



The Forest Stewardship Council at 20 Years

- 1990 The first meeting of a group of timber users, traders and representatives of environmental and human rights organizations in California, USA. The participants of this meeting identified the need for a system that could credibly identify well-managed forests as a source of responsibly-produced forest products. The name *Forest Stewardship Council* was born at this meeting.
- 1990 - 1993 Intensive consultation in 10 countries find support for a worldwide certification and accreditation system, including natural forests and plantations.
- 1992 Interim FSC Board of Directors established in Washington, D.C., USA
- 1993 First FSC certificates issued (forest management certificate in Mexico; chain of custody certificate in USA).
FSC Founding Assembly held in Toronto, Canada, with 130 participants from 26 countries.
First FSC Board of Directors elected.
- 1994 FSC is officially born.
FSC secretariat officer opens in Oaxaca, Mexico, with three staff, and established as a legal entity in Mexico.
Founding members approve FSC Principles and Criteria, together with the FSC Statutes (today called by-laws).
First four accreditation contracts signed for forest management certification.
First certified and labeled FSC product (wooden spatula) available in the UK.
- 1996 - 1997 FSC Board of Directors endorses first FSC Working Group (UK).
Principle 10 for plantations ratified by FSC membership.
First FSC National Standard endorsed (Sweden). Group certification for forest management introduced.
- 1998 10 million hectares certified to FSC standards.
- 1999 First FSC-certified and labeled non-timber product produced (Chicle gum, Mexico)
First complete book printed on FSC-certified paper: "A Living Wage" by Lawrence B. Glickman.
Tenth certification body accredited.
- 2000 - 2002 FSC receives the City of Göteborg's International Environmental Prize.
Policies developed on group certification of chain of custody, and sampling for multi-site organizations.
FSC Board of Directors endorses FSC social strategy.
- 2003 Re-location of the FSC secretariat from Oaxaca, Mexico to Bonn, Germany.



20,000 FSC-certified products on the market.

40 million hectares of FSC-certified forests worldwide, with 10 million hectares in 2003, alone.

Regional offices in Africa and Commonwealth of Independent States established.

2004 Standards for small or low-intensity managed forests (SLIMF) come into force after two years of development.

FSC wins prestigious ALCAN prize for the contribution it has made to improving forest management around the world.

2005 Accreditation Services International GmbH created to manage the FSC accreditation program.

More than 10 million ha of tropical forest certified to FSC standards.

2006 FSC Project Certification Standard approved. FSC complies with ISEAL Code of Good Practice.

FSC Controlled Wood standards come into force.

2007 Global FSC Strategy approved by the FSC Board of Directors.

FSC Global Development created to strengthen FSC markets and trademarks.

2008 More than 100 million hectares certified to FSC's Principles and Criteria, distributed over 79 countries.

2009 15,000th chain of custody certificate celebrated.

2010 The athlete housing village and the Vancouver Olympic/Paralympics Centre were all built using FSC-certified products.

2011 Regional offices opened in Latin America and Asia Pacific

Forest Certification for Ecosystem Services (ForCES) program launched.

FSC membership climbs to 800

20,000th chain of custody certificate and 1,000th forest management certificate issued.

2012 European regional office opened.

30 national offices, 7 national focal points and 5 national representatives

FSC group certificates include almost a quarter of a million small and community producers.

2013 Over 180 million hectares of forest worldwide are managed according to FSC standards.

27,000th chain of custody certificate issued.

Permanent Indigenous Peoples' Committee established to give a formal voice to indigenous peoples in FSC's principles.

2014 FSC celebrates its 20th anniversary.

We look forward to discussing our progress and planning the way forward at our General Assembly in Seville, Spain in September 2014.



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