



NEPCon

Sustainability in practice



NEPCon works to build capacity and commitment for mainstreaming sustainability.

We work with businesses, NGOs and governments on developing solutions to major global challenges such as deforestation and climate change.

NEPCon (Nature Economy and People Connected) is an international non-profit organisation. We have over 220 staff located across Europe, Russia, Asia, Australia, Africa, North America, Central and South America.

For almost 25 years, we have worked to foster sustainable land use and responsible trade in forest products. We do this through innovative projects, capacity building and sustainability services.

A self-managing division of NEPCon promotes and delivers our sustainability certification services. Surplus from these activities supports the development and implementation of our non-profit projects.

Choosing solutions that work

Market-based sustainability instruments are only credible if they create positive impacts on the ground. We offer our services under well-recognised schemes, and we focus on providing high-quality services.

We also help develop and improve the systems we work with.

As a subscriber to the ISEAL Alliance, we are committed to creating credible social and environmental standards.

Our vision is a world where human choices ensure a sustainable future.

– Peter Feilberg, NEPCon Executive Director

International collaboration

We work together with other organisations to develop green solutions with maximal impact.

For example, we participate in the development of certification systems such as Forest Stewardship Council™ (FSC™) and Sustainable Biomass Program (SBP) and are active in various other networks such as ISEAL and Sustainable Agriculture Network (SAN). In addition, we contribute to key global discussions at conferences and meetings around the world.



NEPCon experts voting at the FSC General Assembly 2017

Knowledge sharing

In line with our Open Source Policy, whenever helpful and appropriate, we freely share the tools and materials that we develop.

Initiatives that foster change

We engage in projects that develop new green solutions, conserve biodiversity or help buyers to make sustainable choices.



What we do

Our main focus is on overcoming barriers to sustainable development. For example, we develop toolkits and courses for small and medium-sized enterprises, supporting these organisations in taking responsible approaches despite their limited resources.

Our projects are funded by donors, governments and companies and have supported the establishment of over 100 protected areas. We make our risk assessments, tools and other information freely available at www.nepcon.org/sourcinghub. To date, we have evaluated forest legality in 70 countries.

Learn more at www.nepcon.org/projects



NEPCon Sourcing Hub

Timber Beef Soy Palm

The largest and most detailed collection of risk assessments ever published

Capacity building

Knowledge and skills are key to sustainable development. Thousands of delegates from over 30 countries have joined training events where our experts share their insights.

Tailored sustainability services

We offer bespoke services that draw on our expertise. This includes analyses, strategic development and capacity building. Our customers are companies, government agencies, NGOs and investors.

Timber certification

We provide FSC certification to more than 1500 certified companies and 31 million hectares of FSC-certified forests. In addition, we offer PEFC Chain of Custody (CoC) and generic CoC certification as well as forest contractor certification. We also provide related training and information.

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Timber legality services

Our LegalSource™ Programme is designed for organisations sourcing and supplying legal timber products. It is particularly useful for companies importing timber products into regulated markets such as the EU, the U.S. and Australia - and for companies that supply these markets.

Responsible biomass

We provide SBP certification to energy producers who want to ensure that their woody biomass is both sourced responsibly and has known climate credentials. We assess the risks associated with sourcing biomass feedstocks for several European countries.

Climate change

Our Carbon Footprint Management Standard helps our clients measure and reduce their carbon emissions year on year. Our forest carbon verification services include projects on reforestation, avoided deforestation and improved forest management.

RSPO

We are an accredited certification body to carry out Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO) supply chain audits.

Sustainable agriculture

We offer Sustainable Agriculture Chain of Custody certification controls the flow of certified farm products from farm to shelf. We also provide Agriculture Certification to ensure farms meet comprehensive environmental, social, and economic criteria set out in the Rainforest Alliance Sustainable Agriculture Standards.

Sustainable tourism

We offer hotels and tour operators certification and services to help them improve and promote their environmental, social and economic practices against our GSTC recognised standards and internationally accredited scheme.

Contact us

If you would like to learn more about our work or are interested in collaborating with us, please contact us at info@nepcon.org