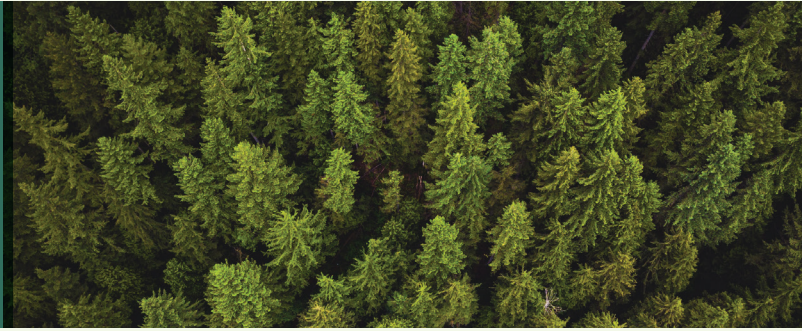


THE VALUE OF FSC® CERTIFICATION PROJECT CERTIFICATION



About FSC

Healthy forests help life on Earth thrive. The Forest Stewardship Council® (FSC®) founded in 1994 is a nonprofit organization governed by environmental, social, and economic perspectives equally and covers more than 150 million hectares of certified forests and is the global benchmark for sustainable forestry. NGOs, consumers, and businesses alike trust FSC to protect and enhance healthy and resilient forests, for all, forever.



What is FSC Project Certification?

FSC Project Certification helps builders, contractors, architects, and artists make a tangible commitment to sustainable forestry by attracting sustainability-minded customers and investors who trust FSC.

FSC Project Certification is designed for builders, contractors, architects, artists, or anyone with a project that includes forest-based materials, whether large-scale, permanent, or temporary. It verifies that the forest materials that form part of a project come from FSC-certified forests, recycled, or controlled sources and allows the creator or builder to make their forest commitment tangible, showcasing this commitment to important

stakeholders and potential investors who know and trust FSC. It also grants certificate holders access to the FSC logo and trademarks and allows them to make strong sustainability claims to communicate their commitment to forest-friendly sourcing.

As the construction sector increasingly seeks out materials with lower greenhouse gas emissions, better energy efficiency, and a smaller environmental footprint, they look to forest-based materials to meet these goals.

FSC-STD-40-006 FSC Standard for Project Certification V(2-0)



FSC sets the foundation for green building certification

Many green building programs around the world recognize the value of FSC-certified wood and FSC project certification. For example, LEED Platinum and Living Building Challenge have an exclusive preference for FSC-certified materials. Other internationally known green building programs that recognize FSC are:

- Green Star South Africa
- Green Star Australia
- German Sustainable Building Council (DGNB – Germany)
- Comprehensive Assessment System for Built Environment Efficiency (CASBEE – Japan)
- Building Research Establishment Environmental Assessment Method (BREEAM)

Types of FSC Project Certification

- Continuous project certification: project certification that enables organizations to manage and obtain FSC-project certification for multiple projects on a continual basis.
- One-time project certification: project certification that applies to the certification of a single project.

This visual features Congolaise Industrielle des Bois (CIB), a subsidiary of Olam Agri, who FSC Project certified the construction of a restaurant for employees of the Wildlife Conservation Society. (FSC-P001887)

Claims an organization can make with FSC Project Certification

- Full certification: all forest-based materials and products used in the project are FSC-certified.
- FSC claims on specific project components: claims can be made on specific components that are FSC-certified (for example, all window frames are FSC-certified).
- Percentage claims: claims can be made about a percentage of forest-based materials used in the final project that are FSC-certified, claiming contributing inputs. The remaining forest-based materials must be pre-consumer reclaimed wood, controlled material, and/or FSC Controlled Wood.

Project certification roadmap

To begin the project certification process, contact your local FSC team. They can provide specific details for your region and help get you started.



01: Source FSC materials

Find certified suppliers. Send an email to fscafrica@fsc.org



02: Choose an FSC-accredited certification body

Only independent, third-party, accredited certification bodies can conduct audits and provide the certification for your organization.



03: Collect supporting documents

Gather all the information needed to prove that you meet the necessary requirements.



05: Receive approval

Once your conformance is validated, your project certificate is issued as a FSC P XXXXXX license code)



04: Complete an assessment

Your certification body will conduct an assessment to validate your conformance with FSC requirements.



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