

Independent research shows: only FSC provides certainty about responsible forest management

On the initiative of a number of European companies independent research about FSC (Forest Stewardship Council) is collected on www.whyFSC.com. The information includes documents by scientists, societal interest groups, legal authorities and governments. These clearly show that FSC is the only certification system that offers genuine certainty about responsible forest management.

Credible system

FSC is the only forest certification system that specifies objective and verifiable minimum requirements for forest management, and closely monitors the implementation. The results are available in public summaries of the certification reports. FSC is also unique because of its balance in decision-making between economic, ecological or societal interests.

FSC is the only certification system for responsible forest management that operates in compliance with the ISEAL Code of Good Practice. Compliance with this code attests the credibility of a system. Members of the ISEAL Alliance are leading international standard-setting, certification and accreditation organizations that focus on social and environmental issues.

Beneficial to people and nature

Independent research shows that FSC certification improves the conservation status and enhances the biodiversity levels of forests. It also improves pay for workers, provides them training, increases the attention to worker safety and stimulates the development of community infrastructure.

Furthermore, FSC certification helps to highlight social issues, especially where large companies are operating adjacent to local communities. FSC can lead to greater transparency and bring companies into dialogue with communities.

Wide support

Only FSC enjoys wide support throughout the world from the business community, societal interest groups, governments as well as other interested parties. At [whyFSC](http://www.whyFSC.com) they demonstrate their preference for FSC.



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