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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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**Forest Management Certification**
FSC’s forest management certification is awarded to organizations managing their forest operations in socially, environmentally and economically responsible ways. The management of both natural and plantation forests falls under forest management certification.

**For forest operators**

**Chain of Custody (CoC) Certification**
Any company involved in the processing or transformation of FSC-certified products (e.g. manufacturing, repackaging, or re-labelling) must obtain chain of custody certification to apply an FSC label to their products and/or sell them with an FSC claim.

**For companies**

**Promotional License**
Assurance is provided to consumers that FSC supply chain integrity is maintained at each link in the value chain. Brand owners and retailers may enter into strategic promotional partnerships with FSC.

**For non-certified retailers**

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The Forest Stewardship Council® (FSC) is the world’s most trusted sustainable forest management solution. As the original pioneer of forest certification in 1994, FSC has been setting the gold standard for sustainable forest management.

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