



# For our environment

Our contribution to protecting forests



# Every two seconds a section of forest the size of a football field is lost...

## Reality

Worldwide, we are losing rainforests at a rapid pace and on a dramatic scale: every minute an area of forest the size of thirty football pitches disappears in the tropics.

Agriculture, cattle breeding and mines are displacing the rainforest.

Man is pushing the forest back in favour of agriculture and livestock farming. In Asia and Africa, for example, palm oil is cultivated in former forest areas, and in South America cereals are grown for biofuels. In many countries, trees have to make way for mines.



Fires: even man loses his basic existence

## What is FSC®

FSC® stands for Forest Stewardship Council® and is an international, non-governmental and non-profit umbrella organisation with the aim of ensuring the conservation of forests through their environmentally sound, socially acceptable and economically viable management.

To this end, the FSC® has created a globally valid seal of quality for wood products based on compliance with ten internationally binding principles and criteria.



### For the environment:

- protection of intact forest landscapes
- parts of the forest area are left to nature
- conservation of biodiversity

## How can a product obtain FSC® certification?

FSC® standards define the minimum ecological and social standards that must be observed in the management of forests. Compliance with these standards is checked annually by independent auditors (certifiers) at each forest owner's premises. Only after passing the test can an owner label wood with the FSC® seal and market it accordingly.

In the course of further processing, further tests are carried out to ensure that FSC® wood is not mixed and labelled with non-certified wood without permission. The FSC® thus provides a seal by which the consumer can recognise responsible and verified forest management.



### For man:

- guarantee of comprehensive workers' rights
- regular education and training
- recognition of traditional forest use rights



# An FSC® certified forest is managed according to the following principles:

## **Principle #1: Compliance with laws**

The Organization shall comply with all applicable laws, regulations and nationally-ratified international treaties, conventions and agreements.

## **Principle #2: Workers' rights and employment conditions**

The Organization shall maintain or enhance the social and economic well-being of workers.

## **Principle #3: Indigenous peoples' rights**

The Organization shall identify and uphold indigenous peoples' legal and customary rights of ownership, use and management of land, territories and resources affected by management activities.

## **Principle #4: Community relations**

The Organization shall contribute to maintaining or enhancing the social and economic well-being of local communities.

## **Principle #5: Benefits from the forest**

The Organization shall efficiently manage the range of multiple products and services of the Management Unit to maintain or enhance long term economic viability and the range of environmental and social benefits.

## **Principle #6: Environmental values and impact**

The Organization shall maintain, conserve and/or restore ecosystem services and environmental values of the Management Unit, and shall avoid, repair or mitigate negative environmental impacts.

## **Principle #7: Management planning**

The Organization shall have a management plan consistent with its policies and objectives and proportionate to scale, intensity and risks of its management activities.

The management plan shall be implemented and kept up to date based on monitoring information in order to promote adaptive management. The associated planning and procedural documentation shall be sufficient to guide staff, inform affected stakeholders and interested stakeholders and to justify management decisions.

## **Principle #8: Monitoring and assessment**

The Organization shall demonstrate that progress towards achieving the management objectives, the impacts of management activities and the condition of the Management Unit, are monitored and evaluated proportionate to the scale, intensity and risk of management activities, in order to implement adaptive management.

## **Principle #9: High conservation values**

The Organization shall maintain and/or enhance the high conservation values in the Management Unit through applying the precautionary approach.

## **Principle #10: Implementation of management activities**

Management activities conducted by or for the Organization for the Management Unit shall be selected and implemented consistent with the Organization's economic, environmental and social policies and objectives, and in compliance with the Principles and Criteria collectively.



## How is this checked?

The FSC® certificate is available for companies at all stages of production. It is only awarded after successful initial assessment by independent certifiers. Compliance with the standards is checked annually.

## Who decides at FSC®?

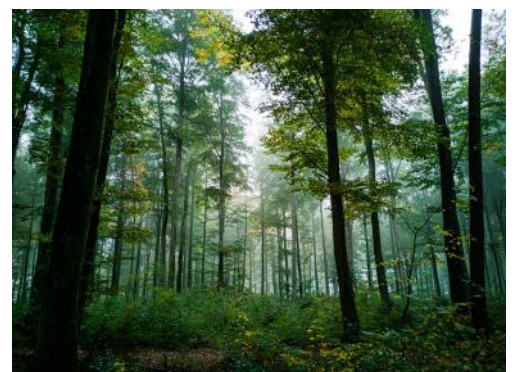
FSC® is a global organisation with three chambers „Environment, Economy and Social Affairs“, which all have equal rights.

## Does FSC® certification only apply to tropical timber?

No, the FSC® seal is valid worldwide. It also applies to European hardwoods and softwoods.

### **For the economy:**

- efficient and careful use of resources
- regular preparation of business plans
- increase in product variety



Healthy forests full of life for humans and animals



# Give us a hand to protect our forests

## Why should I buy FSC® certified products?

Give preference to dealers who carry FSC® products and support our forests. Forests stabilise the water balance of the landscape and regulate the climate. They protect against floods and collect clean drinking water for us. They offer us recreation as well as a home and food for humans and animals.



With FSC® you protect the habitat of forest dwellers



**With FSC® certified „euroform w“ products you support the preservation of our forests!**



The mark of responsible forestry

Products bearing the FSC® trademark contain wood from well-managed forests. The forests are certified in accordance with the requirements of the Forest Stewardship Council®.



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