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To: FSC Members  
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FSC Plantations Review Policy Working Group  
FSC Plantations Review Email Forum

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Dear Stakeholders of the FSC,

It is my great pleasure to inform you that after a 19 month long process of working group meetings and stakeholder consultations, the FSC Plantations Review Policy Working Group has completed their task.

The Plantation Review Policy Working Group presented its findings in a comprehensive report to the FSC Board of Directors at their 43<sup>rd</sup> meeting last week. After thorough discussion of the report the FSC Board of Directors decided the following:

1. The FSC Board of Directors accepts the final report of the Plantations Review Policy Working Group. The FSC Board of Directors acknowledges, and offers their sincerest appreciation for the outstanding effort of the Plantations Review Policy Working Group to research and investigate relevant information, to reach out to and hear concerned stakeholders, and to balance and integrate the intelligence into a coherent set of themes and recommendations. The FSC Board of Directors would like to express their sincerest gratitude also to all stakeholders that participated in the review, provided input and comment and argued strongly to improve the outcomes.
2. Recognizing the outcomes and recommendations of the Plantation Review Policy Working Group the FSC Board of Directors agrees that a series of technical processes are required to follow up. The FSC Board of Directors therefore decides that the second phase of the plantations review will not consist of one single process but rather that the elements listed in the Appendix 3 of the document presented to the FSC Board of Directors provide the basis for development of the Terms of References for a series of technical processes leading to implementation of the recommendations of the Plantation Review Policy Working Group.
3. The FSC Board of Directors recognizes that the issues covered in the report by the Plantations Review Policy Working Group were comprehensively consulted on throughout the FSC Global Network and that the consultation was properly balanced and equitable. The FSC Board of Directors agreed to circulate the Plantations Review Policy Working Group final report for public information and welcomes comments on it that will contribute to the second phase of technical processes for its implementation.

The final report of the Plantations Review Policy Working Group is now available in English and Spanish language on the Plantations Review website [www.fsc.org/plantations](http://www.fsc.org/plantations).

Please submit comments contributing to the second phase of technical processes for implementation of the outcomes and recommendations of the Plantation Review Policy Working Group directly to Ms. Sarah McKay at [plantations@fsc.org](mailto:plantations@fsc.org).

For further information and clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us at any time.

Best regards,

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