

Motion 51: Strengthening the Controlled Wood system

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1. FSC-developed National Risk Assessments:

Recognizing that the FSC membership has identified a range of serious deficiencies in guaranteeing that controlled wood is controlled, FSC International shall require National Offices to complete Controlled Wood Risk Assessments for the countries where they operate. Where there is no FSC National Office, FSC International shall assume the responsibility to ensure that Controlled Wood Risk Assessments are completed. FSC shall mandate that no company-developed Risk Assessments (Annex 2) are approved after 31 December 2012.

2. Existing company Risk Assessments:

Before the phase-out of company Risk Assessments, and no later than July 1 2012, FSC will evaluate the adequacy of all existing company-based Risk Assessments conducted through Annex 2 of FSC-STD-40-005. The evaluation will include issues related to particular regions, product sectors, and Certification Body performance. FSC will assess, correct, or cancel risk assessments that do not meet the requirements of FSC-STD-40-005 Annex 2. The information collected will also help inform the future development of FSC Risk Assessments.

3. Strengthening Annex 3 for all cases of unspecified risk in the FSC National Risk Assessments:

No later than September 1, 2012, FSC shall convene a chamber-balanced technical committee to strengthen Annex 3 of FSC-STD-40-005 and to provide guidance to ensure that Annex 3 is implemented robustly. Elements for consideration by the technical committee shall include but are not limited to:

- stakeholder consultation and consent;
- requirements related to field verification audits, including intensity and frequency of sampling related to scale and intensity;
- the development of a range of initiatives to: a) incentivize the use of FSC STD 30-010; and to b) incentivize access to the controlled wood system by small landholders, indigenous peoples and forest dependant communities;
- the point in the supply chain at which Annex 3 is undertaken, recognizing the primary processor as the preferred point;
- the June 2011 FSC evaluation of the Controlled Wood system.

FSC further recognizes that the application of FSC-STD-30-010 (Controlled Wood certification of the FMU) is the preferred outcome for large and/or intensive FMUs in regions of unspecified risk.

The FSC Board of Directors shall approve agreed changes to the Controlled Wood system by December 30, 2012. No new certificates based on Annex 3 for areas of unspecified risk will be issued if agreed changes are not approved by this date.