



DOUBLE CERTIFICATION FSC and PEFC – 2019 ESTIMATION

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Various foresters in different parts of the world have chosen to use both FSC and PEFC certification for their forest management units to provide evidence for their sustainable forest management practices.

Statistically, it means that their respective certified forest area appears in both the PEFC and FSC statistics. This poses a challenge for the calculation of the total certified area in several countries and of the total global certified area: adding up FSC and PEFC certified forest area leads to inflated figures.

To solve this issue, PEFC and FSC decided in 2016 to provide mutually agreed estimates for the total global certified area. Estimates are published annually since that year. The overview below reflects the situation as of mid-2019.

In terms of total global certified forest area, 430 million ha were certified in mid-2019 – versus 424 by mid-2018. By mid-2019 FSC reported a total certified area of 200 million ha and PEFC of 325 million ha.

Currently, double certification exists in 33 countries (see table below). Compared to the same period in 2018, the double certified area has increased from 86 to 92 million ha (an increase of 7 per cent). This corresponds to 18 per cent of the total certified area.

Russia and Sweden are the countries registering the highest absolute growth in terms of double certified area.

Please note that the provided data only covers forest area certified by FSC or a PEFC-endorsed system, and not the areas certified by other schemes. The provided figures should be regarded as best estimates.

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DOUBLE CERTIFICATION FSC and PEFC (2016 – 2019)

Country	End 2016	Mid-2017	Mid-2018	Mid-2019
Argentina	0	0	188.625	218.151
Australia	1.040.000	1.074.071	1.077.058	1.071.010
Belarus	7.672.207	8.023.853	8.036.556	8.327.266
Brazil	2.500.000	2.491.572	3.566.029	3.566.029
Canada	17.491.172	17.491.172	23.132.933	19.724.028
Chile	1.908.549	1.908.549	1.908.549	1.915.480
China	0	45.730	185.240	198.785
Czechia	50.751	50.751	51.792	62.334
Denmark	208.794	208.762	212.394	214.514
Estonia	1.011.494	1.063.407	1.126.015	1.115.876
Finland	1.233.000	1.281.799	1.581.434	1.623.311
France	24.612	24.612	51.594	52.162
Gabon	0	0	0	596.822
Germany	893.111	895.682	972.369	1.123.187
Ireland	376.108	376.108	376.108	376.108
Italy	32.569	51.582	52.063	52.068
Japan	0	44.651	44.651	44.417
Latvia	845.038	843.928	844.106	845.308
Luxembourg	13.500	15.348	15.795	15.795
Malaysia	126.940	126.940	127.120	136.940
New Zealand	0	5.272	417.262	591.756
Norway	411.000	411.000	445.874	445.874
Poland	6.870.607	6.917.105	6.923.784	6.738.985
Portugal	245.267	249.782	243.548	265.405
Russian Federation	8.964.595	9.157.130	12.564.636	19.157.965
Slovakia	9.000	88.098	87.349	130.398
Slovenia	106.041	13.000	252.000	252.000
Spain	157.641	131.828	143.839	167.293
Sweden	7.200.000	7.200.000	11.200.000	12.181.095
Switzerland	208.949	208.949	240.386	211.496
United Kingdom	1.400.000	1.410.288	1.413.666	1.496.736
United States of America	8.886.456	8.819.910	8.782.900	9.071.019
Uruguay	253.671	488.142	391.134	528.620
TOTAL	70.144.072	71.067.491	86.656.809	92.518.233