

# FSC EVOLUTION AND SUPPORT FOR SMALLHOLDERS

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## AT A GLANCE



Today we lead the world's most rigorous and trusted forest certification system, trusted by NGOs, consumers, and businesses alike.

**30**

years of operation

**160+**

million certified  
hectares of forest

**1,200+**

individuals and organizations  
make up our governing body  
across 92 countries

**85**

locally-adapted  
forest stewardship standards

**46%**

of consumers globally  
recognize the FSC logo

**1,700+**

companies licenced to  
promote FSC-labelled products

**60K+**

certifications that  
verify sustainable sourcing

**#1**

most recognized, trusted,  
and rigorous forest  
certification system

# Governance: Fundamentally balanced and transparent

33.3%

Social



**Local People &  
Society at Large**

33.3%

Environment



**Biodiversity  
& Ecological Protection**

33.3%

Business



**Responsible &  
Economically Viable**

FSC is a democratic member based and consensus-seeking organization. In order to equally balance the interests of different stakeholders, FSC is governed by three membership chambers (Environmental, Social and Economic) further divided into either North or South sub-chambers.

# FSC's Certification System

FSC has established a certification system that requires the support of several third-party actors to operate it on the ground, maintain independence and integrity, and ultimately ensure sustainable management of the world's forests.

## WHO ARE THE MAIN ACTORS?

### Forest Stewardship Council®

Forest certification scheme owner that develops standards for sustainable forestry.

### Certificate holders

Organizations that have received FSC® certification after fulfilling FSC's requirements



### Assurance Services International

Global assurance provider that provides oversight of certification bodies to make sure that standards are implemented correctly on the ground.

### Certification body

Independent organizations who are accredited to issue and manage FSC certificates to make sure that standards are implemented correctly on the ground.



**ISEAL**

ISEAL is the global association for social and environmental sustainability systems. FSC is the only forest certification scheme that is ISEAL Code Compliant.



## OUR MESSAGES

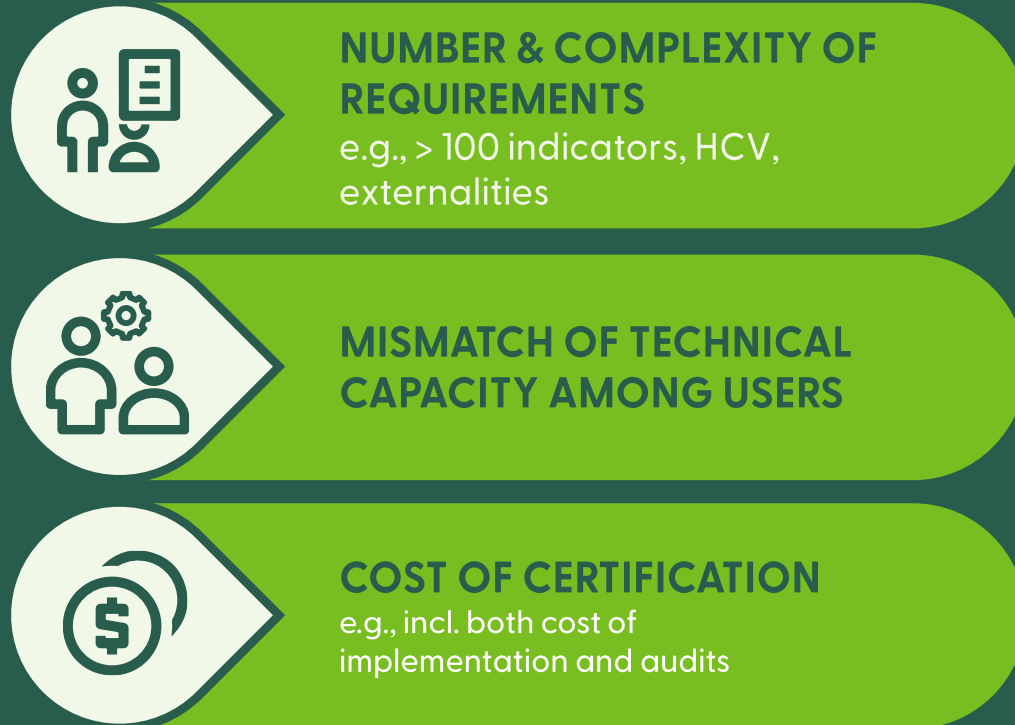
1. **SFM – nature and people**
2. **Scientific evidence and biodiversity protection**
3. **Continuous improvement**
4. **Enhancing synergies**



# FROM THE CERTIFICATION CHALLENGES TO THE CFF TOOLBOX

# Challenges and market bottlenecks identified in the for community and family forests

## POLICY



## MARKET



# We have developed a toolbox to scale up benefits for community and family forests



## POLICY SOLUTIONS

**Forest Management Groups Standard**  
with innovative features (e.g., contractors)

**Regional Standard for Asia Pacific**  
with reduced indicators for small-scale forests

**Continuous Improvement Procedure**  
a stepwise approach for forest certification

**Adapted Forest Steward Standards** with SLIMF indicators or simpler verifiers



## MARKET TOOLS

**Economic Viability Tool**  
A tool designed to empower communities to assess and decide, in a (traditional) collective process, what they can do to increase benefits from their natural resources

**Collective Impact methodology**  
To use when a typical market approach is not possible, focusing on a collaborative approach to address the disabling factors

**Timber Training program and Volume Aggregator**  
A value chain development approach for less known timber species from natural tropical forests



## ENABLERS

**Communication**  
Outreach activities done to support sharing new information and recent developments

**Training and capacity building**  
Engagement activities designed for an effective knowledge transfer and develop local capacity

**Fundraising and partnerships**  
Increase FSC ability to impact by engaging and working with key (internal and external) actors to drive FSC solutions and tools

# Available e-Trainings



**Continuous Improvement  
Procedure**



**Forest Management groups**



Visit the available here: <https://etraining.fsc.org>

# Join our community of practice

FSC is seeking individuals who have:

## Commitment to Participation

Participants who demonstrate a strong interest and availability to regularly attend meetings and actively contribute.



## Interest in Certification and Responsible Forest Management

Participants with some background in or a strong interest in learning more about forest management and FSC certification.



## Interest in Facilitation and Capacity Building

Participants who have experience in or an interest in learning more about facilitation and training techniques.



## Application-Oriented Mindset

Participants who can clearly identify when and where they plan to apply the learnings from the community of practice.



## Experience in Working with Community and Family Forest Stewards

Participants who have some experience working with or supporting community and family forest stewards.



# FSC's General Assembly



**General  
Assembly  
2025 Panama**

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## Welcome to the FSC General Assembly

### 2025 Panama

Join us at the **FSC General Assembly 2025 from 26-31 October**, where FSC International Members and global leaders shape the future of responsible forestry....

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We'd love to hear from you! 🌳

# THANK YOU

