



## Project Name: Eastern Africa Continuous Improvement Field Tests July 2018 – March 2019

### Objective:

- To define a continuous improvement concept for FSC, offering flexible steps towards full conformity with the FSC national standards, within a defined timeframe
- To generate recommendations for FSC on how to integrate and implement continuous improvement in the FSC system, including National Forest Sustainability Standards

### Geography & Unique Needs:

- Eastern Africa: Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania
- Smallholders and communities' access to FSC certification is challenging from an economic and burdensome point of view, particularly at the beginning of the process

### Activities/Methodology:

- Developed **discussion paper**, submitted for **public consultation**
- Developed **Terms of Reference** and **Standard Operating Procedure**
- Established a **Technical Working Group** comprised of 5 technical experts
- Facilitated first key **stakeholders meeting** in Kenya

### Outcomes:

- Under development

### Reference Documents:

- Modular Approach Program (MAP)
- FSC-PRO-01-001 [Development and Revision of FSC Normative Documents](#)
- FSC-STD-TZA-01-2018 [Tanzanian Natural And Plantation Forests And Small And Low-Intensity Managed Forests](#)
- FSC-STD-UGA-01-2017 [Uganda National Forest Stewardship Standard](#)

## 2019 GOALS

Key stakeholders will be involved in the project and related outputs

Risk assessments of the FSC national standards in the region will be conducted

Guidance for standard development groups (SDGs) for the better inclusion of smallholders in the FSC system will be generated

**85% accomplished**

## PROJECT LINKS

To provide input to:

- FSC guidance for SDGs (smallholders and communities' provisions)
- Risk Based Approach project