Introduction - Preferred by Nature is conducting forest management and chain of custody certification reassessments of the Hlavní město Praha, Czech Republic. The assessment will be implemented from 07. to 08. 04. 2022.

Scope of the Certification Assessment – The forest management certification reassessment will assess the environmental, silvicultural and socioeconomic aspects of the forests managed by Hlavní město Praha, using the Czech FSC Standard for Natural forest and plantation (FSC-STD-CZE-03-2013). To obtain a copy of the applicable guidelines or to make comments about these standards, please contact Preferred by Nature by telephone, email or website listed below. Preferred by Nature is accredited by the Forest Stewardship Council™ (FSC™) and this assessment process must follow procedures which have been approved.

The forest under evaluation contains areas either identified as High Conservation Value Forests or where high conservation values, as defined by the FSC, are likely found. Preferred by Nature evaluates the identification, management and protection of these High Conservation Values and solicits related comments from stakeholders.

Assessment Team Composition – The assessment team will be composed as follows:
Lead auditor - Juraj Tužinský from Slovakia
Auditor - Vladan Riedl from Czech Republic.

Assessment Steps and Schedule – Following is a short description of the certification process and a tentative agenda:
- Assessment organization – Preferred by Nature will start audit in Praha on 07.04.2022.
- Field assessments – The team will visit office, sites managed by Hlavní město Praha and other sites connected with management from 07. to 08.04.2022.
- Stakeholder consultation – Throughout the fieldwork, the team will contact local stakeholders regarding Hlavní město Praha.
- Final assessment briefing – Prior to departure the team will meet with Hlavní město Praha and other parties to finalize their data collection and present preliminary findings.
- Draft report production – The assessment team will produce a confidential draft report that will be circulated for comment to Hlavní město Praha. This should occur 30 days after completion of the reassessment.
- Certification decision – Upon receipt of comments on the draft report from Hlavní město Praha and other general stakeholder comments, Preferred by Nature will reach a certification decision. Barring unforeseen obstacles, this should occur by 14.05.2022.

Your Input Sought – As a part of the forest certification assessment process we invite stakeholders to offer comment and feedback on Hlavní město Praha forest management in relation to conformance with the requirements of the forest management standard referenced above as well as comments on the FME's management and protection of High Conservation Values within the forest under evaluation. We welcome input, either public or confidential, in whatever form is easiest and most secure for you. Your input will be valuable at any stage of the assessment process, but we would prefer to receive your comments either prior to the assessment, during the assessment so that we can take them into consideration in reaching a certification decision. Your options for communicating your observations to us are as follows:
1. Meet with a Preferred by Nature assessment team member before or during the fieldwork.
2. Call and give comments to Juraj Tužinský, Preferred by Nature staff person responsible for coordinating this certification assessment.
3. Submit written comments by mail or email to Juraj Tužinský.

Unless you request otherwise, these comments will be kept confidential and are solely for the purposes of assessing the Hlavní mesto Praha. The source of any information provided will be kept confidential available to only to FSC and Preferred by Nature staff.

Stakeholders who may wish to dispute any aspect of the forest certification process or decision can access Preferred by Nature ‘s Dispute Resolution Policy at https://preferredbynature.org/dispute-resolution-policy

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