



Code	INT-FSC-STD-ZAF-01-2017_01
Requirement(s)	FSC-STD-ZAF-01-2017 V1-0 The FSC National Forest Stewardship Standard for the Republic of South Africa, Section 2.1 FSC-STD-01-001 V5-2, Preamble, Section 3 ADV-20-007-01 INT-STD-01-001_16
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Is it possible to certify area invaded with alien invasive tree species in South Africa? Yes, provided the area meets the definition of “forest” as prescribed in the ‘National Forests Act, 1998 (Act No. 84 of 1998) of South Africa’ (hereafter referred to as ‘National Forests Act’), and the management system is in conformity with the FSC Principles and Criteria, demonstrated through the applicable forest stewardship standard. If the area does not meet the definition of “forest” as prescribed in the National Forests Act but is considered as ‘other vegetation type’ as per FSC-STD-01-001 V5-2 <i>FSC Principles and Criteria</i> , INT-STD-01-001_16 applies. NOTE: “Forest’ includes— (a) a natural forest, a woodland, and a plantation; (b) the forest produces in it; and (c) the ecosystems which it makes up.” (Source: National Forests Act) Natural Forest, Woodland and Plantation are further defined in the National Forests Act. Which forest stewardship standard is applicable? If the forest type meets the legal definition of natural forest and/or woodland, as per the National Forests Act, an existing CB adapted standard for South Africa shall be used. If the forest type meets the legal definition of plantation, as per the National Forests Act, the FSC National Forest Stewardship Standard of the Republic of South Africa (FSC-STD-ZAF-01-2017 V1-0) shall be used.	