



# Become an FSC<sup>®</sup> International Member

of the world's most trusted  
sustainable forest management  
solution and play a leading role  
in ensuring that we keep our  
forests for all, *forever*.

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## WHAT IS FSC?

The Forest Stewardship Council® (FSC) is the world's most rigorous sustainable forest management solution trusted by NGOs, consumers, and businesses alike to help protect healthy and resilient forests for all, forever.

**Our Mission** is to promote environmentally sound, socially beneficial, and economically viable management of the world's forests.

**Our Strength** is being a community for co-creation: we convene members and other partners from diverse interests to set global benchmarks for forest stewardship and deliver significant results for the forests and the people who depend on them.

**Our Solutions** provide multiple ways for forest managers, businesses, and consumers to maintain healthy forests forever.



FSC's "check tree" label – found on millions of products worldwide – verifies sustainable sourcing from forest to consumer.

## WHY CHOOSE FSC?



### Trusted, transparent and credible

We are the most credible forest certification system and the most trusted and preferred certification system for many companies worldwide.



### Balanced

Our multi-stakeholder governance system is comprised of 1,200+ members from 92 countries who represent social, economic, and environmental perspectives equally.



### Relevant

We operate in more than 130 countries and our standards are globally and locally relevant. FSC's responsible forestry standard, linked to a strict chain of custody certification offers a solution to tackle today's climate and biodiversity challenges.



### Impactful

For people, climate, and biodiversity. We are the only forest certification system that verifies whether rights of workers and Indigenous Peoples are upheld. The **FSC Policy for Association** enables us to prevent and stop activities destructive to forests and **FSC certification** assures biodiversity protection.

# WHY BECOME AN FSC INTERNATIONAL MEMBER?

Through our governance model, FSC members have real influence. Members contribute directly to our standards and to the future of responsible forestry. FSC brings together, among others, private enterprises, NGOs, international organizations, indigenous groups, and educational institutions.

1

**Have your voice heard** and drive real change in how forests are valued and managed.

2

**Shape or improve** FSC standards, policy, and practices.

3

**Co-create forest stewardship solutions** to climate change, biodiversity loss, gender inequity, rights of workers, Indigenous Peoples and local communities.

4

**Connect with an international network** of leaders and work together to support forests, communities, and businesses.

5

**Participate in the general assembly**, motions process, member events, FSC committees or working groups.

6

**Benefit from a pool of diverse knowledge** and perspectives on responsible forest management solutions.

7

**Work within our global ecosystem** to uphold the integrity and resilience of the FSC system.

8

**Be eligible for election to FSC's Board of Directors** or serve on other decision-making bodies.



# WHO CAN BECOME A MEMBER?

Anyone, whether an individual or representative of an organization (for-profit or non-profit) can apply to become an FSC International member. Members have decision making power, and are fundamental to the organization and its vision.

## Two Membership



**Organizational  
Membership**



**Individual  
Membership**

## Three Membership Chambers



### Social Chamber

Non-profit, non-governmental social organizations, Indigenous Peoples' associations, trade and labour unions, workers associations, research or academic institutions, individuals, socially oriented communally owned organizations, and community groups.



### Environmental Chamber

Non-profit, non-governmental environmental organizations, research, academic, technical institutions or individuals who have an active interest in environmentally appropriate forest stewardship.



### Economic Chamber

Individuals, industry associations, wholesalers, retailers, traders, manufacturers, forestry experts, commercially oriented communally owned forest enterprises, consultants, certification bodies, research organizations and academics whose primary interests are the economic or trade of forest products.



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