THE VALUE OF FSC® CERTIFICATION

CHARCOAL

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 South Africa FSC® certified charcoal is produced from alien invasive tree species. Landowners and managers comply with the local FSC Forest Management Standard. Organisations in the supply chain have been certified to the FSC Chain of Custody Standard to demonstrate the charcoal and other biomass products originated from responsibly managed forests.

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.

The Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) is the world’s most trusted sustainable forest management solution. As the original pioneers of forest certification, FSC has over 25 years of experience in setting the gold standard for sustainable forest management.

FSC - Certified Forests have environmental, economic and social benefits.

- **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

- **Indigenous Peoples’ rights respected**
  FSC certification requires forest inhabitants to be consulted and engaged, and 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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