

Importing RP&S Parcel Boundaries (Scotland)

Many *myForest* users will be aware that Land Parcel Boundaries (also known as “field boundaries”) can be a great way to start mapping your woodland property.

Last year we highlighted how to import field boundaries in the form of geospatial files from the Welsh Land Parcel Identification System (LPIS). Users in England can avail of the *myForest* RPA Land Parcel Import and Convert functions as well as downloading the files and importing them in the same way.


Now, following testing, we are pleased to announce that land managers in Scotland can also import their field boundaries from Rural Payments & Services’ LPIS into *myForest*.

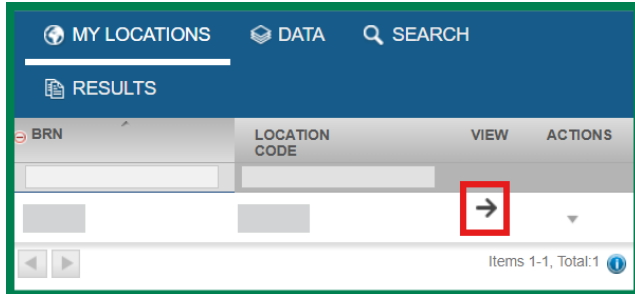
Video tutorials on how to use the online portal of the Scottish Land Parcel Identification System are available at <https://www.ruralpayments.org/topics/lpis/tutorial-videos/>. If you prefer written guidance you can download a document here


<https://www.ruralpayments.org/media/resources/Land-Mapping-Team---Desk-Instruction---February-2025.docx>.

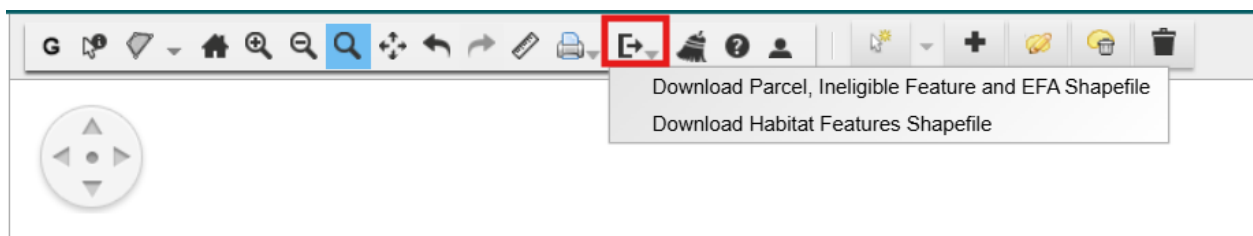
Once you have logged in to your Rural Payments & Services account at <https://account.ruralpayments.org/publicsite/login>, select your business then click on **Locations** and then **Map** in the menu bar at the top of your screen - see screenshot below.

The screenshot displays the user interface of the Rural Payments and Services portal. At the top, there is a dark blue header with the Scottish Government logo and the text 'Scottish Government Riaghaltas na h-Alba gov.scot'. To the right of the header, there is a 'LOG OUT' button and a user profile icon labeled 'toberwine'. Below the header, the main title 'Rural Payments and Services' is displayed in white on a dark blue background. A search bar is located to the right of the title. The navigation menu is a green bar with the following items: Home, Business Details, Applications, Delegates, Locations, Communication log, Entitlements, and Payments. The 'Locations' item is highlighted with a red box. Below the navigation menu, there is a sub-menu for 'Locations' with the following options: Ag Census, Location Summary, Common Grazing, and Map. The 'Map' option is also highlighted with a red box. To the right of the 'Common Grazing' option, there is an 'Approved' button. Below the sub-menu, there is a table with the following columns: Location Code, Location name, Main location, and Occupancy start date. A 'View/Edit' link is visible next to the table. At the bottom right of the page, there is an 'Add Location' button.

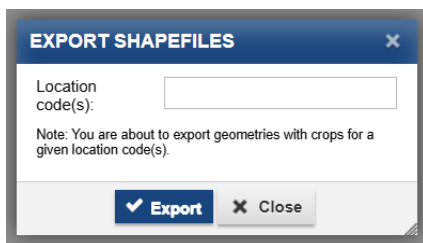
This will load the Map Viewer. On the left, you will see a list of location codes associated with your Business Reference Number (BRN). Clicking on any one of these will display its reference number and location code. You can also display this information by clicking directly on the map on any parcel with the query tool  to select it.



Click on the arrow to view your land parcels on the map, then click the download icon  at the top of the map. Select the shapefile you wish to download. You have the choice to download your land parcels, ineligible feature and ecological focus areas (EFAs) or your habitat features.



Next, enter the Location code(s) for the land parcels you wish to download and click **Export**.



The shapefile will be downloaded to your computer in a few seconds. You can optionally enter your e-mail address for the shapefile to be e-mailed to you.

Once you have saved your shapefile on your computer, you can import it into myForest as Compartment boundaries, Sub-compartment boundaries or Feature geometries using the Import Mapping feature found under Tools in the Control Panel. For more information visit

<https://myforest.sylva.org.uk/mapping/mapping-tools/importing-mapping>

Import Mapping ✕

Upload a file to import mapping data.

myForest can import **KML**, **KMZ**, **GeoJSON**, or **ESRI shapefiles**.

Import as

- Compartment boundaries
- Sub-compartment boundaries
- Feature geometries

Choose File

To import shapefiles, please zip your files and upload the **.zip**.

All shapefiles require at least a **.shp**, an **.shx**, and a **.dbf**.

Files should be in the root of the **.zip**, not in a sub-folder.

After you have imported your parcels, you will probably need to sub-divide them into sub-compartments. Click [here](#) for a detailed step by step guide to how to do this.