



# Forest Stewardship Council

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## About FSC

FSC is an independent, non-governmental, not-for-profit organization established to promote the responsible management of the world's forests.

Established in 1993 as a response to concerns over global deforestation, FSC is widely regarded as one of the most important initiatives of the last decade to promote responsible forest management worldwide.

FSC is a certification system that provides internationally recognized standard-setting, trademark assurance and accreditation services to companies, organizations, and communities interested in responsible forestry.

The FSC label provides a credible link between responsible production and consumption of forest products, enabling consumers and businesses to make purchasing decisions that benefit people and the environment as well as providing ongoing business value.

FSC is nationally represented in more than 50 countries around the world.



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## FSC in numbers

118.33 million ha certified  
15'702 CoC certificates  
997 FM/CoC certificates

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## Top 10 questions about FSC

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- ⊕ There are so many labels. Why should I buy FSC?
- ⊕ What is the Forest Stewardship Council?
- ⊕ What is the problem and what solutions does FSC offer?
- ⊕ How does FSC certification make a difference in the world's forests?
- ⊕ Why should I become FSC certified?
- ⊕ Who makes the FSC rules?
- ⊕ What changes do FSC rules require foresters to make?
- ⊕ Who can become an FSC Member?
- ⊕ Why was FSC created?
- ⊕ How is FSC funded?



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Andre de Freitas -  
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Congo Basin Sub-  
Regional Standard  
consultation launched

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