

## **Scottish Hardwood Furniture Competition**

### **Design & Make a Piece of furniture using Scottish Hardwoods.**

**This competition has been running in colleges for the past year – we now want to branch it out to schools. If your school is involved in an enterprise scheme, or for students in design and make/craft and design, why not use local timber for part of the project. There will be individual and school prizes.**

Scottish hardwood timber is often overlooked in preference of more easily available imported timber. However Scottish timber is beautiful, full of character and heritage - and available (if you know where to look).

Scottish Wood – a small sawmill in West Fife, was set up to help revitalise the local woodland culture. One of its main aims is to promote the use of local hardwoods; using local timber is better for the environment and better for the local economy (see diagram.) We are now holding a competition (which we hope will be an annual event), and we are inviting local colleges, training providers and schools to get involved. We are not, however looking for a spectacular one off piece of furniture that uses specialised cuts; we are looking for something that is well made, easily marketable and can be made from easily available Scottish Hardwood - or even from sawmill offcuts, or offcuts from other pieces of work.

#### **Design Criteria**

- Well made from easily available Scottish hardwoods,
- Ability to be replicated – something that you can produce again and again – ie a core product that could provide a steady income while you build up a reputation. This should include a brief design report stating why you chose this piece and what timber you used.
- Marketing – What price would you charge? How much does it cost to make (timber and time)? Who would buy it and where would you market it?

#### **Elegibility**

- Local colleges (e.g. Carnegie, Adam Smith and Falkirk). Training establishments (e.g. West Fife Enterprise). West Fife Schools.
- Individual or group entries welcome

#### **Judging and Prizes**

- Closing Date : May/June 2010 (end of term for your particular college)
- Send photos and design information to [maggie@scottishwood.co.uk](mailto:maggie@scottishwood.co.uk) or Scottish Wood, Inzievar Woods, Oakley, Fife, KY12 8HB (we may ask you to bring in your piece for the judges to see after the closing date)
- Judges will be from the directors and customers of Scottish Wood
- Prizes:- college £750; Schools £250 for school and £100 for individual; various runners up prizes for entries that stand out to the judges.
- Photos of the winning entries will be displayed on the Scottish Wood and Dynamic Woods websites

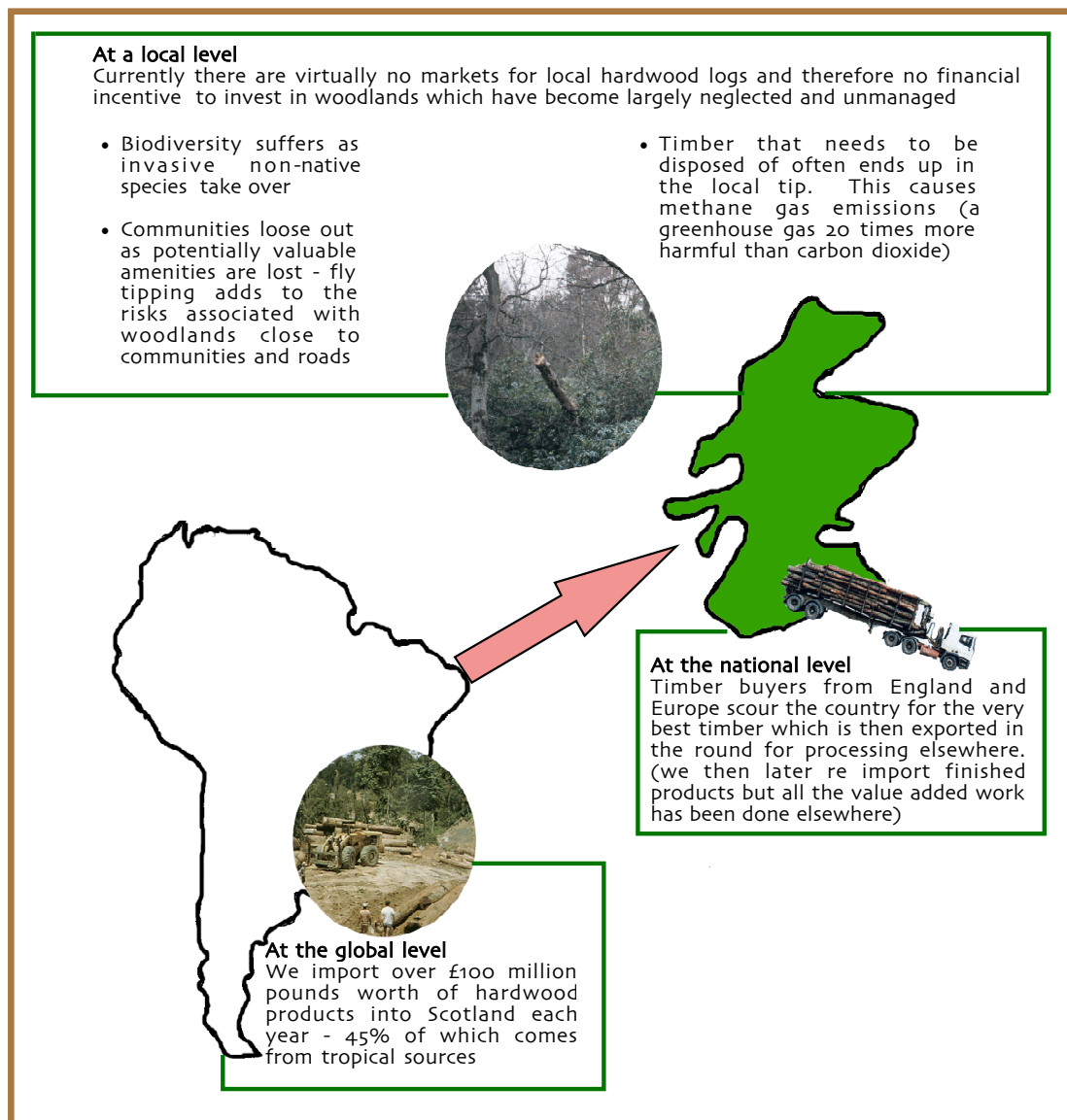
#### **More Information**

For more information (including last years winner) you can look at the competition page of our website or contact [maggie@scottishwood.co.uk](mailto:maggie@scottishwood.co.uk) tel 01383 851328

You do not need to buy your timber from Scottish Wood. Scottish hardwood timber can be obtained from a variety of sources; one of the easiest ways is to contact a member of the Association of Scottish Hardwood Sawmillers ([www.ashs.org.uk](http://www.ashs.org.uk)).

### Reasons for Using Scottish Hardwoods

The picture below shows the negative effect of some of the traditional timber markets. This picture is slightly out of date as over the past ten years more small hardwood sawmills have developed, however there is still a long way to go before we have a thriving local timber & woodland culture.



### Benefits of having a standard design

- Increases volume of sales
- You can have pieces at a range of prices, so that it is affordable for more people
- You can plan the use of timber and make sure that everything is used; the good, bad, ugly and small pieces as well as the better cuts
- You can plan your work
- Day to day regular sales. Not so reliant on the one off commission
- You can still do the one off commission but you can afford to charge more realistic price for this as income is not reliant on this type of customer
- Develops a recognisable brand that in itself has a market value