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Assesment audit for FSC® Forest Management / Chain of Custody certificate of

Takone S.A.R.L. / Serei No Nengone

in

Guahma District, Mare, Nouvelle-Calédonie

Introduction

Preferred by Nature is conducting an FSC® forest management and chain of custody annual audit of Takone S.A.R.L. and the Chain of Custody of Serei No Nengone in Guahma District, Mare, Nouvelle-Calédonie. The evaluation will be conducted during the week of **July 18th, 2022**.

Scope of Evaluation

The FSC® forest management certification audit will assess the environmental, silvicultural and socioeconomic aspects of Takone SARL using the French FSC® Forest management standard (FSC-STD-NCL-01-2021) : <https://fr.fsc.org/fr-fr/outre-mer/la-nouvelle-caledonie>

The FSC® Chain of Custody certification audit of Serei No Nengone will be made using the FSC® Chain of Custody standard FSC-STD-40-004 V3-1 FR : <https://fr.fsc.org/fr-fr/tracabilite/types-de-certificats>

Preferred by Nature is accredited by the Forest Stewardship Council® (FSC) and this evaluation will follow procedures which have been approved by the Forest Stewardship Council®.

Team Composition

The audit will be led by Mylène Raimbault, forest engineer.

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Steps and Schedule

Following is a short description of the evaluation process and a tentative agenda:

- Field visits – During the week of July 18th 2022, the audit team will conduct field visits of recent and active forest management operations in the certified area.
- Stakeholder consultation – Throughout the fieldwork, the team will contact local stakeholders regarding the forest management activities of the audited organizations in communities surrounding the forest area. This can include private interviews and discussions as well as public meetings.
- Final evaluation briefing – Prior to departure the auditor will meet with the organization managers and other parties to finalize their data collection and present preliminary findings.
- Draft report production – The auditor will produce a confidential draft report that will be circulated for comment to Takone S.A.R.L and Serei No Nengone. This should occur within one month after completion of the evaluation.

Certification decision – Upon receipt of comments on the draft report from the organisation, and other general stakeholder comments, Preferred by Nature will reach a certification decision. Barring unforeseen obstacles, this should occur by October 20th, 2022

We welcome your comments

We invite stakeholders and indigenous peoples to provide us with feedback on the certificate holder's compliance with the requirements of the forest management standard and the chain of custody standard referenced above. We welcome all comments, whether public or confidential. Your comments will be considered at any stage of the audit process, but we prefer to receive your comments before the audit is complete, so that we can take them into account in the certification decision. Your options for providing us with your comments are as follows:

1. Meet with a member of the Preferred by Nature audit team before or during the audit.
2. Communicate your comments to a Preferred by Nature staff member (see contact information below).

The source of any information provided will remain confidential, available only to the FSC and Preferred by Nature staff.

The Complaints, Appeals and Dispute Resolution Policy is available to stakeholders and indigenous peoples at www.preferredbynature.org

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