

FSC® Forest Management Certification



The mark of responsible forestry



Why Get Certified?

- Instill confidence in investors, external stakeholders, and customers that you meet the most rigorous forest stewardship standard – Forest Stewardship Council® (FSC)
- Provide a robust management framework/platform for your forest management systems
- Achieve recognition for the caliber of your forest management practices
- Satisfy growing worldwide demand for certified products
- Promote higher staff morale/satisfaction, employee retention, pride in work
- Enhance your brand by using the SCS Kingfisher certification mark alongside your FSC logo

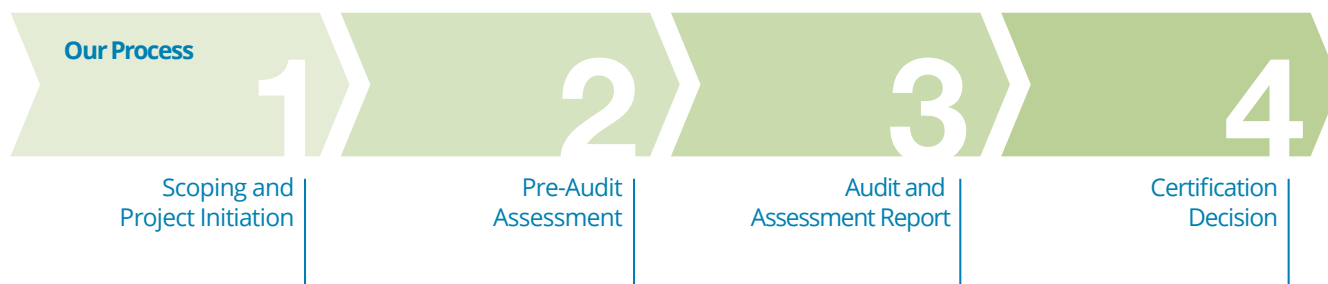
Why SCS?

- Expansive network of qualified auditors worldwide
- Fair and competitive pricing
- Top notch customer service – responsive, professional, fast, and reliable assessment teams
- Fair and accurate audits that will stand up to scrutiny and save our clients time and money
- Founding member of FSC with unsurpassed experience and 41+ million acres of forestland on 5 continents certified to FSC
- Bundle your audits with SCS' other services, such as chain of custody certification, Responsible Wood certification, timber legality verification, forest carbon offset verification, and more

Certification Services

Certification options include Forest Management for Single or Multiple FMUs, Group Certification, or Non-Timber Forest Products (NTFP).





Process

1. Scoping and Project Initiation

- Client submits application
- SCS evaluates the application and prepares audit plan and proposal, including costs and timeline

2. Pre-Audit Assessment

- Client may undergo a preliminary assessment to provide insight regarding its strengths and weaknesses relative to the certification standards (Optional; required in some circumstances)
- SCS assessment team conducts stakeholder consultations regarding the client's management performance in relation to the FSC Principles and Criteria

3. Audit and Assessment Report

- SCS assessment team conducts on-site audit to assess forest conditions and the client's forest management system
- SCS authors a report from the evaluation, which is subsequently reviewed by an independent professional and delivered to the client for final approval

4. Certification Decision

- SCS determines eligibility for certification
- If awarded, client is required to undergo annual surveillance audits, and a full recertification audit every 5 years

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