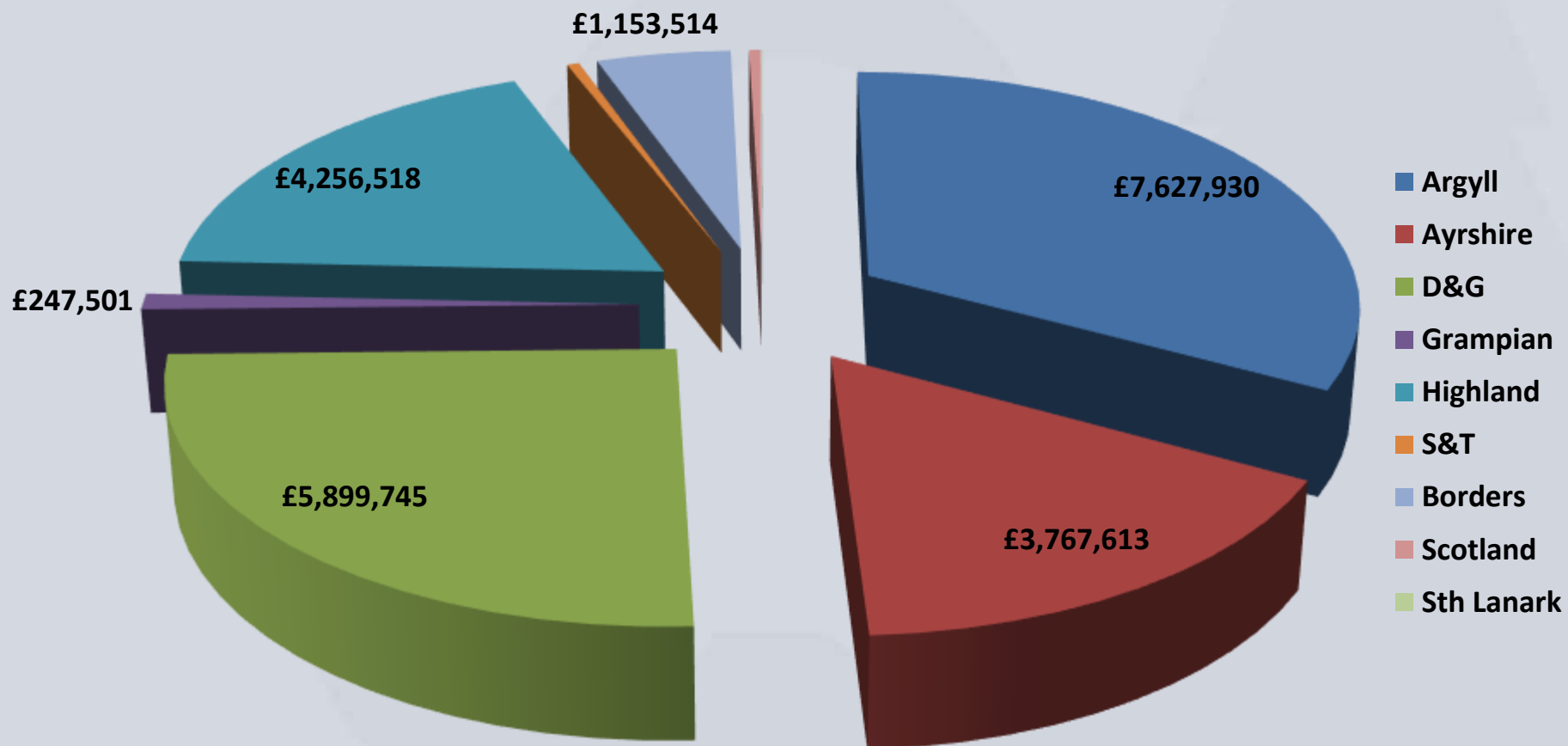


- **A total of 151 projects received by STTS.**
 - 99 awards offered.
 - £23.1M.
- **Total value including co-funding.**
 - £51M
- **Associated timber volume.**
 - 25M tonnes over 10 years = 1,000,000 loaded lorry journeys.

Awards by Project type



Awards by Region



- **Robust framework for developing and supporting STTS projects.**
- **Focus to find solutions that benefit timber industry, local authorities and stakeholders.**
- **Consequently there is Collaboration not Conflict.**
- **Future Funding?**
 - **£3M for 2015/16.**
 - **Call for applications in near future to allow suitable time for planning.**
 - **Projects must be complete by March 2016**

Thank you for Listening