

Overview of Irish Scene

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Republic of Ireland

Approx 11% forest Cover

7% Coillte

4 % private

Timber Production

20122.84 mi m³

2.35 mi, Coillte

0.49 mi, Private Forests

Private sector supply set to increase significantly

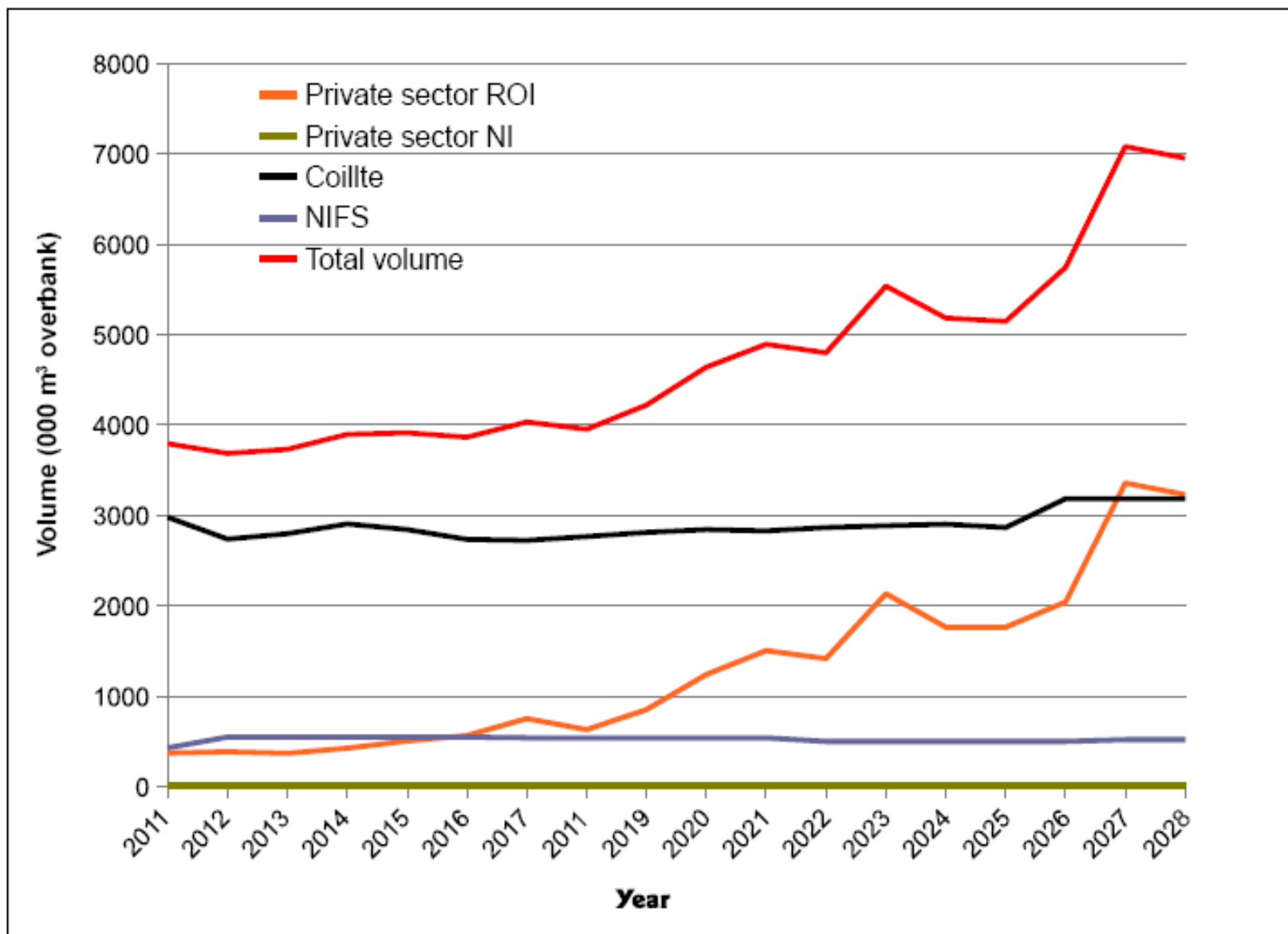


Figure 1: Forecast of standing volume production 2011-2028.

Timber Processing

**All available timber is utilised domestically,
Sawmills,
Panelboards
Wood energy, incl firewood.**

**Coillte Panel Products, CPP, using 1mi m3 thinnings annually
Smartply...OSB
Medite.....MDF**

Major increase in timber product exports since 2007.

Close to 90% of output from the panelboard sector. (Leading supplier to UK of MDF and second for OSB)

Approx 60% of Sawmill output is exported

Haulage infrastructure

Over 300 Trucks in use, but not all artics 'dedicated' to timber haulage.

Survey, 15/1/2014, showed 199 trucks entering mills, of which;

74% Artics (148)

49% had cranes fitted

51% Flats, w/o cranes, loaded by Artic double drives or other local arrangements.

26% Rigids and Trailers (51)

**No specialist off road vehicles. No huge forestry blocks.
Maximum internal forest road lengths , 8 or 9Km.**

Haulage Management

Coillte..... own no trucks, but issue contracts to hauliers via tendering system, subject to Public procurement guidelines and EU Directives.

Coillte manages haulage delivery to panelboardmills, i.e. 1mi m3.

Sawmills.... purchase standing timber via electronic auction system and engage own hauliers.

Small amount of rail haulage from NW to Smartply in Waterford.

Coillte has records of all lorry weights of its timber delivered over weighbridge to mills via the Automatic Weighbridge Systems.

FITG

Over 10 years in existence, one group Nationally

Partnership approach by industry Stakeholders, comprising;

Dept Ag, Food and Marine, Forest Service, COFORD

Coillte

ITC,

Haulage Contractors

Irish Forestry and Forests Products Association (IFFPA)

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2012/2013 Group expanded to include Dept of Transport and Local Authority reps.

FITG, current areas of interest.

Good Practice Guide for Timber Transport.....

Preferred Haulage Routes....

GVW increase to 46T for appropriate trucks,...

Submission on Variable Tyre Pressure re stimulus funding....

Forest Entrances,....

No direct funding. Some smaller project funds accessed.

Load Security , roundwood timber haulage

Summary

Industry undergoing significant change

Fairly stable cohort of hauliers, ageing fleet

Improving technology

Increased regulation and compliance

Increased focus on environmentally friendly haulage

Increased collaboration, Local Authorities etc.

Updating of COP and Implementation of Good Practice Guide required.