



FSC Policy on Conversion Public consultation for draft 2-0

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FSC[®] General Assembly 2014 Seville, Spain, 7–14 September

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FSC[®] General Assembly 2017 Vancouver, Canada, 8–13 October

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The membership recognizes the strategic importance of addressing the issues around conversion of natural forestrelated ecosystems to plantations and the need for alignment of the diverse ways in which conversion is treated in different parts of the FSC normative framework.

The membership requests that FSC puts in place a mechanism, building upon previous work, which will develop a holistic policy and appropriate treatment at Principle, Criterion and Indicator levels with guidance to national Standards Development Groups, considering compensation for past conversion, in terms of:

a. restoration and/or conservation for environmental values; and

b. restitution for socio-economic values.



MOTION 7 MANDATE

Working Group

Policy on Conversion

1. 1994 cut-off date: To retain, remove or change the rules to address past conversion.

2. Principles for compensation on past conversion, in terms of:a) restoration and/or conservation of

environmental values

b) restitution of socio-economic values

3. Concept of acceptable conversion as defined under current FSC rules.

Operationalize the Policy

Technical

Working

Group

- 1. Criteria, indicators and thresholds for conversion across the normative framework
- 2. Instructions for Standard Developers to address any revised IGIs on conversion in NFSS and INS
- 3. Develop a compensation procedure and proposals for verification
- 4. Draft text for a possible motion to the 2020 General Assembly to reword FSC Forest Management Standard Principles & Criteria

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MOTION 7 WG & TWG WORKPLAN



Years of making

a difference 1994 - 2019

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PUBLIC CONSULTATION – DRAFT 1-0





Development of Policy draft 2-0





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Principle 6 Acceptable conversion





Will produce long-term* conservation* and where possible social benefits, in the MU, and

Management Unit*



Does not threaten *High Conservation Values**, nor any sites or resources necessary to maintain or enhance those *High Conservation Values**.









Principle 3 a), b) and principle 4





FM Certification of Management Unit

Nov 1994

Conversion of natural forests & HCV (Draft 1-0: option 1 to 3)

Principle 3a) Organizations that were *directly or indirectly involved** in conversion on the *Management Unit** after November 1994 and before October 2020 are eligible for FSC forest management certification of that *Management Unit** upon demonstrated compliance with the FSC Compensation Procedure.

Conversion of natural forests & HCV (Draft 1-0: natural ecosystem)

Principle 4 Organizations that are *directly or indirectly involved** in conversion on the *Management Unit** after October 2020 are not eligible for FSC forest management certification (footnote: CW/FM and FM) of that Management Unit*. Nov 1994

Conversion natural forests & HCV (Draft 1-0: no clear separation between certification and association)

Association with FSC

Principle 3b) Organizations that were directly or indirectly involved* in conversion that occurred after November 1994 are considered eligible to associate with the FSC upon demonstrated compliance with the FSC Compensation Procedure.

Association

An association with FSC is formally established through any of the following relationships:

- FSC membership
- Contractual relationship through:
- FSC accreditation agreement,
- FSC license agreement,
- FSC cooperation agreement,
- FSC partnership agreement.



Indirect involvement





Principle 3 a), b) and principle 4





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Motion for GA2020

6.10 a) Management Units* containing plantations* that were established on areas converted from natural forest* between **November 1994 and October 2020** shall not qualify for certification, except where:

i. Clear and sufficient evidence is provided that The Organization* was not directly or indirectly involved in conversion, or

ii. The conversion affected a very limited portion of the Management Unit and is producing additional, long-term conservation benefits and where possible social benefits, or

iii. The Organization* demonstrates compliance with the Compensation Procedure.

6.10 b) Management Units* that were established on areas converted from natural forest* or HCV* areas after October 2020 shall not qualify for certification, except where:

i. Clear and sufficient evidence is provided that The Organization* was not directly or indirectly involved in conversion, or

ii. The conversion affected a very limited portion of the Management Unit and it is producing additional, long-term conservation benefits and where possible social benefits.





Principle 5 Conversion threshold



Principle 5: FSC defines what constitutes *natural forest** and the threshold for when degradation constitutes *conversion**.



Figure adapted from Conversion on Biological Diversity for elaborating conversion of forest to non-forest





Conversion free

There shall be a period of at least 5 years where the organization has not been involved in conversion

7.1

7.2

7.3

7.4

7.5

Others

Conversion liabilities

A standard process to determine overall conservation, restoration and restitution requirements based on environmental and social impacts

Compensation plan

The plan is proportionate and equivalent to the scale and impacts Demonstrates additionality and longevity, etc.

Compensation plan

Shall be approved by FSC approved Competent Authority

Implementation of the plan

Demonstrate initial implementation prior to certification Or upon association/re-association

Social elements

Social element has been highlighted/integrated e.g. 7.2, 7.3, 7.5, etc.

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