Project Name: Asia Pacific Regional Simplified Standard
May 2018 – January 2020

Objective:
• To develop a regional Forest Stewardship Standard for smallholders and communities in Asia Pacific that will:
  o Focus on smallholders’ operations with simple language that is understandable by individual smallholders
  o Address concerns expressed by stakeholders, certificate holders, and certification bodies
  o Consider the inclusion of new mechanisms to improve smallholders’ certification access and cost

Activities/Methodology:
• Developed the framework for the simplified standard, in accordance with FSC requirements
• Recruited and established Technical Advisory Group from environmental, social, and economic chambers
• Launched open call for regional Consultative Forum to include stakeholders, certification bodies, FSC national offices, etc.
• Technical Advisory Group functioning via online calls and in-person meetings

Geography & Unique Needs:
• India, Indonesia, Thailand, and Vietnam
• Smallholders with no access to markets
• Smallholders with very limited financial resources, highly dependent on their land
• Particular challenges with complex tenure rights conditions

Outcomes:
• Under development

Reference Documents:
• FSC-PRO-01-001 Development and Revision of FSC Normative Documents
• FSC-STD-60-006 Process requirements for the development and maintenance of National Forest Stewardship Standards

2019 GOALS
Asia Pacific Regional Simplified Standard will be available for use in 2020
Smallholders will understand the standard and its requirements
Certification is more accessible for smallholders
Other regions will benefit from the results associated to the simplified standard
30% accomplished

PROJECT LINKS
To align with or provide input to:
• Latin America Continuous Improvement participatory workshops
• Eastern Africa Continuous Improvement field tests
• FSC guidance for SDGs (smallholders and communities’ provisions)
• Risk Based Approach project