



Forest Stewardship Council®



FSC™ certification

FSC Rubber wood and Latex in Thailand

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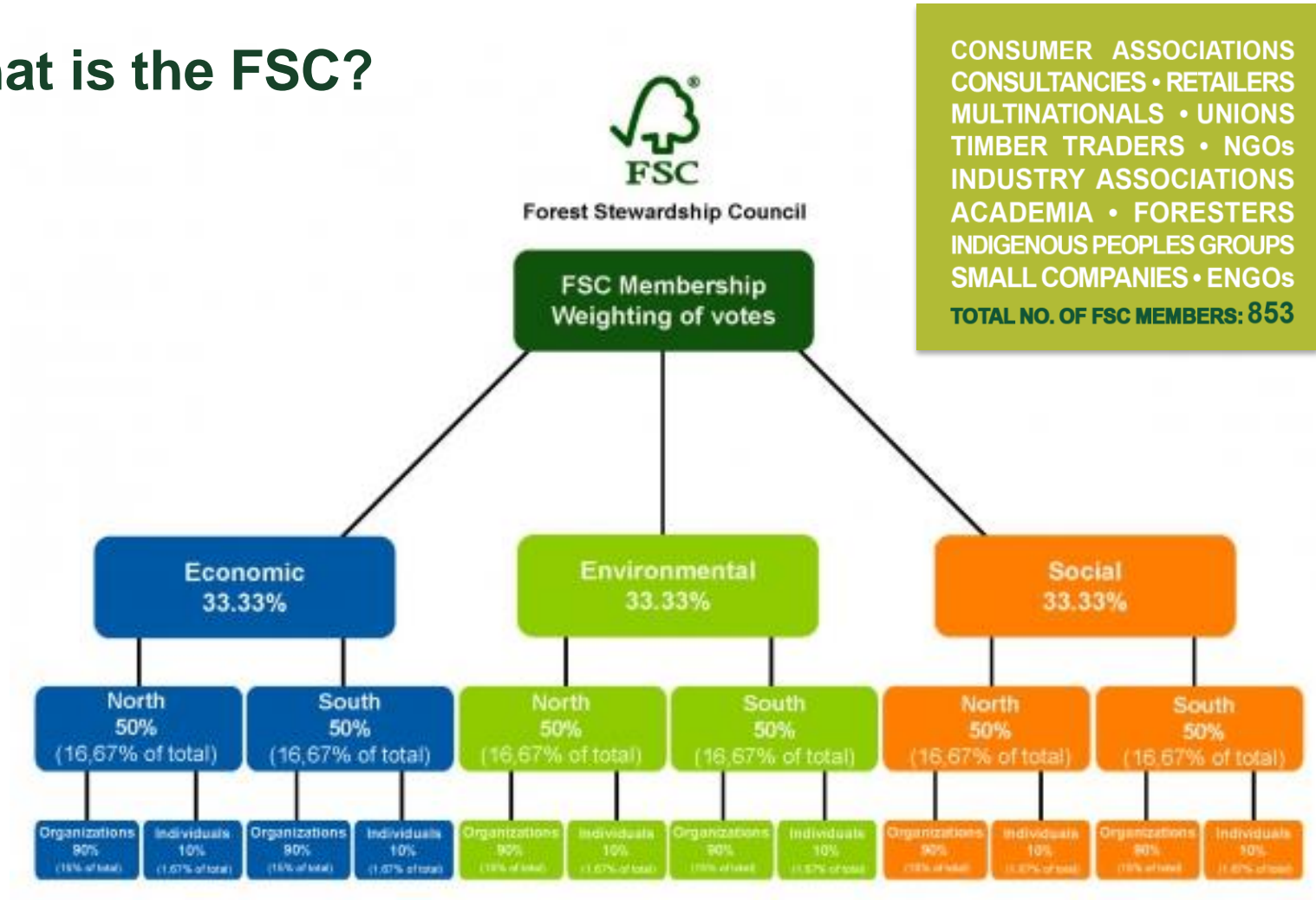
What is the FSC?

- a **membership balanced, global and not-for-profit** organization
- dedicated to the **promotion of responsible forest management worldwide.**
- enabling businesses and consumers to make **informed choices about the forest products** they buy



*Our mission is that forests ecosystems meets the rights and needs of the **present generation without compromising those of future generations***

What is the FSC?



CONSUMER ASSOCIATIONS
CONSULTANCIES • RETAILERS
MULTINATIONALS • UNIONS
TIMBER TRADERS • NGOs
INDUSTRY ASSOCIATIONS
ACADEMIA • FORESTERS
INDIGENOUS PEOPLES GROUPS
SMALL COMPANIES • ENGOs
TOTAL NO. OF FSC MEMBERS: 853

<https://ic.fsc.org/en/fsc-members-portal>

Our partners, members, license holders...storytellers.....































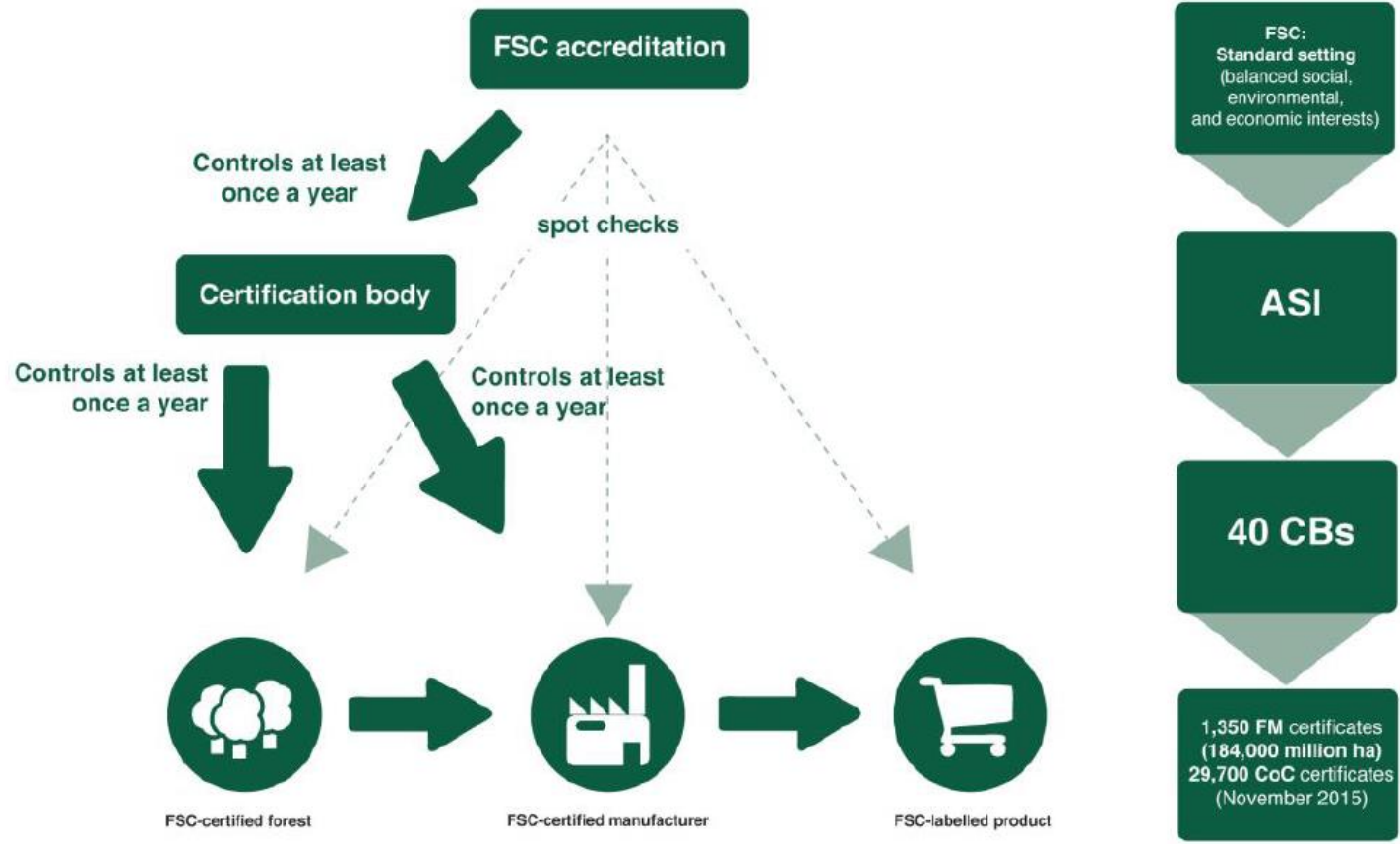








FSC accreditation & certification system



*ASI: Accreditation Services International www.acreditation-services.com;

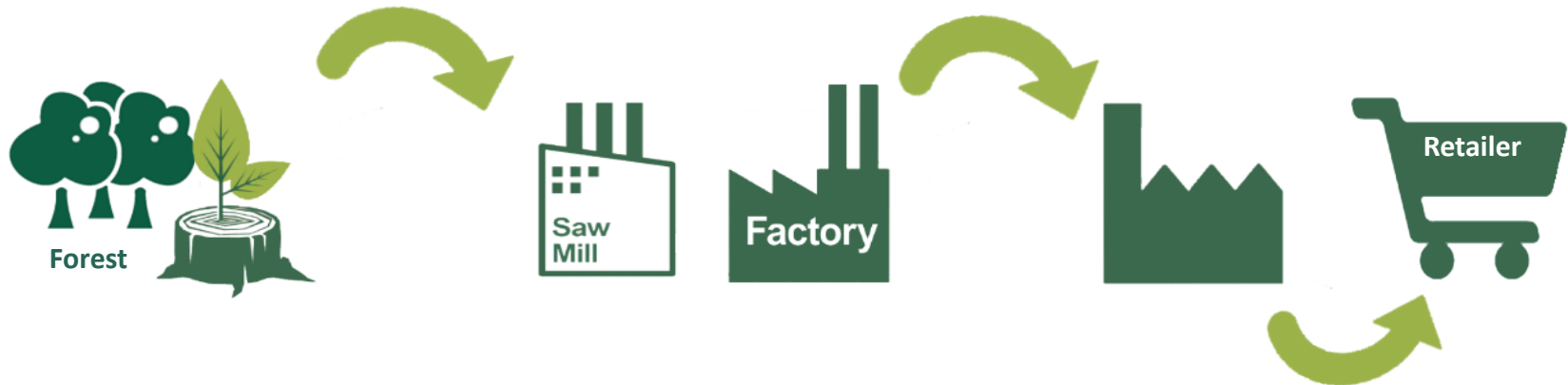
**Public FM audit and ASI assessment reports are available online.

Types of FSC certification

Forest Management (FM) certification

Required for forest operators

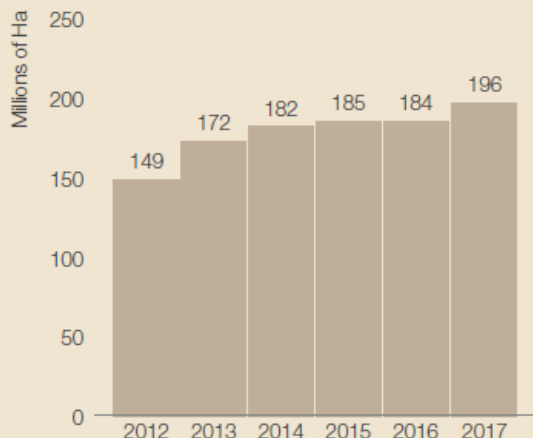
It sets the standards for responsible management of natural forests and plantations



Chain of Custody (CoC) certification

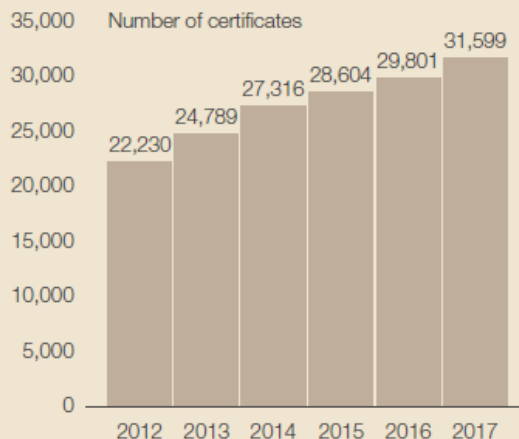
Required for companies along the supply chain

It tracks the FSC products from forest to consumers



32%↑
Since 2012

19 FSC Certificate Database, data from January 2012 to January 2017.
20 Office for National Statistics. https://web.archive.org/web/20081220225201/http://www.statistics.gov.uk/geography/uk_countries.asp



42%↑
Since 2012

28 FSC Certificate Database, from January 2012 to January 2017.

21% of all FM and CoC certificates are smallholders (Jan, 2017)

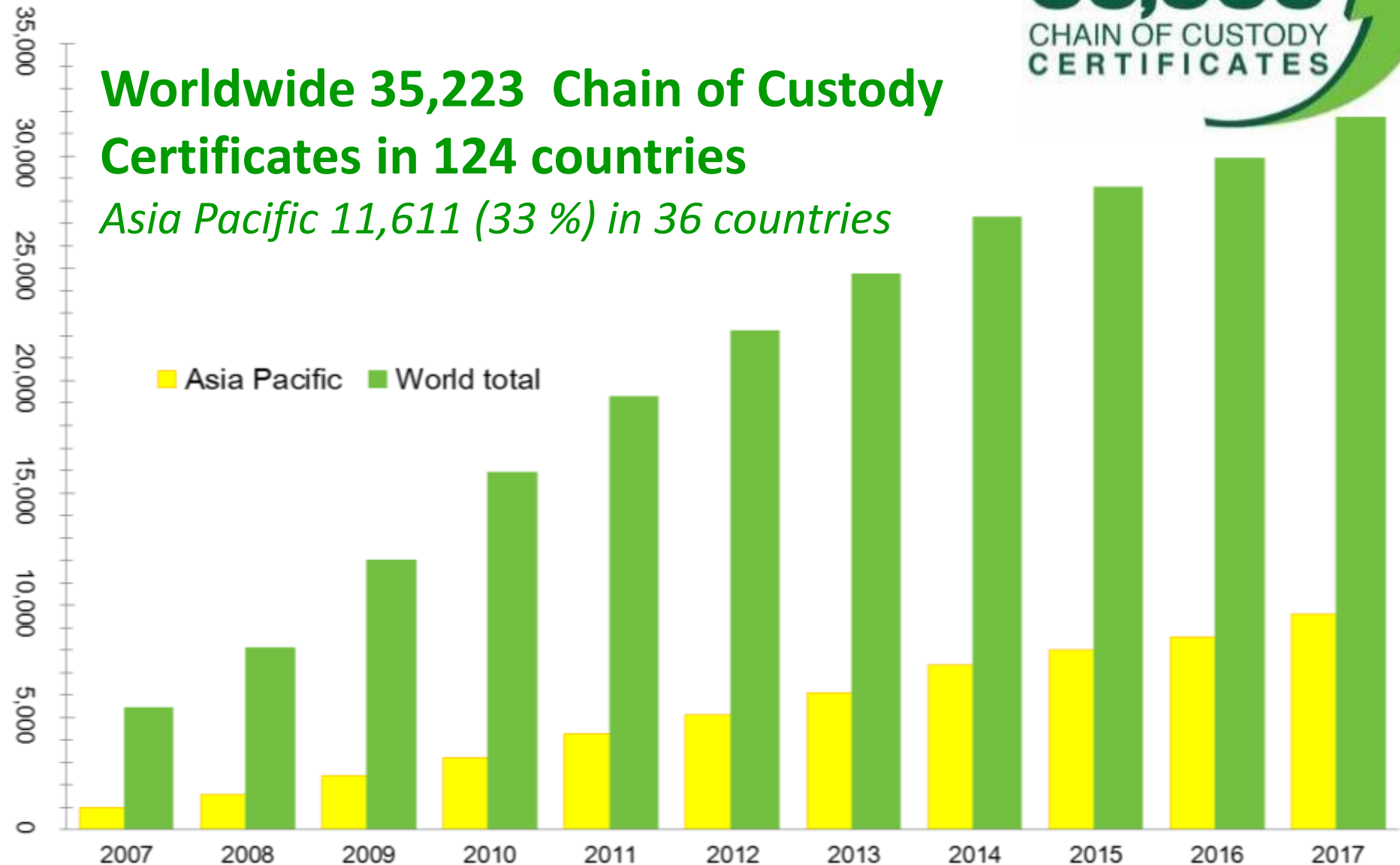
FSC in figures

30,000
CHAIN OF CUSTODY
CERTIFICATES



**Worldwide 35,223 Chain of Custody
Certificates in 124 countries**

Asia Pacific 11,611 (33 %) in 36 countries



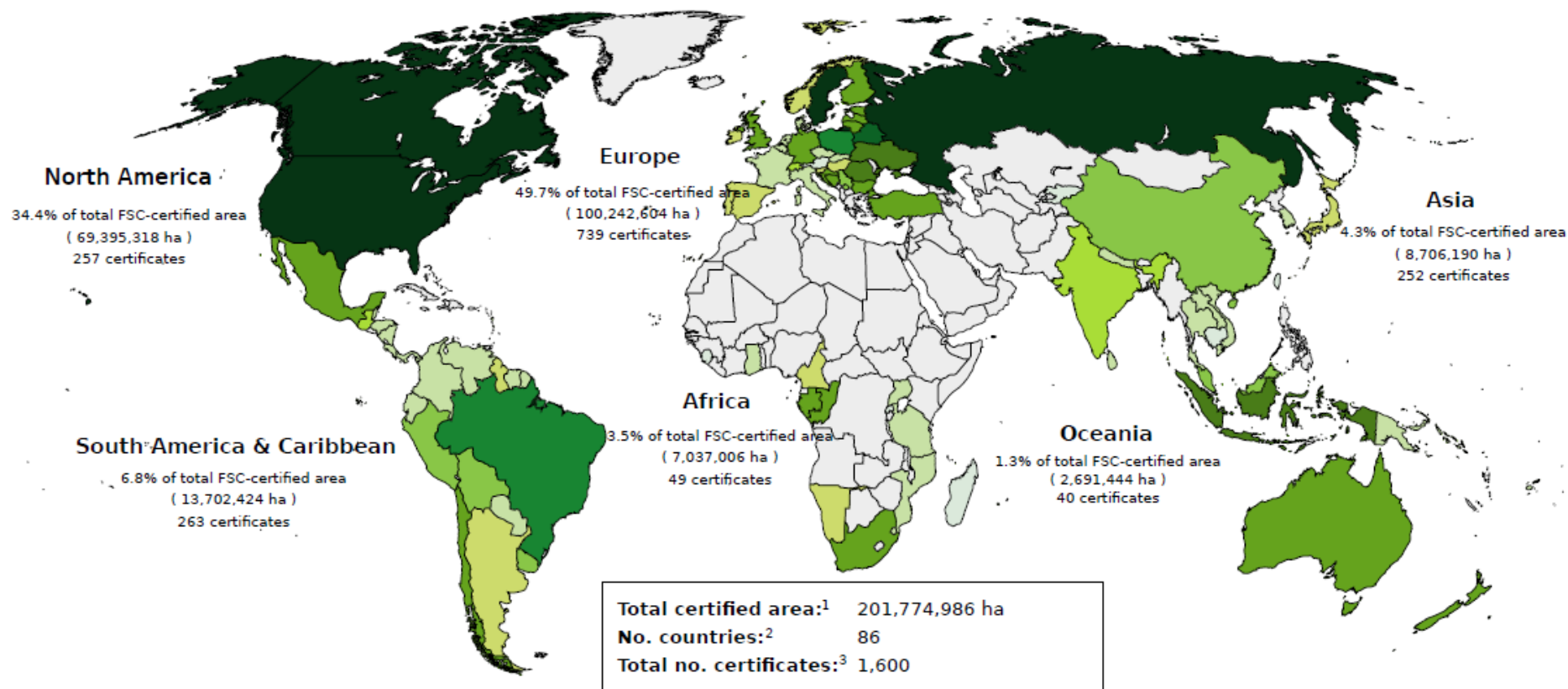
Based on numbers from FSC International

<https://ic.fsc.org/en/facts-and-figures>

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Global FSC-certified forest area

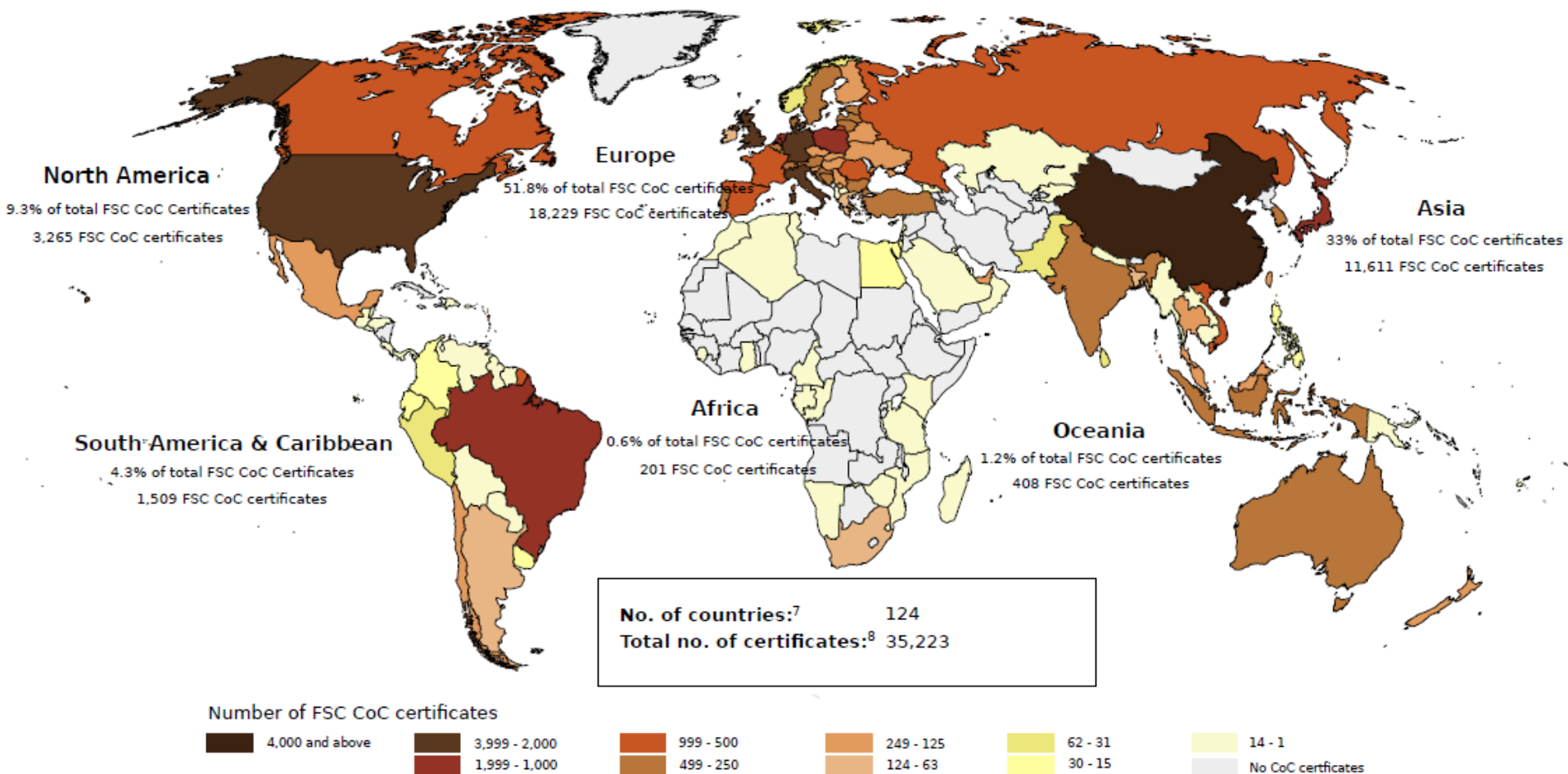


Total FSC-certified forest area in ha



Based on numbers from FSC International
Created: 01.10.2018

Global FSC Chain of Custody certificates



Based on numbers from FSC International
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FSC-certified hectares for latex/rubber production (October, 2018)

Country	Number of Certificate	Area (hectares)
Guatemala	3	7,251.54
India	2	7,775
Peru	1	91,154
Sri Lanka	3	16,919

FSC-certified hectares for rubber wood production (October, 2018)

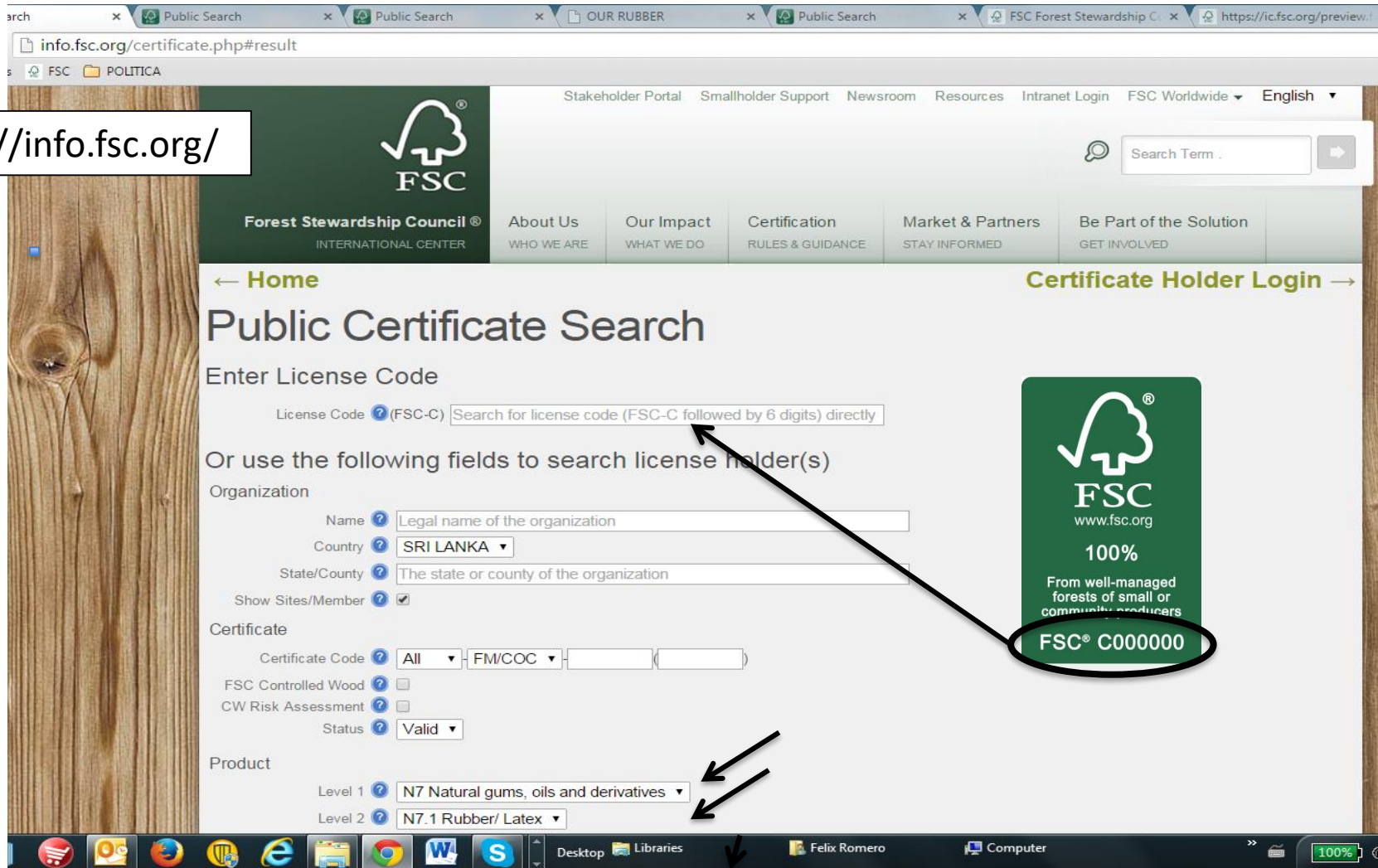
Country	Number of Certificate	Area (hectares)
Thailand	13	43,433.9
China	3	6,478.1
Indonesia	2	18,720.9
Brazil	1	248,058.94
Vietnam	1	5,834

Note1: certified FMU which are in the first table are not repeated in the second

Note2: data available online <https://info.fsc.org>

Find products and suppliers

<http://info.fsc.org/>



The screenshot shows the FSC Public Certificate Search interface. The browser address bar displays `info.fsc.org/certificate.php#result`. The page features a navigation bar with links such as "Stakeholder Portal", "Smallholder Support", "Newsroom", "Resources", "Intranet Login", "FSC Worldwide", and "English". A search bar is located in the top right corner.

The main content area is titled "Public Certificate Search" and includes a "Certificate Holder Login" link. Below the title, there is a section for "Enter License Code" with a text input field containing the placeholder "Search for license code (FSC-C followed by 6 digits) directly".

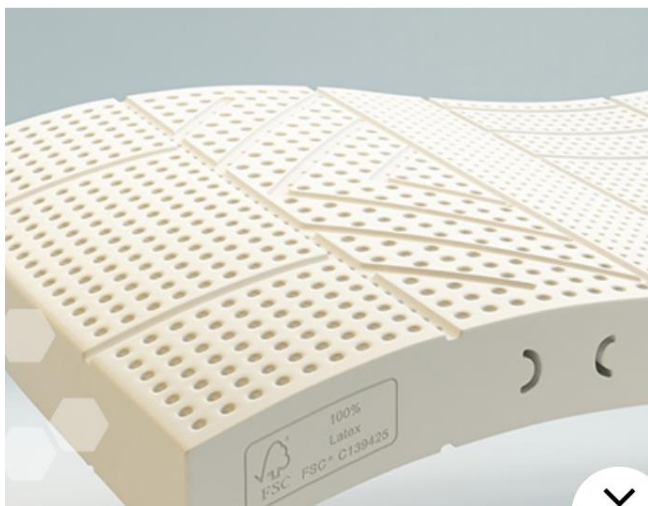
Below the license code section, there is a section for "Or use the following fields to search license holder(s)". This section includes several search criteria:

- Organization:**
 - Name: Legal name of the organization
 - Country: SRI LANKA
 - State/County: The state or county of the organization
 - Show Sites/Member: ☒
- Certificate:**
 - Certificate Code: All | FM/COC
 - FSC Controlled Wood: ☐
 - CW Risk Assessment: ☐
 - Status: Valid
- Product:**
 - Level 1: N7 Natural gums, oils and derivatives
 - Level 2: N7.1 Rubber/ Latex

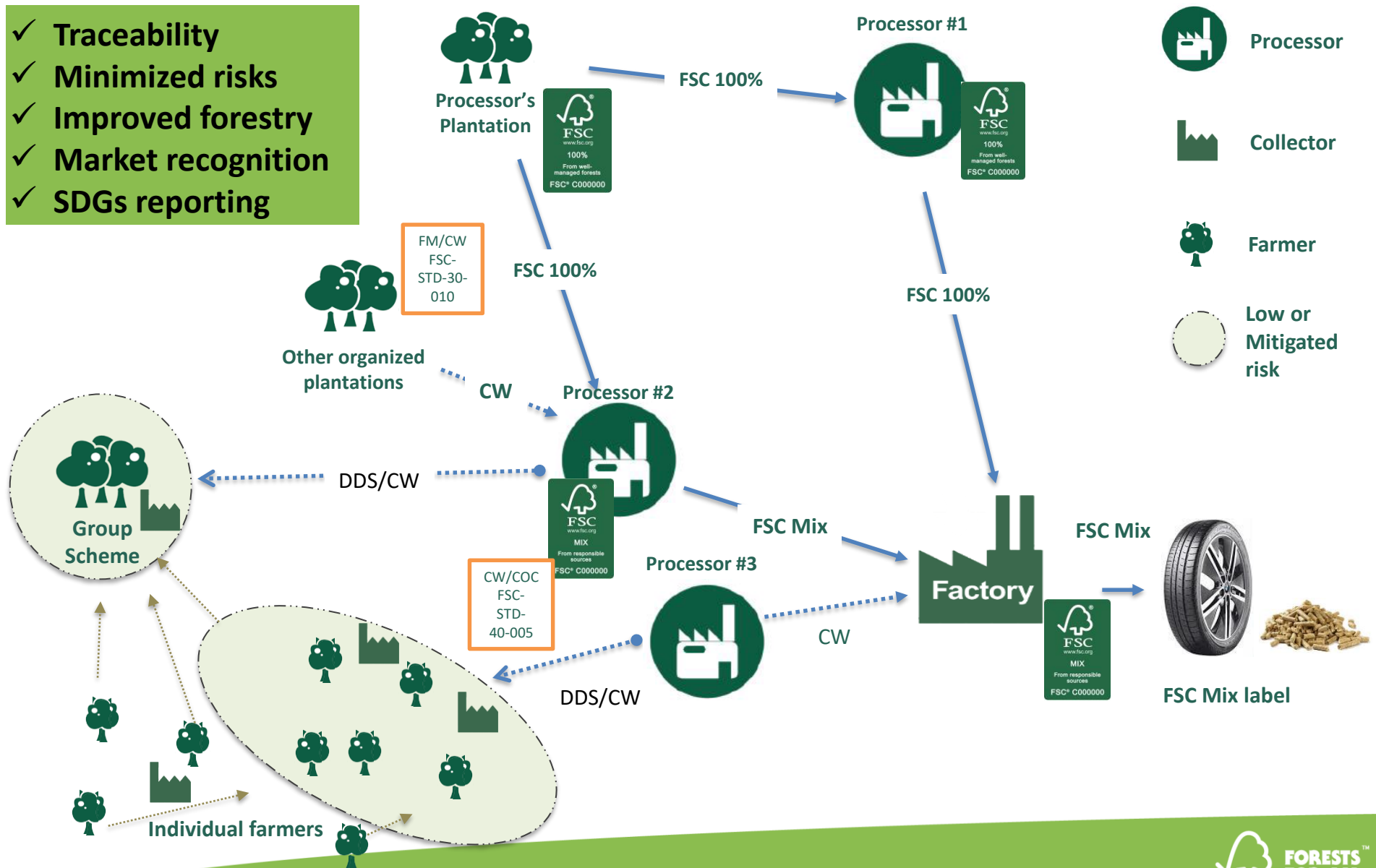
On the right side of the page, there is a green FSC logo with the text "100% From well-managed forests of small or community producers" and the certificate code "FSC® C000000" circled in red. An arrow points from this code to the search input field.

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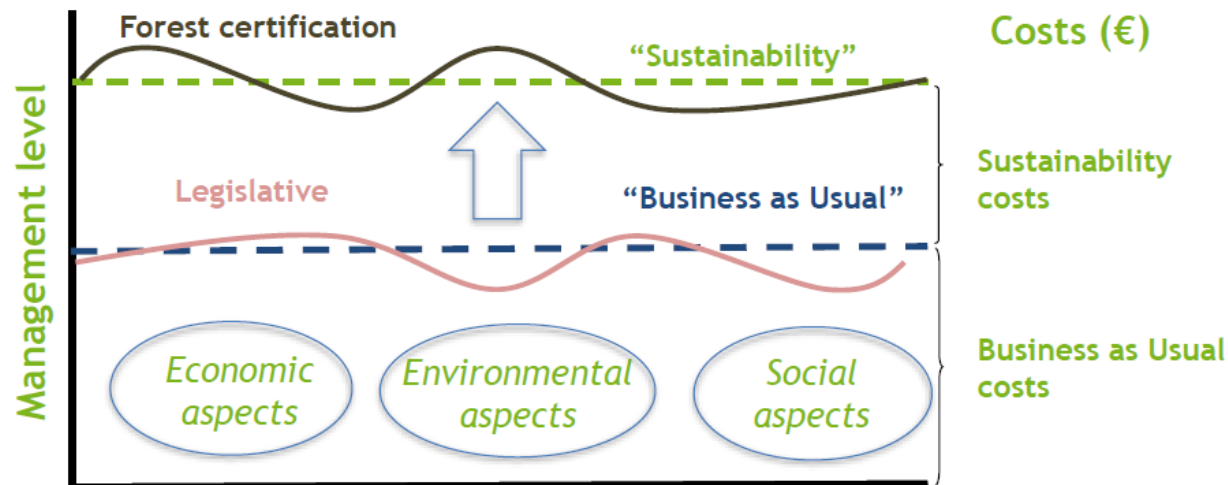
MATTRESSES | PILLOWS | TOPPERS



- ✓ Traceability
- ✓ Minimized risks
- ✓ Improved forestry
- ✓ Market recognition
- ✓ SDGs reporting



- Tool for end customers to mitigate risk and add value in the supply chain
- Legislation is the minimum entry point to forest certification.
- Legislation varies from country to country.
- FSC is based on 10 global principles but implementation of NATIONAL indicators.
- Competitiveness (abundance of raw material, cost for processing, cost for export, skilled labor availability and cost, supporting policies,...) is crucial.



Criteria in Principle 1	Desired outcome
1.1 – Legal status of the organization	Legal status of the organization is confirmed.
1.2 – Legal status of the management unit	Legal status of the management unit is confirmed.
1.3 - Legal rights for the organization to operate in the management unit	The organization has obtained by valid process, and applies, all necessary licenses and permissions, and pays all prescribed charges.
1.4 – Protection against unauthorized and illegal activities	The organization has taken and applies all permitted legal precautions
1.5 – Compliance with transport and trade rules	The organization has compliant tracking and tracing systems
1.6 – Resolving disputes out of court	The organization resolves legal issues out of court as far as possible
1.7 – Anti-corruption in a legal context	The organization does not participate in corruption.
1.8 – Long-term commitment	The organization demonstrates a long-term commitment to FSC P&C, however short the legal tenure over the management unit.

- Ensuring Policy for Association (avoid cases similar to VRG, APP,...)
- Collaboration with RFD, ministry of labor, and other departments to legalize the land tenure, regulation related to rubber and forestry workers, etc.
- Collaboration with private companies to increase soil fertility, biodiversity by using forest certification as a tool
- Mitigate risk by supporting private sectors to publish credible information ([FSC-STD-20-007b](#) for an example)
- Replanting regulation = group management
- Ensuring traceability of rubber wood and latex to ensure low risk supply chain especially for exporting market
- Using big data to increase business competitiveness
- Etc.

3 main components of group scheme:

- Group scheme documentation at central office
 - Group Scheme Policy manual
 - Information sheet for prospective members
 - Membership rules
- Group scheme internal audit system
 - Audit procedures
 - Internal audit checklist
 - Internal audit reports
 - CAR management
 - Photos taken as evidence of non-conformances during internal audits
- Group member information
 - Application form
 - Plantation procedures
 - Baseline risk assessment Maps for members
 - Management plan
 - Registers and checklists for monitoring (including chemical management)
 - Support documents – informative



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