



## Project Name: Group Model Type III pilot test

September 2018 – October 2019

### Objective:

- To test a new Group Model Type III, where forestry contractors are part of the group certificate
- To identify potential impacts of incorporating Group Model Type III to the FSC system

### Geography & Unique Needs:

- Scope will be international, but Australia, Brazil, Finland and Spain have been the countries selected for the pilots.
- Burden of conformity represents unique challenges for smallholders and communities.

### Activities/Methodology:

- Developed a **Standard Operating Procedure** for the pilot tests
- Selected **participating group** certificate holders
- Completed the first two **desk audits**, followed by a **technical framework assessment** submitted for PSU approval

### Outcomes:

- Under development

### Reference Documents:

- FSC-POL-01-001 [FSC Policy for Pilot Tests of Draft FSC Standards](#)
- FSC-STD-20-007 [Forest Management Evaluations](#)
- FSC-STD-30-005 [FSC Standard for Group Entities in Forest Management Groups](#)

## 2019 GOALS

Practical information of the benefits and challenges of incorporating forestry contractors into the group certificates will be obtained

Normative documents and aspects of FSC certification potentially impacted by the suggested Group Model Type III will be identified

Group Model Type III will be refined to consider its inclusion in the FSC system, and input to the revision processes of Group Certification Standard and Forest Management Evaluations Standard will be provided

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## PROJECT LINKS

To provide input to:

- Group Certification Standard revision
- Forest Management Evaluation Standard revision