

**PGP Steepland Harvesting Programme.
Quarterly Report Summary, January to March 2013**

Good progress continued during this quarter with the first commercial ClimbMax machine been deployed to a Hawkes Bay harvesting contractor. Additional field assessments of ClimbMax machine were completed.

Future Forests Research completed field testing on the development of a cutover camera system.

A Project Plan for the Alpine Grapple was completed. The Benchmarking database evolved into an extensive resource with data from over 500 harvesting points. Additional data was added to the database in 2012.

The Steepland Harvesting programme aims to reduce steepland harvesting costs by 25 percent, grow harvest machinery manufacture in New Zealand to future-proof the sector and make harvesting jobs safer.