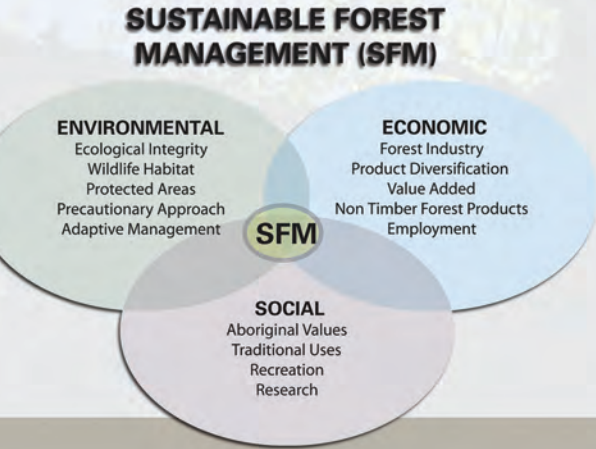


What is FSC certification?

FSC certification uses third-party auditors to ensure that forest managers, practitioners, and operators comply with established standards for sustainable forest management.

FSC certification provides assurance to all stakeholders that management practices:

- Ensure environmental, social, and economic benefits from the forest
- Provide for the long-term social and economic well-being of local communities
- Maintain the ecological functions, overall health, and integrity of the forest
- Specify long-term goals and provide for ongoing monitoring & assessment
- Address the compositional, structural, and functional aspects of biodiversity within the forest ecosystem
- Are applied consistently across the forested landscape



“Independent, internationally renowned standards provide credible results and the ability to ensure sound forest management activities at Larose Forest for the residents of Prescott and Russell.”

~ Louis Prévost, DIRECTOR - PLANNING
UNITED COUNTIES OF PRESCOTT & RUSSELL

The FSC® is the only forest certification system supported by the World Wildlife Fund Canada, Sierra Club of Canada, and the National Aboriginal Forestry Association. All products carrying the FSC label contain virgin wood from FSC-certified forests, controlled sources and/or verified recycled content/post consumer waste.

For More Information on the EOMF Forest Certification Program

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The Eastern Ontario Model Forest

As one of the 15 model forests in the Canadian Model Forest Network, the Eastern Ontario Model Forest works with government, landowners, industry, First Nations and other stakeholders to develop new ways to sustain and manage our forest resources.

The EOMF champions the belief that we all have a stake in ensuring that the environmental, economic, cultural and social values of Eastern Ontario's forests are maintained for the benefit of all, now and in the future.

Visit: www.eomf.on.ca



The Forest Stewardship Council®

The Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) is an international, independent, non-profit, non-governmental organization formed to support environmentally appropriate, socially beneficial, and economically viable forest management around the world through the certification of forest management practices.

Currently there are more than 100 million hectares of FSC-certified forest in over 81 countries. Canada represents the largest area of FSC-certified forest in the world. FSC is the fastest growing forest certification system in the world (UN FAO 2007).

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“Forest Certification has provided an increased awareness about forest values typically not managed for, such as First Nations cultural values..”

~ Chris Craig, SENIOR FOREST TECHNICIAN
SOUTH NATION CONSERVATION

“The key benefit is in working with dedicated, like-minded people; sharing experiences, approaches, markets, and knowledge.”

~ Ray Fortune, EASTERN ONTARIO CERTIFIED FOREST OWNER
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“FSC certification of community forests provides assurances to the public that their forests are being managed for current and future generations.”

~ Martin Streit, STEWARDSHIP COORDINATOR
LEEDS GRENVILLE STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL

Benefits of Forest Certification

- A framework to implement sustainable forest management
- Assurance of a forest well managed for all values
- Accountability for forest management practices
- Access to unique markets and potential for increased revenues from the sale of wood products

Certification provides benefits at all stages of forest management and assures everyone, from the novice woodlot owner to the end consumer, that the forest and all its dependants have been considered and are being responsibly managed.

How Does Forest Certification Work?

Forest certification involves the independent evaluation of a forest to determine if forest management practices comply with the established environmental and socio-economic standards of the Forest Stewardship Council. In eastern Ontario, practices must meet the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence standards. Certified forests are subject to annual audits.

The Eastern Ontario Model Forest has developed a collaborative certification process for private land and community forests. The certification process is traditionally an onerous and expensive undertaking for individual landowners to pursue alone. The EOMF Forest Certification Program allows for numerous landowners and community forests to share the benefits and costs of FSC certification by certifying their lands as one unit, with one certificate.

The EOMF Forest Certification Model

The EOMF manages a FSC certificate (SW-FM/COC 000-232) on behalf of private woodlot owners and community forests in eastern Ontario. Interested landowners and community forest managers sign a memorandum of understanding with the EOMF that indicates their commitment to managing their forest within the Principles & Criteria of the Forest Stewardship Council and within the EOMF's Forest Certification Policies & Procedures Manual.

For private woodlot owners in eastern Ontario, the EOMF program provides an opportunity to join a group of certified woodlot owners. Certified woodlot owner groups, in partnership with the EOMF, support their members by:

- Coordinating workshops and other educational activities
- Distributing knowledge and information on best management practices
- Exploring market opportunities for FSC-certified products

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Limerick Forest
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