



How to address the limitations of life cycle assessment with FSC certification

Life cycle assessment (LCA) is a widely used tool for understanding the environmental impacts of production, use, and discharge of goods, but it has limitations when forestry, fishing, mining, or agriculture are at the start of the supply chain. It also does not address social issues.

FSC calls upon all those who apply, use, or require LCA to recognize its limitations, and to address these with guarantees that negative impacts beyond the scope of LCA are prevented or minimized. For paper and other wood-based products, FSC certification is the best way of doing this.

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