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
45% accomplished

PROJECT LINKS
To provide input to:
- Group Certification Standard revision
- Forest Management Evaluation Standard revision