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## ABOUT US

One of the main objectives of the Forest Conservation Council (FPC) is to work to maintain the continuity of natural life by protecting forests. In this context, the Forest Conservation Council (FPC) aims to protect and reproduce forests by developing various standards regarding forest protection and forest management, encouraging producers and consumers to sustainable forestry.

The Forest Protection Council (FPC) is an independent, non-government organization established to support environmentally appropriate, socially beneficial, and economically viable management of the world's forests.

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## 1. OBJECTIVE - SCOPE

This standard applies to all certification bodies that carry out FSC forest management evaluation.

This FPC standard shall be regarded as a normative document approved by FPC.

## 2. GENERAL

**2.1** The certification body should consult a series of the applicant is in compliance with the environment, law, the social and economic requirements of forest management standards.

**2.2** The certification body shall develop and record its implementation methods consult with stakeholders according to the requirements of this standard.

**2.3** The certification body should have effective procedures to identify the scope Stakeholders who may have information relevant to the evaluation applicants for certification, and/or be able to place the certification body in connect with other such stakeholders. The range and number of individuals and The organization to contact depends on its size, strength, and complexity Forest management activities.

**2.4** The certification body should work to ensure that any stakeholders who have the information related to the applicant's compliance with forest requirements management standards have the opportunity to draw attention to such information the opinion of the certification body before deciding to grant the certificate.

**2.5** In countries with FPC standarts, certification bodies should request the national initiative to provide a list to the certification body potential stakeholders that the certification body may contact in the country worried.

**2.6** The certification body should contact the organization's largest stakeholder there may be information related to the assessment. In large scale business This may include organizations operating at the national level, and/or one level below the country surrounding the forest to be assessed. Inside for smaller companies, it may only include local organizations, interest groups or personal.

**2.7** The consultation should aim at soliciting direct, factual opinions on meet the requirements of applicable forest protection standards. This the certification body should make such consultations as part of the main assessment. This negotiations should include sufficient types and quantities of participate in the applicant's forest management and assess the scope of the situation related to applicable forest protection standards

**2.8** If required, consultations and interviews with stakeholders should be conducted in confidentiality. Therefore, consultations and interviews must be conducted in the presence of forest managers and/or their representatives or any supervisor.

**2.9** Information provided by stakeholders should be as independent as possible confirmed from a second source or confirmed by a certification body field auditors.

**2.10** In all cases, the information provided by stakeholders should be objectively evaluated, and meaningfully determine whether it constitutes evidence of nonconformity any FPC certification requirements.

**2.11** The public summary reports prepared or updated after evaluations (main and surveillance) shall include a systematic presentation of stakeholder comments received together with the conclusions and a description of the follow-up action from the certification body.

**2.12** The certification body should not identify a single stakeholder or stakeholder group in the report without their prior informed consent.

**2.13** Within four (4) months after the certification decision is made, the certification body shall actively notify the consulting stakeholders who provide written comments or request updates on how to resolve their issues.

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**2.14** The certification body shall consult with stakeholders during the supervision process perform assessments when necessary to collect audit evidence to verify ongoing whether the certificate holder meets the relevant certification requirements.

**2.15** Consultation technology and information confidentiality follow the same the requirements are the same as the main assessment.

**2.16** The comments received from stakeholders after the main assessment should be recorded, and will be evaluated and recorded in the subsequent supervision and evaluation, unless provided as part of a formal complaint or indicate that there is a serious non-compliance act now.

