

# What is FSC™ ?

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FSC™ is a global forest certification system established for forests and forest products. Forest management according to FSC's internationally recognized standards delivers environmental services to local and global communities, including clean air and water, and contributes to mitigating the effects of climate change.



FSC™ directly or indirectly addresses issues such as illegal logging, deforestation and global warming and has positive effects on economic development, environmental conservation, poverty alleviation and social and political empowerment.

Use of the FSC™ logo is intended to signify that the product comes from responsible sources — environmentally appropriate, socially beneficial and economically viable. The FSC™ label is used on a wide range of timber and non-timber products from paper and furniture to medicine and jewelry.

Forest management certification is a voluntary process for verifying responsible forest practices. FSC™ has 9 relevant

Principles for forest management:

**Principle 1:** Compliance with laws and FSC™ Principles – to comply with all laws, regulations, treaties, conventions and agreements, together with all FSC™ Principles and Criteria.

**Principle 2:** Tenure and use rights and responsibilities – to define, document and legally establish long-term tenure and use rights.

**Principle 3:** Indigenous peoples' rights – to identify and uphold indigenous peoples' rights of ownership and use of land and resources.

**Principle 4:** Community relations and worker's rights – to maintain or enhance forest workers' and local communities' social and economic well-being.

**Principle 5:** Benefits from the forest – to maintain or enhance long term economic, social and environmental benefits from the forest.

**Principle 6:** Environmental impact – to maintain or restore the ecosystem, its biodiversity, resources and landscapes.

**Principle 7:** Management plan – to have a management plan, implemented, monitored and documented.

**Principle 8:** Monitoring and assessment – to demonstrate progress towards management objectives.

**Principle 9:** Maintenance of high conservation value forests – to maintain or enhance the attributes which define such forests.

