

FOREST STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL

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WHO WE ARE?



FSC is...

An organization that promotes a forest management environmentally appropriate, socially beneficial and economically viable of the world's forests, since 1994.



**WE ARE THE WORLD'S MOST TRUSTED
SUSTAINABLE FOREST MANAGEMENT
SOLUTION, MAKING POSITIVE IMPACTS FOR
FORESTS, MARKETS AND PEOPLE – NOW AND
IN THE FUTURE**

FSC contributes to...



Preserve the world's forests



Protect habitats for wildlife



Ensure the rights of communities and workers



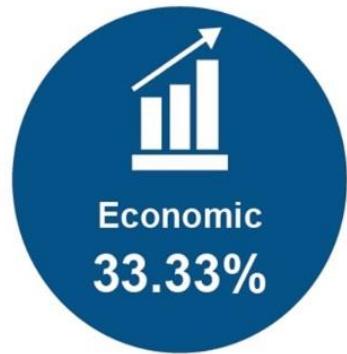
Improve the life quality of IP

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

FSC is a membership organization

FSC governance is built upon the democratic principles of participation and equity. A 3-chamber governance structure underpins all decision making.

Every 3 years members hold the General Assembly. To ensure that all voices are heard equally, each FSC chamber holds 33.3% of the vote on all FSC business.



Chamber Balance

In order to equally balance the interests of different stakeholders, FSC is governed by three chambers - Environmental, Social and Economic - each with equal voting power. Each chamber holds 33.33% of the weight in votes.



CERTIFICATIONS



Our forest certification system is



Environmentally appropriate

Forest management ensures that harvesting of wood and non-timber products maintains the forest's biodiversity, productivity and ecological processes.



Socially beneficial

Forest management helps local people and the whole society to enjoy the benefits of the forest in the long term and also gives incentives for local people to maintain forest resources and join management plans.



Economically viable

Forest management implies that forest operations are managed in a way that is profitable, without generating financial benefits at the expense of the forest resource, the ecosystem or the communities.

Exactly what does FSC do?

- Develops standards for responsible forest management and for wood processors.
- Facilitates dialogue between different interest groups on issues important to our mission.
- Generate and strengthen capacities to support certification processes.
- Take care of our brand.
- Besides many other activities ...



National standards

Countries with the interest of adapt FSC standard to national context must form standard development groups to manage the process in coordination with FSC in order to obtain their approval.

In countries where these groups do not exist, the processes can be initiated and led by a certifying body in coordination with FSC. When this is the case, the document that is developed is called the Interim National Standard - INS.

This is the case for Jamaica.



Jamaican INS timeline



Important to note that...



FSC standards reflect the sensitivities and concerns of all 3 chambers: social, environmental and economic.

In addition to the positive impact that our standards have on the environment and the industry, FSC has a strong social component that seeks to contribute significantly to local development and to improve relations between logging companies and local populations.



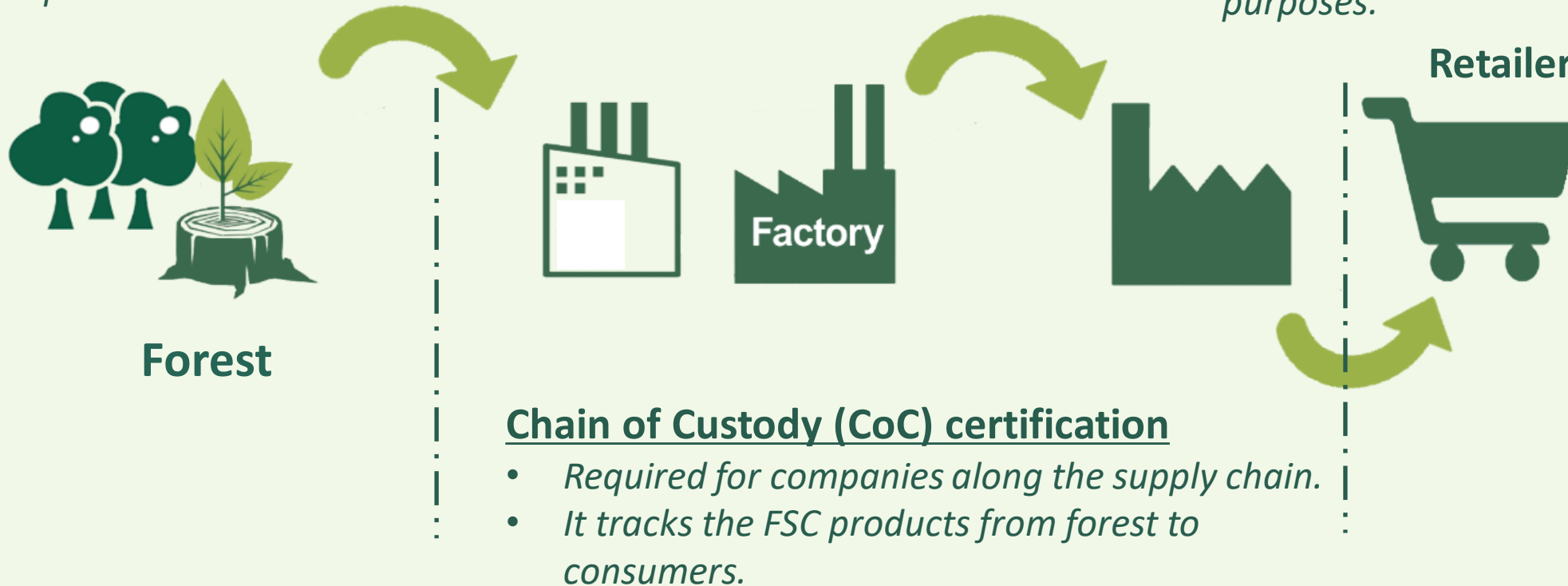
FSC as a certification scheme

Forest Management (FM) certification

- *Required for forest operators.*
- *It sets the standards for responsible management of natural forests and plantations.*

Promotional License

- *Required for non-certificate holders and end users to use FSC trademarks for promotional purposes.*



FSC forest management certification

Core characteristics



Zero Deforestation

Although trees are harvested, there is no net loss of forest over time



Environmental protection

FSC standards require biodiversity to be maintained, and high conservation value areas - including old growth forests – to be protected



Indigenous Peoples' rights respected

FSC standards require forest inhabitants to be consulted and engaged, and cultural rights to be maintained



Fair wage and work environment for workers

FSC standards require training, safety and decent wages for all workers

Forest Management (FM) Standards

The FSC principles respond to 10 rules for responsible forest management



P1. Compliance with Laws



P2. Workers' Rights and Employment Conditions



P3. Indigenous Peoples' Rights



P4. Community Relations



P5. Benefits from the Forest



P6. Environmental Values and Impacts



P7. Management Planning



P8. Monitoring and Assessment



P9. High Conservation Values



P10. Implementation of Management Activities

How does the FSC system work?

The certification process is carried out by independent organizations - **certification bodies** - which assess forest managers and forest product companies in FSC standards.

The CBs carry out annual and five-yearly audits of all our CH to ensure continued compliance with FSC standards.

FSC certification allows companies to label their FSC products so that consumers can more easily identify and prefer them, because they contribute to responsible forest management.



Forest Management

FSC FM certification certifies that the forest is being managed in a way that protects its natural ecosystems and benefits local inhabitants and workers, while ensuring that its economic viability is maintained.

Group certification

FSC CH can also come together to form a group certification scheme and share their efforts in FM planning, harvesting, monitoring and marketing their products.

GC is a way for smallholders to achieve FSC certification, allowing group members to share the costs and workload of applying for and maintaining a certificate.



Controlled Wood

Controlled wood is material from acceptable sources that can be mixed with FSC-certified material in products that carry the 'FSC Mix' label.

For this, it must be ensured that acts are not committed in the following five categories of unacceptable sources:

- Illegally harvested wood.
- Wood used in violation of traditional and human rights.
- Wood harvested in forests where HCVs are threatened by management activities.
- Wood harvested from forests that are being converted to plantations or other uses.
- Wood from forests in which genetically modified trees are planted.



SLIMF

Small and Low Intensity Managed Forests (SLIMFs) are eligible to meet requirements and streamlined audit procedures that reduce certification costs and efforts. (100 ha).

Many countries have developed SLIMF-specific FM requirements in their national standards, in order to facilitate the certification process for smallholders.

Chain of custody

A FSC CoC certification verifies that FSC-certified material has been identified and separated from non-certified and uncontrolled material as it moves through the supply chain.

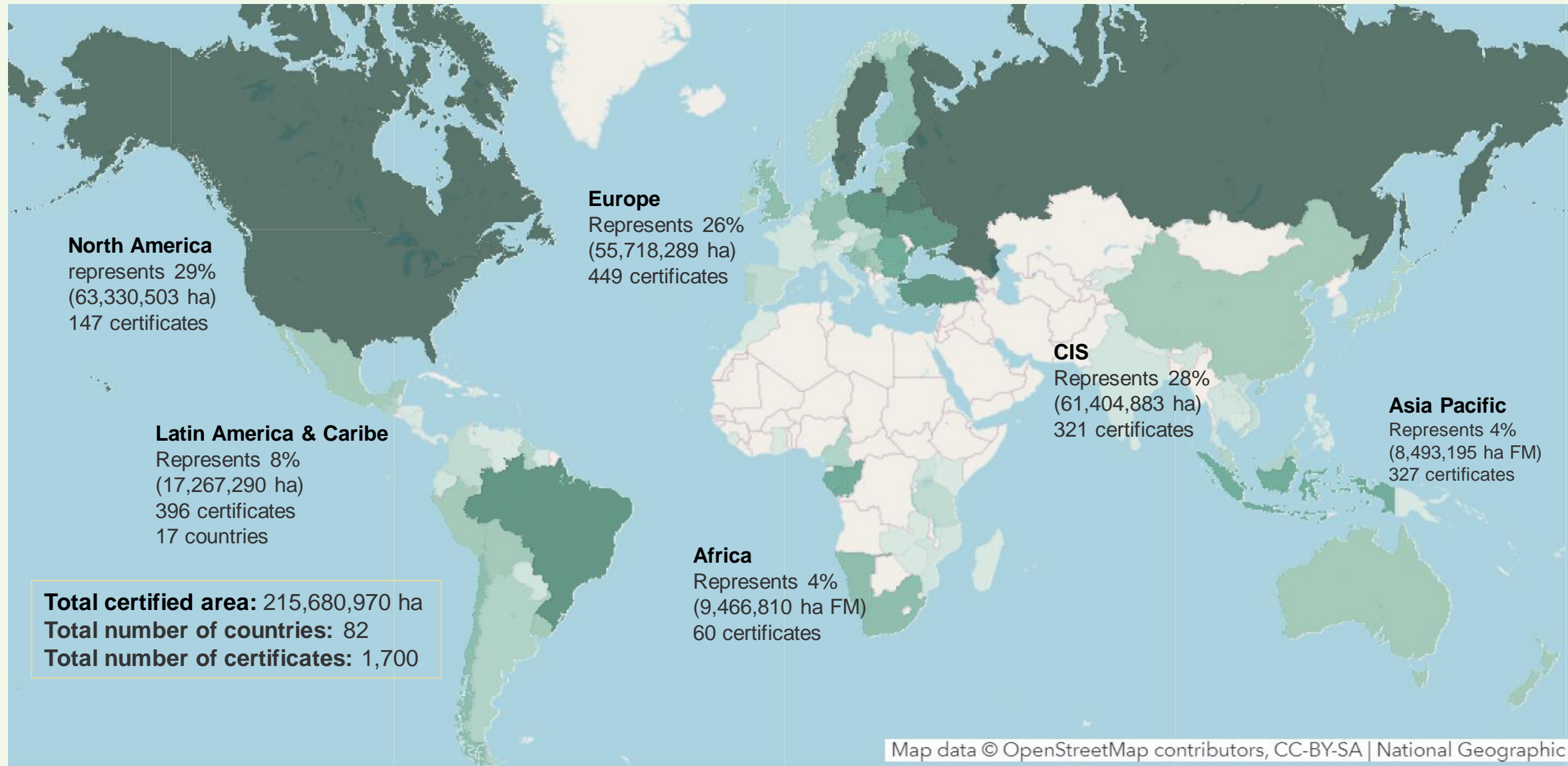


OUR FIGURES



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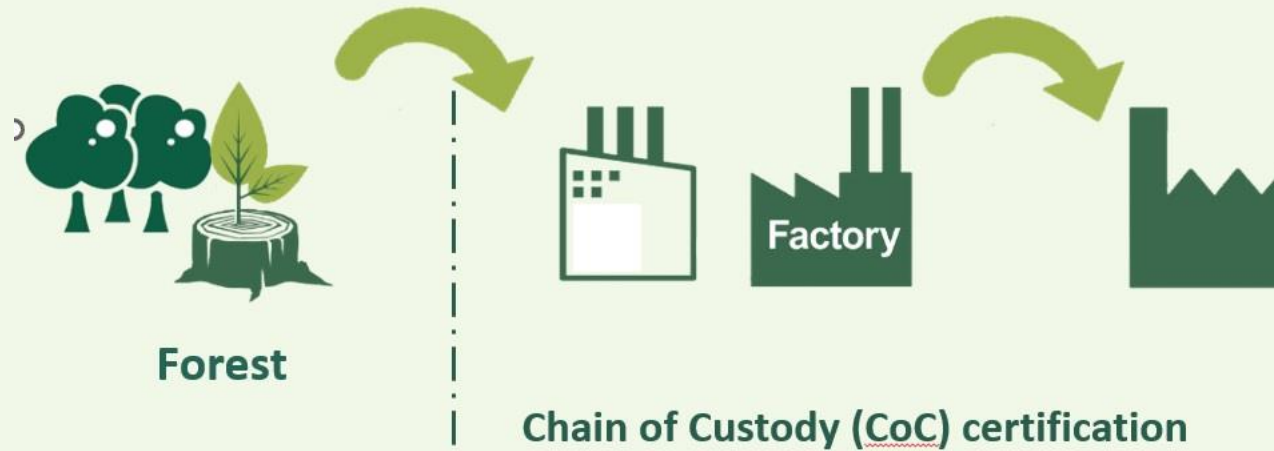
FSC Certified Global Forest Area



FSC certified chains of custody

52,604
CoC certificates

137
in countries



1,963
CoC in LA & Caribbean

25
in countries

OUR LABELS



The 3 FSC label types

FSC 100%

Manufactured with 100% FSC-certified virgin material from FSC-certified forests



FSC Recycled

Manufactured with only 100% recycled materials (post-consumer and/or pre-consumer reclaimed materials)

FSC MIX

Manufactured with FSC-certified virgin fiber (from FSC-certified forests), **controlled sources** and/or eligible recycled wood or fiber

BENEFITS



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For the Governments

- Compliance with national laws.
- Create transparency in the local market.
- Tool that allows the traceability of the forestry chain.
- Access to international markets.
- Opportunity to promote dialogue between stakeholders linked to the forestry sector.
- Sustainably managed national forests respecting the ecosystems, local communities and forest workers.
- Establish alliances and synergies with authorities in other countries.
- Contribution to the fulfillment of goals and national contributions to climate change and the SDGs



For the Companies or Smallholders

- Access to international markets, mainly in Europe and North America.
- Compliance with international trade regulations.
- Opportunities of establishing international alliances and partnerships.
- Establish alliances and synergies with other certified companies and relevant actors.
- Implementation of due diligence processes to meet the requirements of governments and international clients.
- Direct contribution to the social and environmental responsibility policies.
- Competitively enhances the reputation and credibility of the organisation's sustainability commitments.
- Enables the organizations to stand out as an industry leader in responding to the risk of climate change.



Thank you



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