



Delivering services for a sustainable future.....

International markets for wood and wood-based products require that raw materials originate from responsibly managed forests. Forest Certification provides consumer confidence that the wood is sourced in a sustainable manner. Forest management- and chain of custody certificates issued to producers and suppliers by an independent third-party, document sustainability throughout the wood supply chain.

Norwegian Forestry Group through its Lead Partner is responsible for forest management- and chain of custody certificates under the two main certification systems currently in place in Norway, namely PEFC™ and FSC™. NFG consultants have developed the internal work routines and rules for best forest practices, and are currently maintaining the systems for a major Norwegian timber marketing company.

What does Norwegian Forestry Group offer?

- Assist in the preparation and development of national- and regional standards for forest certification;
- Design a cost-efficient forest management certification system, and assist the certificate holder to implement the system
- Prepare the client for chain of custody certification, and assist to maintain the system;
- Conduct second-party internal audits



Consultant and operator of a processor discuss a harvesting plan.

Whom do we assist?

Government Authorities, Forestry Associations, Forest Owners, Tree Growers, timber marketing companies, wood-processing industries, NGOs and other civil society organizations.

Being a certificate holder requires periodical assessments and monitoring to ensure long-term productive capacity of the wood resource



Ensuring Sustainability through Transfer of Knowledge

NFG works close with the partner/customer throughout the implementation of assignments. This is to enable knowledge transfer and to ensure the sustainability of the outputs. It is important to adjust and adapt to local conditions, in order for the certification services to be relevant to the end user.

Sustainable forestry and wood processing must be commercially viable. NFG translates the requirements and standards of the certification organization into a practical system of policy and goals, work routines and documentation, tailored to customer needs.



Maintaining a buffer zone between the harvesting area and water and wetland areas are required



Occupational health and safety at works are a key component to certification. Workers and passers-by are reminded of the risk of the log storage.



Usnea longissima is a beard lichen in old conifer forests. It requires management through selection harvesting.



The forest management and/or chain of custody certificate is evidence of sustainable operations. Each certificate holds a unique number, the logo of the accredited external auditor and the national accreditation body.

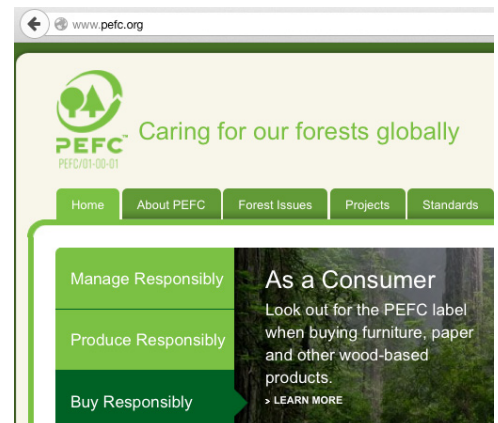
The certificate holders are issued a license that authorizes the use of the systems' logo and label for "on-product" promotion and information and communication materials.

The image shows a client's certificate of compliance with ISO 14001 Environmental Management System standards and operations in adherence with the principles of the national PEFC standard for sustainable forest management.

Program for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC™)

PEFC is a not-for-profit NGO and a leading global forest management certification organization. PEFC is the choice of medium- to small-sized private forest owners, who become part of a certified group, thus sharing the financial burdens.

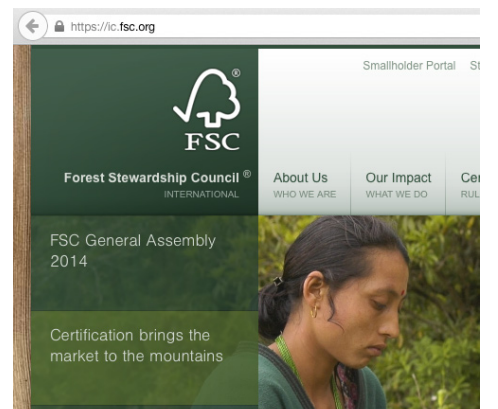
More information on www.pefc.org



Forest Stewardship Council (FSC™)

FSC is a not-for-profit global organization promoting responsible forest management. FSC' set of principles and criteria provide the standards that certified organizations must adhere to. FSC is generally regarded as the choice for larger, commercial forest owners and managers, who have permanent administration and professional staff in place.

More information on www.fsc.org



References and Previous Projects – NFG Lead Partner

Chain of Custody Certification System Development, Norway 2014: Work included preparation of the system for chain of custody certification under FSC™ and PEFC™ schemes for NORTØMMER Ltd. The partner is currently maintaining the certificates.

Forest Management Certification System Development, Norway 2012: Work included the design and development of a complete system for FSC forest management group certification for NORTØMMER Ltd. Funded by NORTØMMER Ltd. and group certificate members.

Forest Management Certificate System Development, Norway 2002 – 2003: Work included the design and development of a system for PEFC forest management group certification. Customer was the log marketing company NORTØMMER Ltd. Funded by NORTØMMER Ltd. and group certificate members.

Forest Certification Company Development, Norway 2001-2002: Work included the establishment of the not-for-profit, independent company, *Norwegian Forest Certification Ltd.*, to become an umbrella organization for a group of PEFC certified forest owners. NFG Lead Partner is currently responsible for group management and maintaining the system

National Forest Certification Standard Development, Norway 2000: Participated in the development of the “Living Forest” Standard for sustainable forest management in Norway, which paved the way for PEFC/ISO 14001 forest management certification.

Forest Sector Program, Serbia 2003- 2005: One program component included designing and recommending solutions for forest management certification in Serbia. Funded by the Government of Norway.

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