FORMAK - The Kit

The Forest Monitoring and Assessment Kit (FORMAK) provides a package of standard equipment and instructions for monitoring forest condition. The contents of the full kit are shown below.



Versions

FORMAK can be obtained as one of a number of versions. The different versions:

- Allow people to just obtain the modules they want to use.
- Provide cost effective options through allowing people to obtain part of the whole kit and provide some equipment themselves.

Version	What it contains	What you provide	What you can
			measure
Full Kit	 FORMAK Monitoring Manual FORMAK Visual Guide FORMAK Field Folder Clipboard Canopy scope Measuring pole Pencils 20m tape measure Diameter tape Compass Location markers Plot peg markers Plot pegs 	 Map Binoculars Wristwatch Hammer and nails (60mm galvanised flathead) GPS (optional) Camera and film or digital camera (with sufficient memory and batteries) Plant identification references Plant specimen identification folder NZMS 260 series map of the area. Aerial Photograph – if available (note: can be downloaded from www.linz.govt.nz). 	All FORMAK Modules

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	 Permanent marker pen Home made clinometer Parafin wax. Wooden ice block sticks Plastic ice block trays Pigment Aniseed oil 	 An old pot that holds around 2 litres A pouring jug that will hold around 500ml – 1 litre. 	
Site	FORMAK Visual Guide Canopy scope Location markers Plot peg markers Plot pegs Home made clinometer FORMAK Field Folder.	 You download instructions and provide folder for these. Clipboard 20 measuring tape Diameter tape 2m measuring pole 1m measuring stick Pencils Compass Permanent marker pen Wristwatch Binoculars NZMS 260 series map of the area. Aerial Photograph – if available Rubber Flagging Tape Permanent marker pen An old pot that holds around 2 litres A pouring jug that will hold around 500ml – 1 litre. Small tape measure – to measure 	All FORMAK Modules
Assessment Kit	FORMAK Visual Guide	 Small tape measure – to measure thumb width & arm length. Binoculars (optional – but a good idea) NZMS 260 series map of the area. Aerial Photograph – if available 	Assessment. Birds, Pest Animal Transect if you download instructions and provide equipment.
Site, birds & animal pests Kit	 FORMAK Folder FORMAK Visual Guide Plot location markers Parafin wax. Wooden ice block sticks Plastic ice block trays Pigment Aniseed oil 	 Wristwatch Binoculars NZMS 260 series map of the area. Aerial Photograph – if available Clipboard Pencils Rubber Compass Flagging Tape Permanent marker pen NZMS 260 series map of the area. 1 m long wooden measuring stick An old pot that holds around 2 litres A pouring jug that will hold around 500ml – 1 litre. 	FORMAK Site Assessment. FORMAK Birds FORMAK Pest Animal Transect

Measuring Pole







- Solid black tape marks the bottom of the pole.
- Heights are read at the top of the coloured markings.