

## Forest Management Certification Re-assessment of Tamil Nadu Newsprint and Papers Limited in Tamilnadu

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**Introduction** - PbN is conducting forest management and Chain of Custody certification re-assessments of the Tamil Nadu Newsprint and Papers Limited located in Tamilnadu, India. The assessment will be implemented from 22 to 27 June 2023.

**Scope of the Certification Assessment** – The forest management certification assessment will assess the environmental, silvicultural and socioeconomic aspects of the Tamil Nadu Newsprint and Papers Limited 20,674.79 hectares PLANTATIONS using the FSC-STD-IND-01-2022 EN The FSC Forest Stewardship Standard for India; FSC-STD-50-001 V2-1; Requirements for use of the FSC® trademarks by certificate holders and FSC-STD-30-005 V2-0 EN Forest management groups. To obtain a copy of the applicable guidelines or to make comments about these standards, please contact PbN by telephone, FAX, email, or website listed below. Please note that the standard may be modified to take account of stakeholder comments. PbN 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 to be found. PbN 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 led by Mr. Aadarsh Mohandas. The team members will be Mr. Marimuthuram Mahendran and Mr. Nguyen Van Hau .

**Assessment Steps and Schedule** – Following is a short description of the certification process and a tentative agenda:

- Assessment organisation – PbN team will assemble in Tamilnadu on 21 June.
- Field assessments – The team will visit sites managed by Tamil Nadu Newsprint and Papers Limited from 22 to 27 June 2023
- Stakeholder consultation – Throughout the fieldwork, the team will contact local stakeholders regarding Tamil Nadu Newsprint and Papers Limited forest management in villages surrounding the forest area. This will include private interviews and discussions, and public stakeholder meetings.
- Final assessment briefing – Prior to departure the team will meet with Tamil Nadu Newsprint and Papers Limited managers 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 Tamil Nadu Newsprint and Papers Limited. This should occur few days after completion of the assessment.
- Certification decision – Upon receipt of comments on the draft report from Tamil Nadu Newsprint and Papers Limited forest managers and independent peer reviewers, and other general stakeholder

comments, PbN will reach a certification decision. Barring unforeseen obstacles, this should occur by 30 June.

**Your Input Sought** – As a part of the forest certification assessment process we invite stakeholders to offer comment and feedback on Tamil Nadu Newsprint and Papers Limited forest management in relation to conformance with the requirements of the forest management standard referenced above. 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, or prior to 29 June so that we can take them into consideration in reaching a certification decision by 30 June. Your options for communicating your observations to us are as follows.

1. Meet with a PbN assessment team member during or shortly after the fieldwork.
2. Call and give comments to Mr. Pratama Bagus Kurniaji, PbN staff person responsible for coordinating this certification assessment from Asia Pacific Regional Office. If Mr. Pratama Bagus Kurniaji is not in the office, please give your comments to Mr. Praveen Kumar Singh.
3. Submit written comments by mail, FAX or email to Mr. Pratama Bagus Kurniaji. Unless you request otherwise, these comments will be kept confidential and are solely for the purposes of assessing the Tamil Nadu Newsprint and Papers Limited.

The source of any information provided will be kept confidential, available only to FSC and PbN staff.

Stakeholders who may wish to dispute any aspect of the forest certification process or decision can access PbN's Dispute Resolution Policy at [www.PbN.org](http://www.PbN.org).

### Contacting PbN

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