



The 10 Principles

Ten rules for responsible forest management

The ten FSC Principles require the forest owner or manager to do the following:

Principle 1:

Compliance with laws and FSC Principles – to comply with all laws, regulations, treaties, conventions and agreements, together with all FSC Principles and Criteria.

Principle 2:

Tenure and use rights and responsibilities – to define, document and legally establish long-term tenure and use rights.

Principle 3:

Indigenous peoples' rights – to identify and uphold indigenous peoples' rights of ownership and use of land and resources.

Principle 4:

Community relations and worker's rights – to maintain or enhance forest workers' and local communities' social and economic well-being.

Principle 5:

Benefits from the forest – to maintain or enhance long term economic, social and environmental benefits from the forest.

Principle 6:

Environmental impact – to maintain or restore the ecosystem, its biodiversity, resources and landscapes.

Principle 7:

Management plan – to have a management plan, implemented, monitored and documented.

Principle 8:

Monitoring and assessment – to demonstrate progress towards management objectives.

Principle 9:

Maintenance of high conservation value forests – to maintain or enhance the attributes which define such forests.

Principle 10:

Plantations – to plan and manage plantations in accordance with FSC Principles and Criteria.

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