



Project Name: Forestry Contractors Field Test

May 2018 – April 2019

Objective:

- To assess and propose the best way for including forestry contractors in the FSC certification system.
 - To identify potential impacts of the proposal for FSC system.
 - To identify other FSC normative documents that would require revision after forestry contractors' incorporation.

Geography & Unique Needs:

- Global North (aiming to be international in a later stage), with Finland, USA, and Lithuania, directly involved in the field tests
- Additional information collected from Germany, Spain and Chile
- Forestry contractors are already a useful resource for smallholders to conform to FSC requirements in their forests.

Activities/Methodology:

- Established a **Working Group** of nine forestry contractors
- Held several **Working Group meetings**, with one in-person meeting in Lithuania.
- Developed a proposal for **Public Consultation**.
- Received more than **80 comments** in response to the Public Consultation.

Outcomes:

- Under development

Reference Documents:

- Certification of Forestry Contractors (CeFCo) project
- FSC-STD-60-004 [International Generic Indicators](#)
- FSC-STD-30-005 [FSC Standard for Group Entities in Forest Management Groups](#)
- FSC-STD-20-007 [Forest Management Evaluations](#)

2019 GOALS

The best proposal to incorporate forestry contractors in the FSC system will be agreed

Input on the revision processes of Group Certification Standard and Forest Management Evaluations Standard will be provided

90% accomplished

PROJECT LINKS

To provide input to:

- Group Certification Standard revision
- Forest Management Evaluation Standard revision
- FSC guidance for SDGs (smallholders and communities' provisions)