



Woodland Management and Skills in London

July 2007 LSC/LDA LARG Skills report

General point made

- Employers confirm that the majority of those employed in the landbased sector in London need to have additional specialist skills compared with their rural counterparts in order to service their sub sector of the industry effectively

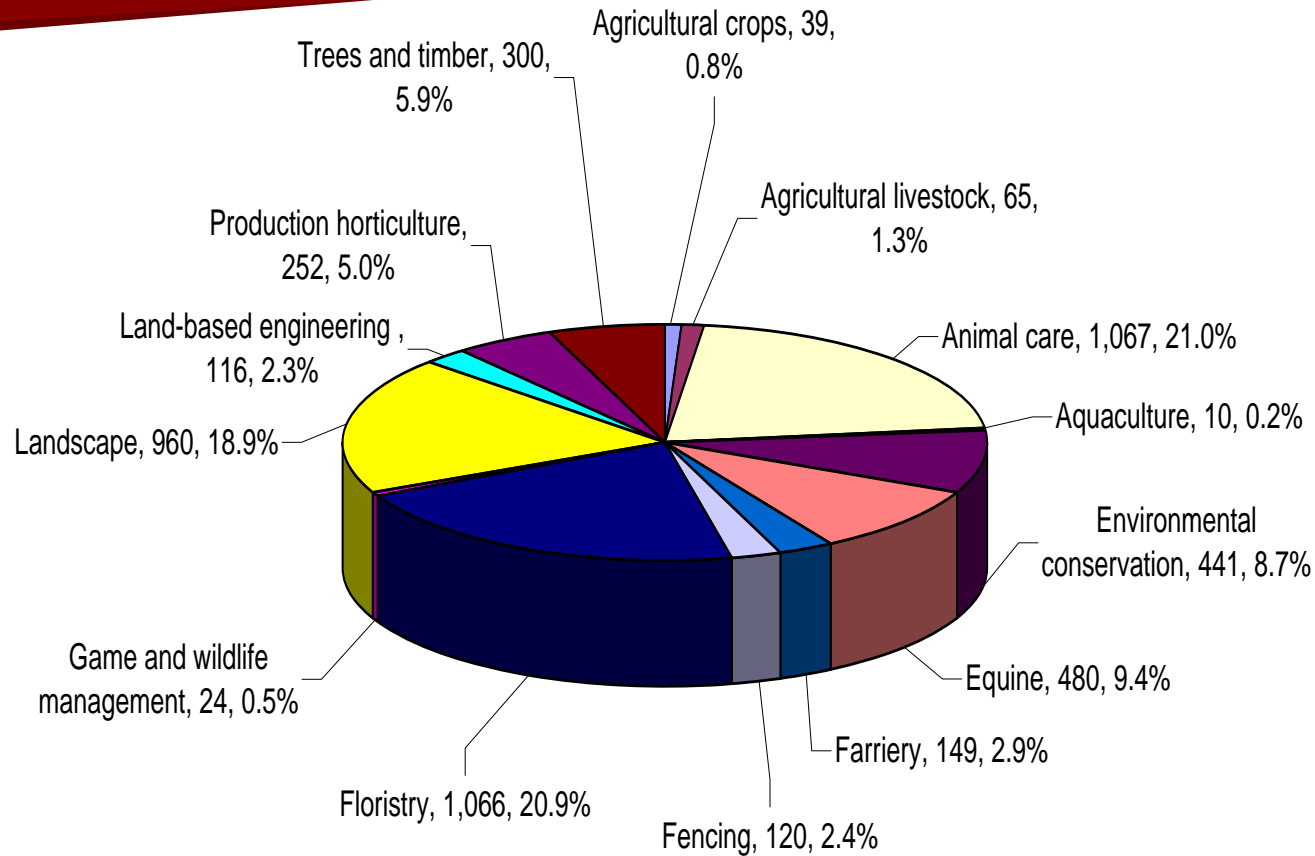
Specific skills need area identified

- Skills associated with regeneration, environmental conservation and management and climate change.

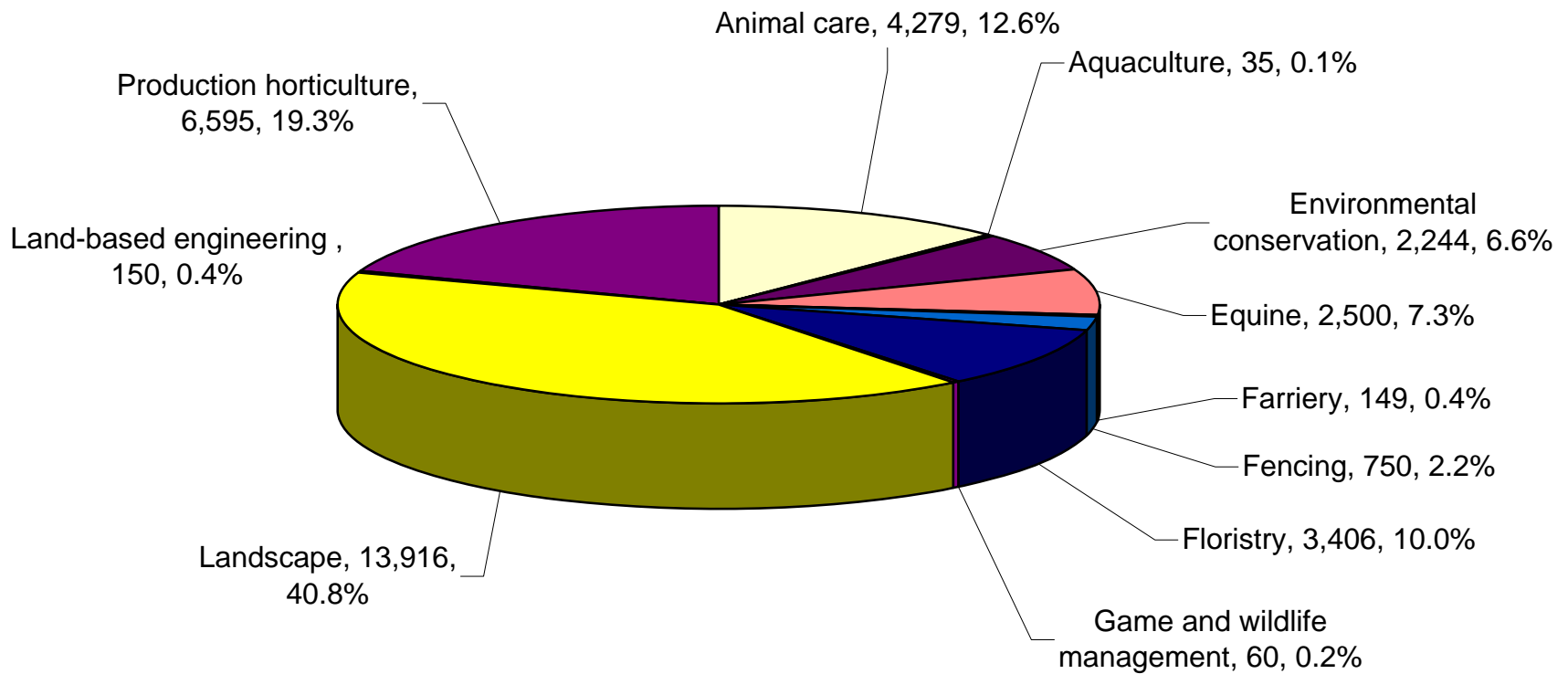
Issues for the sector

- **There is a shortage of LARG skills provision in some areas of London; this is already an issue and will become more acute as various regeneration and other initiatives develop together with the introduction of 14-19 Specialist Diplomas in 2009.**
- **A coherent regional strategy should be developed to achieve an effective use of capital and revenue to support the development of LARG provision to meet the needs of the region.**

LARG Employers in London



LARG Employees in London



Numbers active in the region

environmental conservation;

- **employment is higher in London than in many other regions, both in terms of numbers of businesses and employment levels.**
- **There are large numbers of people who volunteer who will not be included in these figures.**



Typical Courses

Subjects (woodland Maintenance and management)

- Arboriculture
- Environmental Conservation
- Countryside Maintenance and mangement
- Horticulture etc.

Current Training/Education Strategy

- **Enable progression via the Qualifications Credit Framework**
- **Meet the needs of learners**
 - Therapy entrants
 - Young people aspiring to a career
 - 14-16
 - 16-18
 - Career changers
 - Unemployed
 - Employed

Current Training/Education Strategy

- Career developers
 - Professional qualifications
 - CPD
 - Certification and re certification
- Apprenticeships
 - New Environmental apprenticeships schemes
- Volunteers
 - Treat as unpaid workers
 - Eligible for support for NVQ's and Apprenticeships
- Keen amateurs
 - 20% of London's green space in back gardens

Current Training/Education Strategy

- Meet the Needs of Employers
 - Specific courses to meet Industry requirements, H&S requirements and certification of staff
- Meet the needs of Government and other agencies
 - Short courses aligned to Government/Agency targets



Typical Courses Format

Short Courses

- 10,000 training days delivered in 2006-7

Work Based and portfolio courses

- 100 apprenticeships on London Scheme

Part Time courses

- Traditional day release, block or intensive

Full Time Courses

- BTEC first, NC and ND leading to First Degree