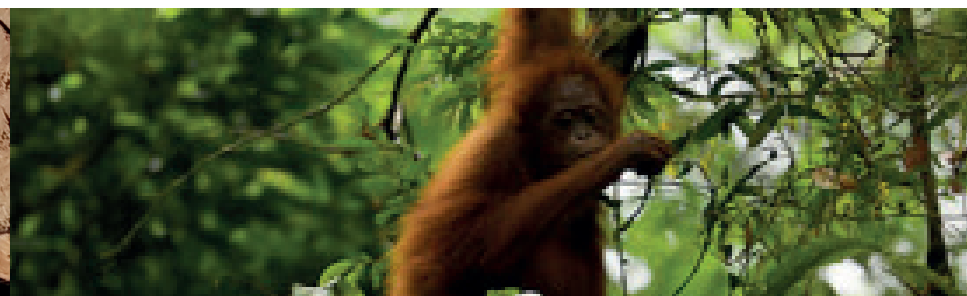




FPIC DISCUSSION PAPER





UPHOLDING THE RIGHT TO FREE, PRIOR AND INFORMED CONSENT: INTRODUCING A DISCUSSION PAPER FOR FSC MEMBERS

FSC's Principle 3 includes elements of free, prior and informed consent (FPIC). FPIC guidelines (Version 1.0) was produced in 2012, and field tested around the globe. Version 1.0 was critiqued by a technical working group in 2016, and this led to the production of Version 2.0 of the guidelines.

Version 2.0 has become a discussion paper for broader consultation with FSC members, rights holders and other stakeholders¹.



CALL TO ACTION

There are two ways members can add their voice to this important issue:

- By considering the consultation questions in Version 2.0 of the Guidelines, and taking part in the related consultation forum in November 2017. Members can participate either through the forum, or by sending an email to the contacts listed at the end of this document.
- By joining a chamber-balanced working group to develop a concise, operational FPIC guideline for certificate holders, as part of the FSC guidelines for forest managers series. Nominations to this working group may be sought via member chambers.

ACTIVITY	2017			2018				2019	
	OCT	NOV	DEC	1 st Quarter	2 nd Quarter	3 rd Quarter	4 th Quarter	1 st Quarter	2 nd Quarter
FPIC discussion paper released	X								
Consultative forum (30 days)		X							
Working group terms of reference reviewed by PSC (for Board approval in December)		X							
Consultation feedback analysed			X						
Call for Applications for working group members				X					
Working group appointed				X					
Working group Advise on development of operational guidelines				X	X	X	X		
Field test operational guidelines								X	
FSC FPIC guidelines approved									X

¹This document is available on the FSC website and limited copies are available on USB devices for members with limited internet access from Pamela Perreault (p.perreault@ca.fsc.org) or Joachim Meier-Dörnberg (j.meier-doernberg@fsc.org).