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Veteran Tree Management Skills Certification (VETcert)

Creating a Pan-European accreditation scheme



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VETree

A video delivered by the VETree project



Halo clearance for veteran trees

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  Lifelong Learning Programme

Valuing and managing veteran trees

A training day delivered by the VETree project

Biskops Arnö, Sweden Photo: Vikki Bengtsson

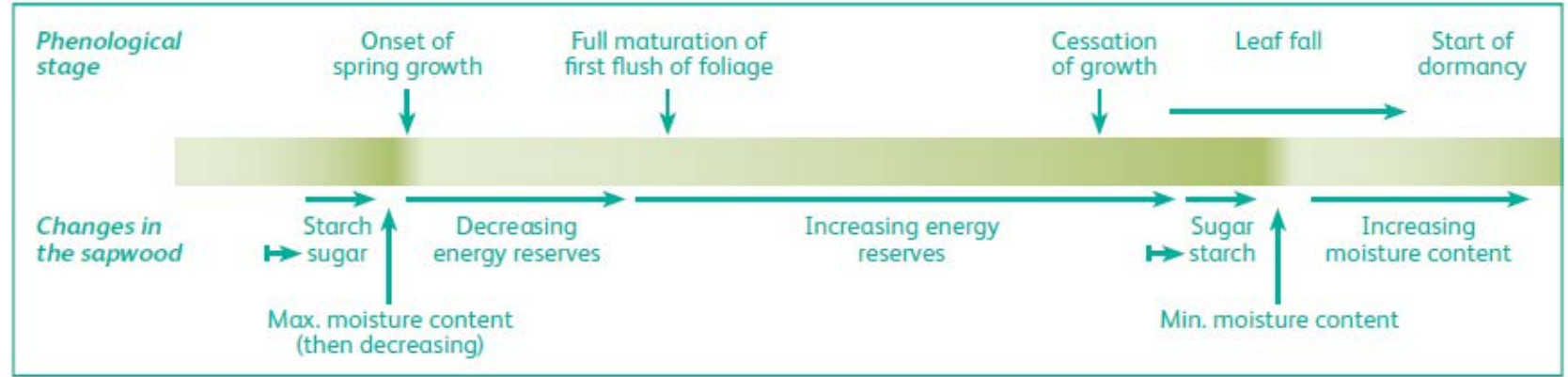
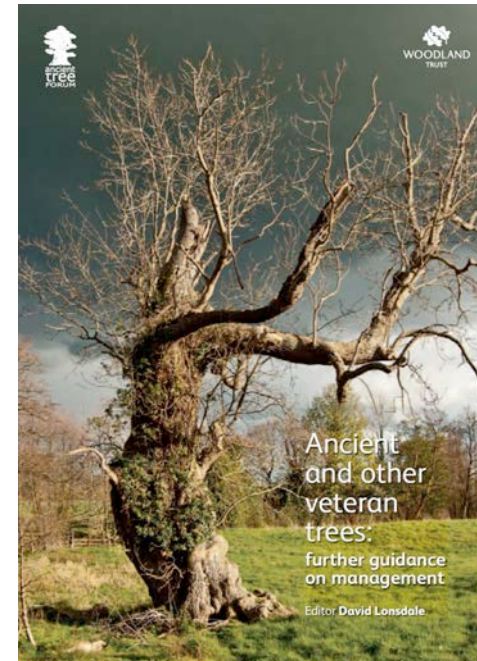
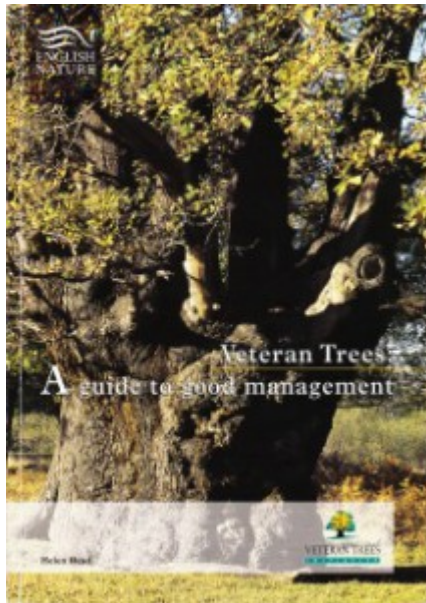


Fig. 4.15: A general guide to relatively “good” and “bad” times of year for pruning deciduous trees. The darker the shading, the better the time for most species



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Raising standards in veteran tree care across Europe

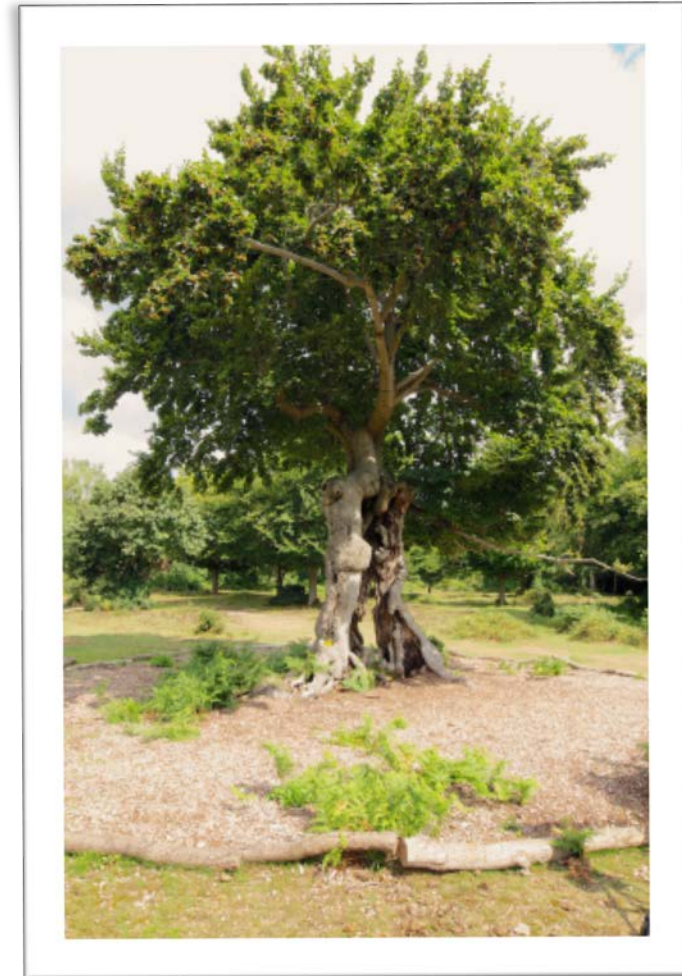


Photo: Brian Cleckner

Objectives



- Recognise skills and knowledge in veteran tree management
- Define minimum skills and knowledge at 2 operational levels:
 - practising and
 - consulting
- Increase the opportunities for tree work professionals across Europe





VETcert Standards

- Different standards for the two levels; Practising and Consulting



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STANDARDS & CERTIFICATES

The Veteran Tree Management Standards are the core of the VETcert project. These describe in detail which skills and knowledge a tree work practitioner and a consultant need to have to be regarded as 'veteran tree specialists'. These standards will form the basis for the VETcert assessment process.

After several draft and feedback rounds with stakeholders and public consultation throughout Europe, the Veteran Tree Management Standards have been finalised in May 2018. You can download the final versions below. Translations to Spanish, German, Dutch, Czech and Swedish will become available during the coming months.

We are currently working on a document which will elaborate on the desired skill and knowledge level by giving examples, highlighting key points, etc. This will support both assessors and candidates for the assessment.

The partners have also started developing the certification and assessment procedures based on the standards. During 2018, test runs of assessments will be held to fine tune the assessment. Keep an eye on this page for updates.

VETcert standard practising level (030.1.k88)
Original English version May 2018

VETcert standard consulting level (030.2.k88)
Original English version May 2018

Translations can be found below (disclaimer: the original English version of the standards overrules all translations in case of discussion).

Deutsch

VETcert standards Praktische Ebene (030.7.k88)
Deutsche Übersetzung Version Mai 2018

VETcert standards Consulting Ebene (031.2.k88)
Deutsche Übersetzung Version Mai 2018



- Available on the VETcert website: www.vetcert.eu

- English, Spanish, Swedish, French, Czech, Dutch



VETcert Standards

- Practising and consulting cover largely cover the same topics but at different levels.
- Units vary in size (2 knowledge criteria to 25 knowledge criteria)
- 12 Units





VETcert Standards - units

- Veteran trees; recognition and values
- The development and aging of trees: the role of physiological function and dysfunction
- Roots of veteran trees and the soil environment
- Veteran trees as ecosystems
- Veteran trees: their value for people
- Veteran trees; their cultural history values



VETcert Standards - units

- Surveying of veteran trees and veteran tree sites
- Legislation and official guidance in relation to veteran trees
- Veteran tree risk management
- Veteran trees: planning for urban development and infrastructure
- Veteran tree management in all its aspects
- Personal skills



New training material

To support people working towards VETcert new training material has been produced





Two day advanced training course: Understanding & managing veteran trees

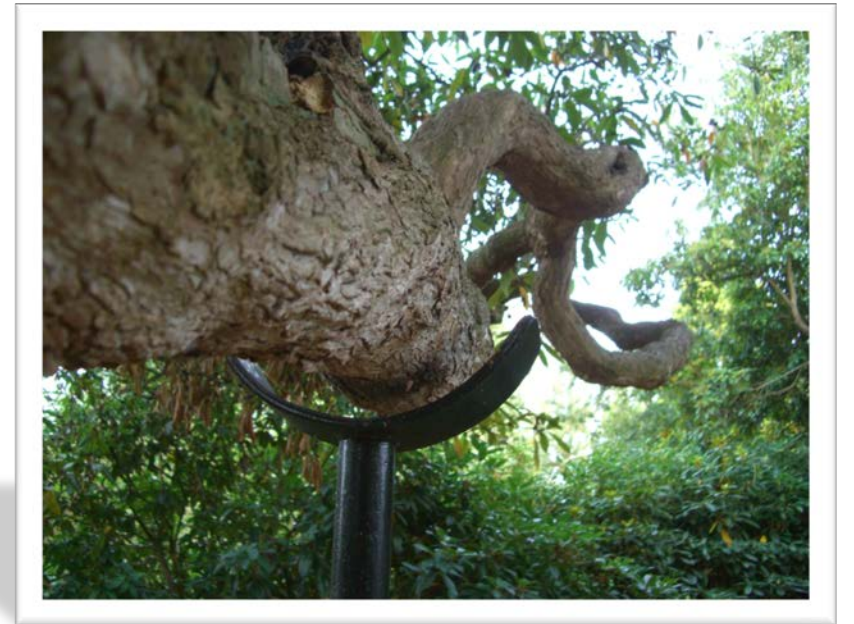
Objectives

- Understand the principles affecting veteran trees that influence their management
 - Rooting environment
 - Hollowing and fungi
 - Location and situation
- Undertake a survey and produce a management plan for a veteran tree
- Understand what affects the sustainability of a population of veteran trees



Filling the gaps: Fact sheets

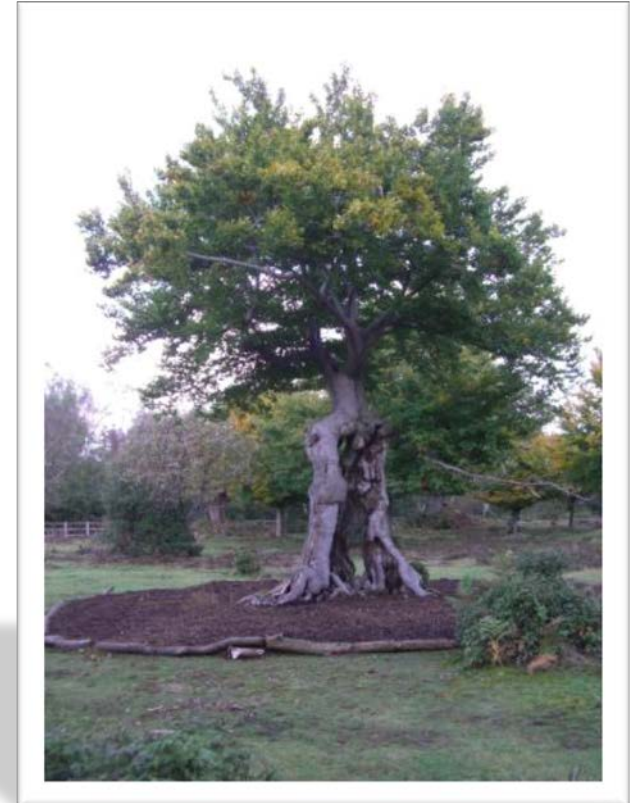
- Cabling, bracing & propping
- Diagnostic tools & equipment
- Valuation systems
- Associated Species





Filling the gaps: Case studies

- Examples of what people have done, explanation & before and after pictures
- Discussion of possible options/alternatives





Filling the gaps: Videos

- 8 fungi films
- 2 pruning films
- Management of veteran trees in urban areas





VETcert Examination

Practising

- Candidates must meet prerequisites before applying.

- Exam 1 day long.

- Exams include multiple choice questions, written paper, oral questions and outdoor exercises.

- Exams seek to test knowledge and understanding
 - no climbing or cutting assessment.





VETcert Examination

Prerequisites - Practising level

Options

Applicant holds a level 3 arboricultural qualification.

PLUS

Necessary chainsaw and climbing and/or Mobile Elevated Work Platform certifications, required in country of examination.

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Minimum 5 years relevant experience in total.

Applicant is able to prove knowledge and experience at an equivalent level as above.

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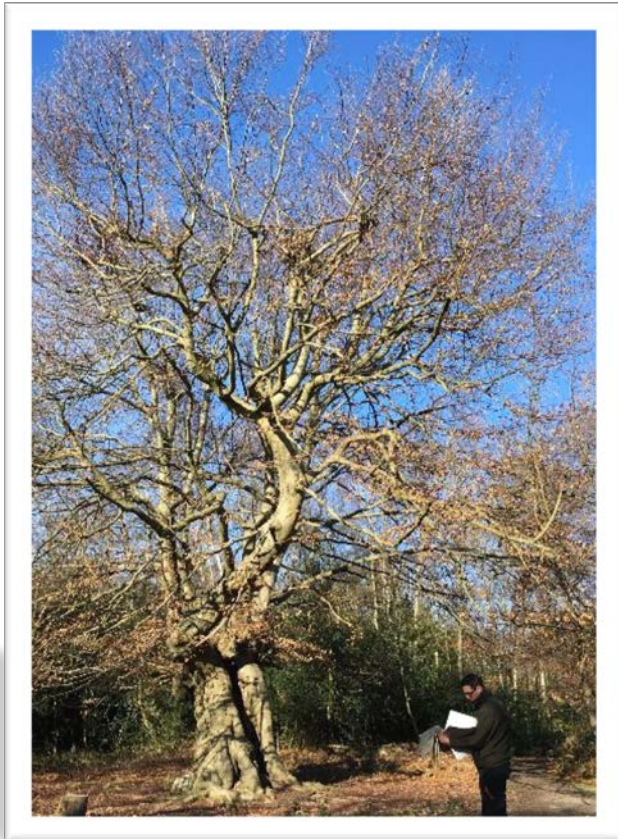
Minimum 5 years relevant experience in total.



VETcert Examination

Consulting

- Candidates must meet prerequisites before applying.
 - Exam 1 day long.
- Exams include a written paper, oral questions and practical exercises.
- Candidates required to submit a veteran tree management plan as part of the exam.





VETcert Examination

Prerequisites - Consulting level

Options

Applicant holds a relevant level 6 qualification.

PLUS

Minimum 5 years relevant experience in total, of which 3 should be in consulting.

Applicant is able to prove knowledge and experience at an equivalent level as detailed above.

PLUS

Minimum 10 years relevant experience in total, of which 5 should be in consulting.



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Exams



Managing Body



Exam cost

- Practising - £500
- Consulting - £600

- First exams in January



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238 registrations so far



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