

# FSC® Project Certification

## Certify your use of responsible timber in construction

Project certification helps you to demonstrate that your construction project supports sustainable forest management through use of certified timber.

Sustainability is a key theme in construction, and timber is gaining ground as a climate-conscious choice of building material. Architects and developers are increasingly aware of the options for using wood materials in modern and eco-friendly building design. This naturally leads to increased focus on the responsible origin of the timber.

### What is project certification?

You can FSC certify your project under FSC's special chain of custody requirements for one-time or continuous projects. Any type and size of project may be certified, from a TV set to a large-scale housing complex.

There are several types of project certification:

- ✓ **One-time project certification:** Project certification for a single project.
- ✓ **Continuous project certification:** Project certifications that allows organisations to continuously obtain FSC project certification for several projects.
- ✓ **Full project certification:** Demonstrates that all wood-based material used for the construction project is either FSC certified, post-consumer

reclaimed material or pre-consumer reclaimed paper.

- ✓ **FSC claims on specific components of a project:** When full project certification is not an option, this possibility allows the organisation to make claims about the use of certified timber for specific parts of the construction, such as doors or windows.
- ✓ **Percentage claims:** When full project certification is not an option, this possibility allows the organisation to make claims about the share of certified timber used in the project.

### Why choose FSC project certification?

FSC is widely recognised as a credible scheme that provides assurance for responsible timber. FSC project certification is a good choice if you wish to demonstrate to your clients, investors and the wider society that you are serious about responsible timber sourcing. In addition, you will gain the opportunity to:

- ✓ Document the share of certified timber used for a construction project, in support of the world's forests.
- ✓ Communicate in public about your use of certified timber.
- ✓ Use FSC's logo and trademarks throughout the project and as long as the construction exists.



Knowing that the material is sustainable adds an extra quality dimension on top of stylish design, modern architecture and good craftsmanship. An FSC certified project helps you to tell a good story about the construction.

## Who owns the project certificate?

The certificate is issued for the project via the project manager, who is responsible for ensuring that the project follows FSC's requirements. The project manager may be a construction company or developer, and may be a company or an individual person.

Contractors working with FSC certified timber used for the project are included as "project members". The project manager ensures that the project members meet FSC's requirements.



## Project certification in brief

1. In dialogue with Preferred by Nature, you decide on the scope of the project certificate. We assign a Preferred by Nature contact person for your organisation.
2. You provide instructions and training to all suppliers of FSC-input material for the project, explaining how to handle certified material.
3. At project start, we conduct an audit to verify that you have adequate systems in place to ensure traceability of the FSC material. If we approve your project, you will gain access to use of FSC's logo and trademarks in promoting the project.
4. At the end of the project, we conduct a second audit and prepare a report.
5. Based on a positive result, we issue an FSC project certificate. The certificate remains valid as long as the construction exists. However, significant reconstruction requires a new certificate.

## We are experts on responsible timber

Preferred by Nature is an international non-profit organisation working to mainstream sustainability. We do this through development projects, and by helping companies to take responsible approaches to their impact on the world's forests and climate.

We have worked with sustainable forestry and the FSC system for 25 years, providing auditing and training services. Our current FSC portfolio totals over 66 million hectares and we cater to over 3500 FSC certified companies worldwide. We draw on our expertise in developing collaborative projects to make the FSC system more accessible to business and credible to stakeholders.

## Green services for the construction sector

Beyond FSC certification, we can also PEFC certify your project. You can also have your project certified according to both schemes.

In addition, we are experts on timber legality and help companies to tackle their obligations under the EU Timber Regulation (EUTR). If you import timber or timber products from countries outside of the EU, it may be relevant for you to understand the EUTR and how you can meet its requirements for due diligence.

In addition, we can help you to take a systematic approach to climate impact mitigation, so that you can effectively measure and reduce your carbon footprint.

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