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Showcasing Nature's Power
Across Asia-Pacific

The climate crisis and biodiversity loss are interconnected and require immediate action. Crossing the 1.5°C temperature threshold marks a critical point between manageable challenges and catastrophe. It's time to act now, and fast.

- 70 million hectares of forests lost since 2016
- 10% projected rise in emissions by 2030
- 80% increase in companies committing to ambitious climate targets

PREFACE

Forests have been quietly tackling the crises and are often overlooked for their potential. Sustainably managed forests are one of the few solutions that effectively address both the climate and biodiversity crises. They capture and store carbon, with many FSC-certified forests that have verified their impact seeing carbon-storage capacity rising by 17% over a management cycle. Forests are also home to a diverse array of species, including 80% of the world's amphibians, 75% of our birds.

FSC's solutions battling the climate and biodiversity crisis

As the world grapples with the climate crisis and biodiversity loss, it's time for bold, decisive action. The private sector plays a crucial role in advancing sustainability, not only within their own operations but also through support for responsible forestry initiatives. However, the pressure on companies to act has intensified, and they must back all actions with high-quality, credibly verified data to prove real-world impact.

The undervalued ecosystem services in the forests

Companies that directly or indirectly contribute to unsustainable forestry practices face increasing scrutiny, with greenwashing practices being exposed. The reality is, the undervalued ecosystem services that forests provide hold the key to our sustainable future. It's through these services that forests are able to battle the biggest global crisis of our time – the climate crisis and biodiversity loss. And it is why savvy companies are supporting responsible forestry.

Unlock high-quality, verified data with FSC

We're developing our Verified Impact solution to unlock high-quality, independently verified, data-driven claims about responsible forestry projects. This upgrade to our Ecosystem Services Procedure, allows you to report transparently, demonstrate your positive impact, and share your achievements through data-led storytelling.

We warmly invite you to step in and explore the remarkable power of nature across Asia-Pacific.

FSC Asia-Pacific Team



Biodiversity conservation in Tasmania, Australia

Forico Pty Limited (FSC-C125199)

ES 1.4 Conservation of natural forest characteristic

ES 1.6 Conservation of species diversity

Located throughout Australia's island state of Tasmania, the project aims to conserve natural vegetation characteristics and species diversity. Forico's Forest management Unit (FMU) comprises approximately 86,547 ha of hardwood and softwood plantation and 77,024 ha of natural vegetation where this part of estate is managed exclusively for conservation and biodiversity values and are not subject to timber harvesting activities. The native species of flora and fauna occupying the FMU are not exclusively restricted to the native vegetation areas, but species are known to be present within the plantation resource. This Verified Impact project focus primarily on Forico's natural vegetation areas where it assists in maintaining the diversity of species.



Conservation & restoration of 4 Verified Impacts in China

Fujian Province Shunchang County National Forest Farm (FSC-C101556)

- ES 1.4 Conservation of natural forest characteristic**
- ES 2.1 Conservation of forest carbon stocks**
- ES 2.2 Restoration of forest carbon stocks**
- ES 3.1 Maintenance of water quality**
- ES 3.2 Enhancement of water quality**

Located in Nanping city, Fujian province, China, the project focuses on 3 different impacts, biodiversity conservation, conservation of forest carbon stocks and enhancement of water quality by improving the forest management in an area of 16,306 ha. The forest age grading is closer to the natural situation, where the proportion of forest land area greater than 50a increased by 6.5% in 10 years, the proportion of exotic tree species decreases with eucalyptus completely disappeared. Carbon storage increased 428,886 tons, with an average carbon storage increase of 30.1 tons per hectare, 16.3% higher than 10 years ago. The water quality in the certified area is significantly higher than that of non-certified area.



Fujian Province Shanghang Baisha National Forest Farm (FSC-C181374)

- ES 1.4 Conservation of natural forest characteristic**
- ES 2.1 Conservation of forest carbon stocks**
- ES 2.2 Restoration of forest carbon stocks**
- ES 5.1 Conservation of areas of importance for recreation and/or tourism**
- ES 5.2 Restoration of areas of importance for recreation and/or tourism**

Located in Liukeng, Baisha Town, Shanghang county, Fujian Province, China, the project focuses on 3 different impacts, biodiversity conservation, conservation of forest carbon stocks and conservation of areas of importance for recreation, out of an area of 5,770 ha. Carbon storage increased by 191,816 tons between the year of 2015 and 2021. An area of 690 Ha has been included in a forest park, home to national-level protected animals such as pythons, pangolins, antelopes, golden chickens, cobras, etc, and plants like *Taxus Chinensis*. Trees of native and protected species have been planted, and the proportion of forest land area greater than 50a increased by 5.6%, which contributes to the close-to-nature forest structure and enriched bio-diversity.



Biodiversity conservation of species diversity in East Kalimantan, Indonesia

PT Ratah Timber (FSC-C115501)
ES 1.6 Conservation of species diversity

Located in Mahakam Ulu District, East Kalimantan province, Indonesia, the project aims to conserve species diversity through the maintenance of the abundance or viability of focal species or rare and threatened species and the maintenance of habitats across 16,787 ha of High Conservation Value area. This includes 75 fauna species, 18 of them listed as threatened by extinction (vulnerable, endangered and critically endangered). Among them, 12 species are endemic to Borneo island. With the project area surrounded by 12 villages, mostly Dayak Indigenous Peoples as resident, these people benefit from the wildlife protection as source of bush meat on a subsistence basis, nurturing the indigenous culture, indigenous medicines, etc. Other benefits are for tourists who are attracted by wildlife, tourism industries, scientific communities as source of biological data, students and researchers as ground scientific research.



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The World's Longest-Standing FSC-Certified Tropical Forest: A Gem in Sabah

Deramakot Forest Reserve (FMU19A)
Sabah Forestry Department (FSC-C180387)

Deramakot Forest Reserve in Sabah spanning 55,507 hectares, serves as a model for sustainable forest management (SFM) in Malaysia. As the world's first FSC-certified tropical rainforest, Deramakot demonstrates a balance between conservation and sustainable timber production under Sabah Forest Department's flagship management. Recognised by the FAO for its exemplary practices, it has set the standard for FSC certification in Sabah's forestry.

With c. 90% of the forest carefully managed for harvesting through reduced-impact logging c. 10% dedicated to conservation and 0.03% allocated for Community Forestry, Deramakot houses remarkable biodiversity. The forest is home to about 75% of Sabah's mammals, 46.5% of which are IUCN-listed as 'threatened' including globally threatened large mammal species such as Orangutan, Bornean Pygmy Elephant, Tembadau (Banteng), Proboscis Monkey and Clouded Leopard. All six High Conservation Values are identified, managed and monitored at Deramakot, and the forest also supports local communities through socio-economic programs and ecotourism. Research highlights its rich carbon stocks, making Deramakot not only a biodiversity haven but also a key contributor to climate resilience.



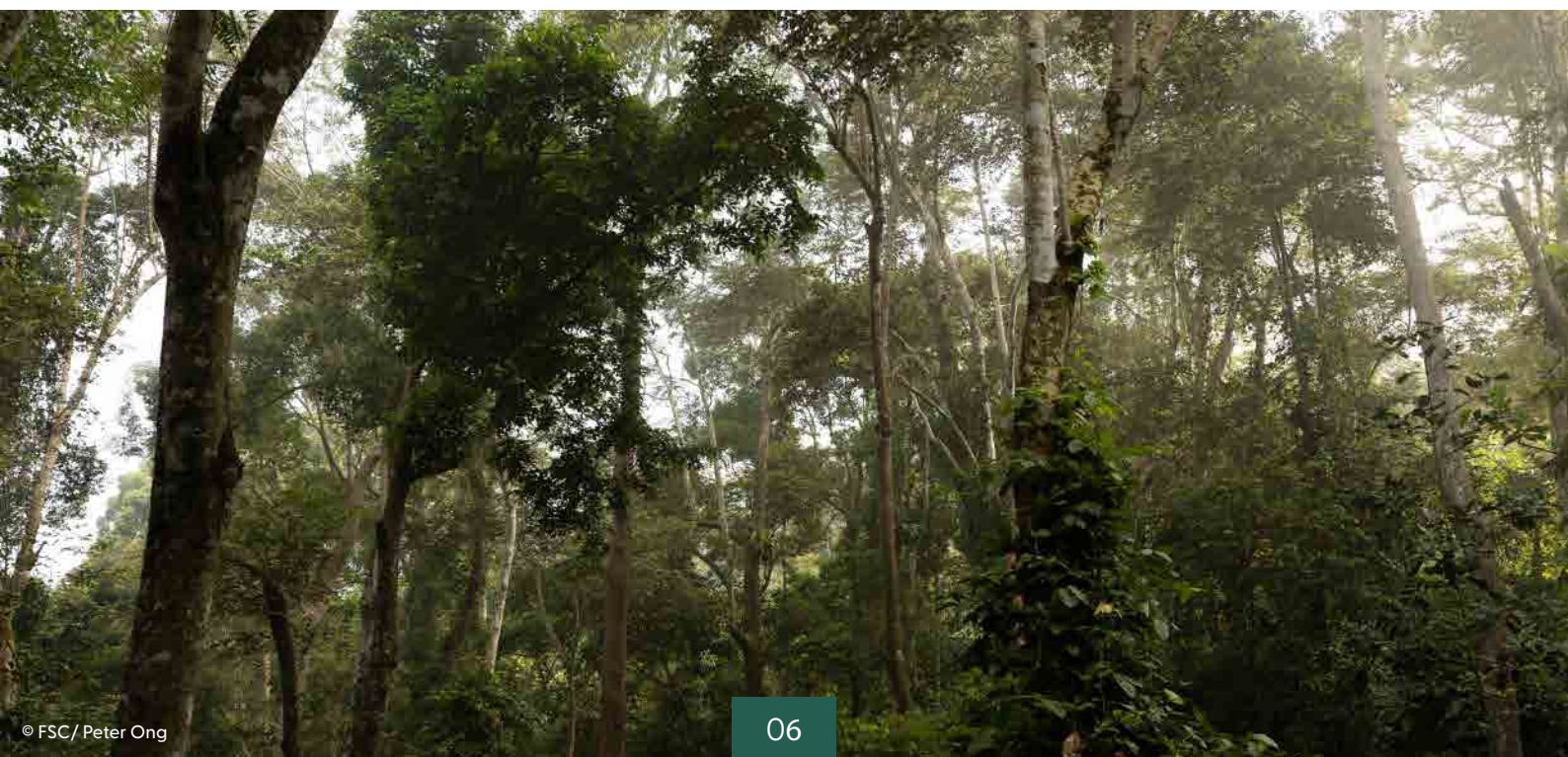
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Conservation and restoration of forest carbon stocks in Vietnam

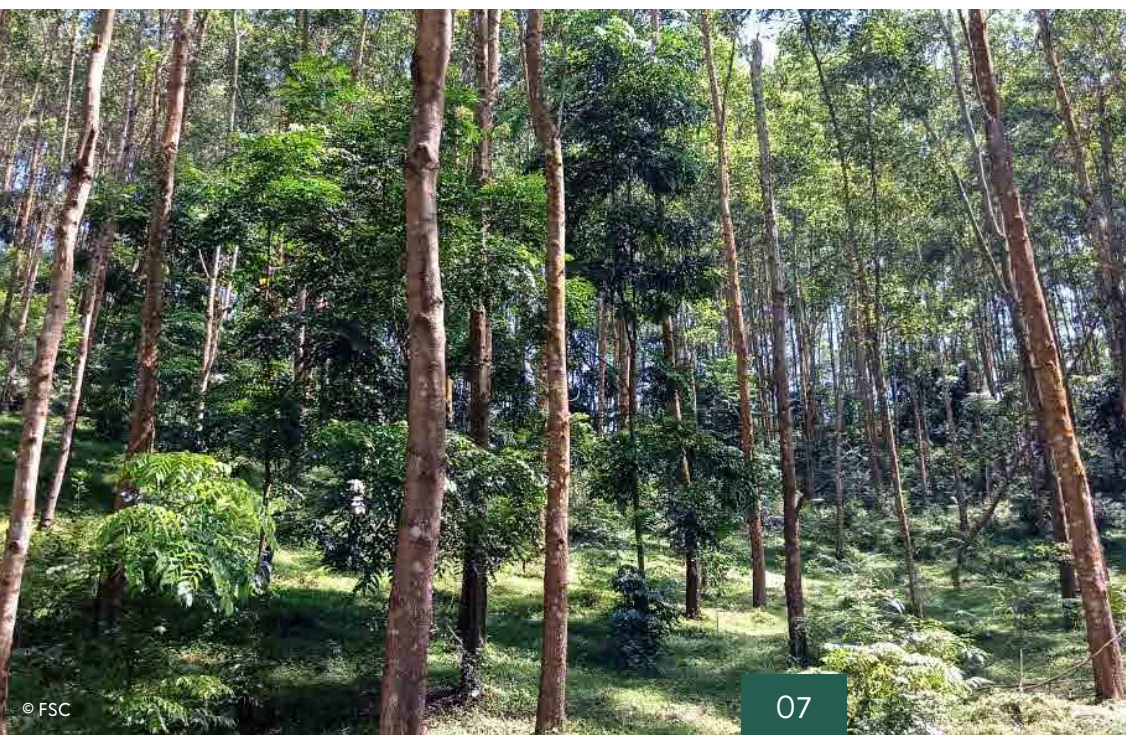


Huong Son State Forest Company (FSC-C131744)
ES 2.1 Conservation of forest carbon stocks
ES 2.2 Restoration of forest carbon stocks

Tay Kim Union of Cooperatives (FSC-C145023)
ES 2.1 Conservation of forest carbon stocks
ES 2.2 Restoration of forest carbon stocks

Located in Huong Son District, Vietnam, the project aims to restore and conserve Huong Son Forest's carbon sequestration and storage capabilities across 19,867 ha that hosts a rich biodiversity of more than 2,300 plant and animal species. With conserving Huong Son Forest, this could help mitigate the negative effects of flooding and soil erosion in Vietnam for which the country is at high risk causing a decline in forest cover, negatively impacting carbon stocks, biodiversity loss and habitat destruction. The first Verified Impact project in Asia Pacific that connects to 11 business sponsors based in Italy contributing to their climate commitment and include broadcaster, textile manufacturer, sustainable engineering consultancy, and 4-star hotel.

Located next to a continuous evergreen forest strip created from the forest of Vu Quang National Park, Ngan Pho Protection Forest Management Board and Huong Son Forestry Company, Vietnam, the project aims to restore and conserve carbon sequestration and carbon stocks across 978 ha forest area managed by communities in Huong Son district that stored 64,138 tonnes of CO₂ and annual CO₂ sequestration capacity of 9,447 tonnes.





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Quang Tri Smallholder Forest Certification Association
(FSC-C101687)

ES 2.1 Conservation of forest carbon stocks

ES 2.2 Restoration of forest carbon stocks

Located in Quang Tri province, Vietnam, the project aims to restore and conserve carbon sequestration and carbon stocks across 2,145 hectares of forest area managed by communities. These forests have stored 350,000 tonnes of CO₂ and have an annual CO₂ sequestration capacity of 7,000 tonnes.

The project is supported by a sponsor from the Netherlands, contributing to the enhancement of carbon conservation while creating jobs and income opportunities for local communities. By utilizing non-timber forest products, the initiative reduces pressure on forest violations and further amplifies the environmental and social benefits of responsible forestry.



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FSC® VERIFIED IMPACT

Unlock high quality forest impact data

Every year the world loses **10 million hectares of forest**, along with their “superpowers”, which encompasses the ecosystem services as a consequence of the current global economic system that **incentivises forest degradation over stewardship**.

Without these forests, we will lose the fight against climate change and biodiversity collapse. FSC Verified Impact verifies the following ecosystem services.



Our aim is to unlock the true value of forests by improving access to, and investment in, high-quality data-driven claims, built on **30 years of trust in FSC**.



Sponsors **financially support** the forest managers in measuring and monitoring the positive impact of management practices.



In return, sponsors receive **high-integrity data**, which they can communicate to promote their commitment to positive climate and biodiversity impact.



Verified Biodiversity Impact

La Française de Jeux is the first company with FSC's Verified Impact in France: contributing to habitat preservation of rare and endangered species between 2019 and 2023, in partnership with Sylvamo Forêt Services.

To learn more about this project, visit <https://search.fsc.org>

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How it works:

Financial support helps forest managers verify their claims of conserving and enhancing ecosystem services.



Rigorous monitoring unlocks high-quality forest impact data, which is verified by an accredited third party (certification body).

This data helps sponsors to track and disclose their impact to investors and other audiences.

The 3 routes for sponsors of Verified Impact:



Footprint route

Companies can obtain primary data showcasing impact from their value chain.



Improvement route

Companies can highlight positive impacts or improvements from projects inside their value chain.



Contribution route

As companies work in reducing their own impacts, they can also contribute to positive activities outside their value chain.

How to use the Verified Impact data:

1

Receive

Receive data on the positive impacts on forest ecosystems to create a Verified Impact claim.

2

Relate

Relate this Verified Impact claim with your promotional or organisational messaging.

3

Report

Report about your role in sponsoring forests that can help fight the global challenges of climate change and biodiversity loss.

This can be used **throughout your communications** and will help to enhance stakeholders' awareness of your efforts to improve sustainability across your value chain.

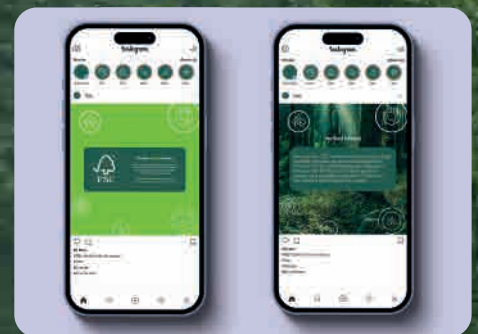
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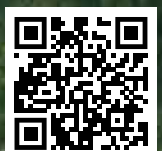
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FIND THE RIGHT FOREST FOR YOU

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