Consumers of charcoal and firewood are becoming more and more aware of where these products are coming from and want to know that their purchases are not encouraging deforestation, the illegal harvesting of protected indigenous, illegal poaching of fauna species and poor working conditions for labour.

In Namibia, FSC certified charcoal and other biomass products are produced from the thinning clearing of indigenous encroacher and alien invasive bush and tree species which that harms the savannah habitat. This production of biomass products helps to restore the ecosystems in the areas which have been severely affected, bringing back greater levels of biodiversity and building climate change resilience.

Look out for the FSC logo on charcoal and firewood products. FSC provides assurance that biomass products originate from a responsibly managed forest.

For more information on how your organisation can partner with FSC in doing this, contact us.

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- **Zero deforestation**: Although trees are harvested, there is no net loss of forest over time.
- **Environmental protection**: FSC certification requires biodiversity and high conservation value areas - including old growth forests - to be conserved.
- **Community rights respected**: FSC certification requires local communities near and in forests to be consulted and engaged, and their cultural rights to be respected.
- **Fair wage and work environment for workers**: FSC certification requires training, safety and decent wages for all workers.

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