



Forest Stewardship Council®



# ***FSC sets a New Standard for Forest Certification in Canada***

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Forests For All Forever FSC® shall promote environmentally appropriate, socially beneficial, and economically viable management of the world's forests.





FSC is governed by its members. All our members have equal say in the development of our standards, policies, and procedures – helping shape the future of forest management together.

The organizational direction of FSC is defined by 3 levels of decision-making: the general assembly, the FSC Board of Directors, and the Director General.

<https://ga2017.fsc.org/motions-outcome/>







What is success?

in five years?

in twenty years?

A Venn diagram with three overlapping circles. The top circle is blue and labeled 'CREDIBILITY'. The bottom-left circle is green and labeled 'UPTAKE'. The bottom-right circle is red and labeled 'CONFIDENCE'. The background is a photograph of a dense forest with mountains in the distance. Three black boxes with white text and arrows point to the circles: 'A world-class Standard' points to the blue circle, 'Market demand; other benefits' points to the green circle, and 'A strong 3rd Party Auditing Structure' points to the red circle.

**CREDIBILITY**

A world-class  
Standard

**UPTAKE**

Market demand;  
other benefits

**CONFIDENCE**

A strong 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Party Auditing  
Structure

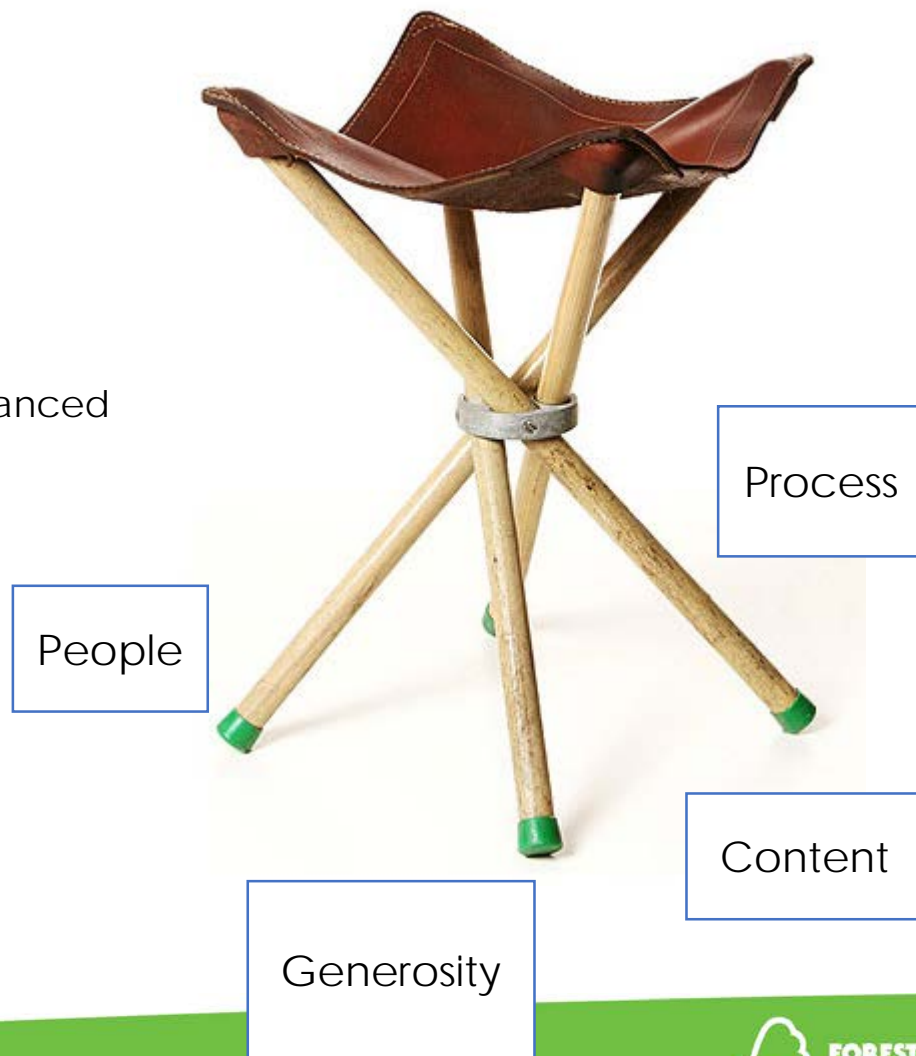


**CREDIBILITY**

A world-class  
Standard



FSC Canada convenes chamber-balanced conversations about tough topics.



# CANADA'S FOREST REGIONS

## FSC CA STANDARD REVISION PROCESS

4 regional standards > 1 National Standard  
4 years involving hundreds of people



## OPPORTUNITY

The Standard sets the foundation, a high bar  
It is a framework for forest management  
Market mechanism

Others.....



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# FSC® CANADA NATIONAL FOREST MANAGEMENT STANDARD

FSC-STD-CA-01-XXXX (D3-0) EN

Release Date:



Standard



## Standard Requirements

- ✓ Aboriginal Rights and Free, Prior and Informed Consent (Principle 3)
- ✓ Environmental Management (Principle 6 & 9)
  - ✓ Landscape Management (Indicator 6.1.3, Criterion 6.8)
  - ✓ Woodland Caribou (Indicator 6.4.3)
  - ✓ Conservation Areas Network (Criterion 6.5)
  - ✓ High Conservation Lands
- ✓ Dispute Mechanism (Criteria 1.6, 2.6, 4.6, 7.6)
- ✓ Management Planning (Indicator 7.2.2)
- ✓ Monitoring Plans (Criterion 8.2)


## Guidance

- ✓ FPIC Guidance

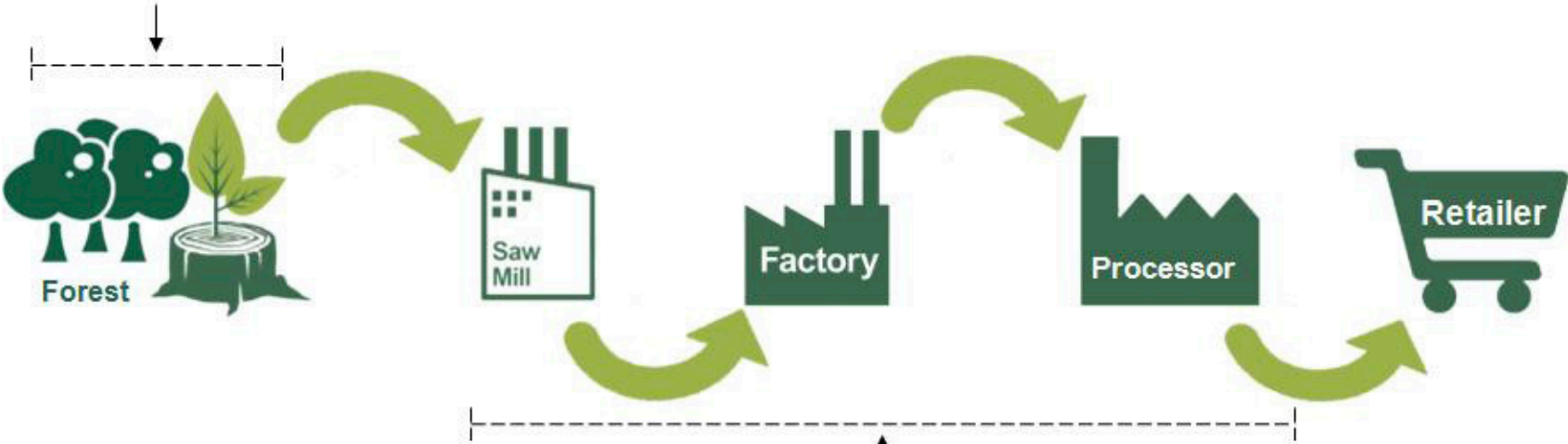


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Forest Management (FM) certification

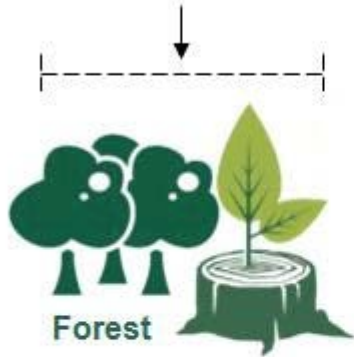


Chain of Custody (COC) certification





## Forest Management (FM) certification



- ✓ FSC CA develops the Standard & all requirements
- ✓ Company voluntarily meets the Standard, working with Aboriginal Communities
- ✓ 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Certification Body assesses whether the Company has met the Standard
- ✓ The Company is not required to do things that are outside of Standard Requirements



**UPTAKE**  
'Implementation'

Market demand  
for FSC; other  
benefits





## PRINCIPLE 3: Indigenous Rights

- ✓ Participatory
- ✓ Decision making
- Culturally appropriate engagement
- Customary rights
- Free, Prior, Informed Consent
- Good faith
- Binding agreement

*Some doorways to the making the Standard work for you!*

## PRINCIPLE 6: Environmental Values and Impacts

- ✓ Participatory
- ✓ Decision making

- “Engagement” must be consistent with P3
- Best available information
- Landscape-scale environmental values
- Free, Prior, Informed Consent (6.5)

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## PRINCIPLE 9: High Conservation Values

- ✓ Participatory
- ✓ Decision making

- “Engagement” must be consistent with P3
- Assessments that are culturally appropriate
- Best available information
- Monitoring

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However, FSC is NOT going to solve, or fully address, historical and current grievances around alienation of land, dispossession, etc.

It is one tool, that if kept sharp and are well acquainted with it, will serve a purpose.

- Certification serves many different purposes in Aboriginal communities
- Some certification systems may be a better tool than others for a particular job
- The goals of the community may change over time and the systems should be robust enough to accommodate those changes (OR you add another tool to the tool box)

## Examples of what the Standard may be used for:

- Market access mechanism\*
- Engagement framework (e.g. UNDRIP, caribou/moose, SAR)
- Compliance and enforcement tool to a community supported forest management standard
- Others

*Increasing  
commitment to  
the rules of the  
game*

- What role do you think of FSC certification could/should have in your communities?
- What are the realistic constraints or limits of FSC certification?
- What does “credibility” mean to you?



“When nothing is certain,  
anything is possible” ~Margaret Drabble





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