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Plantation management is a critical issue for the world's forests. As of August 2004, more than 5 million hectares of plantations and 20 million hectares of mixed forest have been certified to FSC standards.

FSC is reviewing the implementation of the FSC Principles and Criteria in plantations. As an independent, not for profit, membership-based organisation, FSC brings together people interested in forests from environmental, social and economic perspectives and from both Northern and Southern regions of the world. FSC provides a forum where these people can debate and agree on principles and standards for responsible management.

Objectives of the review

- To engage social, environmental and economic stakeholders in an international review of the implementation of the FSC Principles and Criteria for plantations, and to provide clear guidance for their future implementation, with the broad support of the FSC membership;
- To provide for the benefit of the global community, clear, authoritative and widely accepted social and environmental standards for responsible plantation management.



Process

A two-phase review process is planned. In the first phase, the deep, underlying policy issues need to be identified, debated, and resolved. This 'policy' phase of the review will be coordinated by a Board-endorsed Policy Working Group, with members from each FSC chamber.

In the second phase, technical solutions will be developed to meet the policy requirements previously identified. This 'technical' phase of the review will be coordinated by a Technical Working Group, and the final results will be approved by the Board of Directors, and if necessary, the FSC membership.

For both phases, national meetings and stakeholder inputs will form a key part of the process. An e-mail discussion forum and review group have been created for all persons interested to take part in this review process.

How to become involved

Help improve the management of the world's plantations by getting involved in the FSC Plantations Review. FSC would like to hear your view on how you would like plantations to be managed, and the role that FSC certification can play in promoting that vision.

Website: Latest news, publications, meeting results and draft documents can be found at www.fsc.org/plantations

To join the Plantations Review Group to review draft documents, or the e-mail plantations discussion forum, send us an e-mail at plantations@fsc.org

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Summary of the FSC Plantations Review Process

