



## DOUBLE CERTIFICATION FSC and PEFC – ESTIMATION END 2016

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Foresters in different parts of the world have chosen to use both FSC and PEFC certification for their forest management units to provide for their sustainable forest management practices.

From a statistical point of view, this means that their respective certified forest area appears in both the PEFC as well as in the FSC statistics. This poses a challenge for the calculation, in several countries, for total national certified area, as well as the total global certified area, as adding up FSC and PEFC certified forest area leads to inflated figures. PEFC and FSC have therefore decided to work together to provide a more accurate, mutually agreed estimate for the total global certified area.

At the end of 2016, FSC reported a total certified area of 196 million hectares and PEFC of 301 million hectares, for a combined area of 497 million hectares.

Based on our joint research, PEFC and FSC conclude that at the end of 2016, almost 69 million hectares (or 16%) of global forest area are double certified, and the total global certified area in fact is 429 million ha. Double certification exists currently in 28 countries (see below).

### Data limitations:

- In some cases, data was collected prior to December 2016.
- Figures are based on best available estimates for some countries.
- Data only includes area certified to PEFC and FSC.

FSC and PEFC have agreed to, from now on, provide official estimates concerning double certified forest area on an annual basis with an aim to improve data accuracy.

While no agreed upon historical data exists, PEFC estimated the total double certified forest area in 2012 to be 39 million hectares.

PEFC and FSC agreed estimates for double certified forest area in 2016 by country (in hectares):

Australia	1,040,000	Germany	893,111	Slovak Rep.	106,041
Belarus	7,671,975	Ireland	376,108	Slovenia	9,000
Brazil	2,500,000	Italy	32,569	Spain	157,641
Canada	16,363,149	Latvia	845,038	Sweden	7,200,000
Chile	1,929,477	Luxembourg	13,500	Switzerland	208,949
Czech Rep.	48,000	Malaysia	126,940	UK	1,400,000
Denmark	208,794	Norway	411,000	USA	8,378,583
Estonia	101,000	Poland	6,870,607	Uruguay	253,671
Finland	1,233,000	Portugal	248,267		
France	24,612	Russian Fed.	8,964,595	TOTAL	<b>68,524,627</b>