

Facts and Figures on European Certification

PEFC and FSC

Country	PEFC				FSC				
	Total Area Certified (ha)	Regional certification	Group certification	Individual certification	Total # of certificates	Total # of forest owners	Total Area Certified (ha)	# of certificates	# of certificates under 100 ha
Austria	3 374 000	3 374 000			8	Not available	5 007	4	2
Belarus							2 501 501	7	0
Belgium	255 122	255 122			1	449	11 293	4	0
Bosnia and Herzegovina							62 235	3	0
Bulgaria							21 609	3	0
Croatia							1 988 480	1	0
Cyprus									
Czech Rep.	1 976 000	1 976 000			1	769	14 554	3	0

Denmark							7 095	3	0
Estonia							913	2	0
Finland	22 144 082	22144 082			13	314 345	433 752	3	1
France	4 351 587	4 213 292	138 295		20	20 800	15 566	3	0
Germany	7 188 088	7 188 088			14	6 767	494 488	65	3
Greece							31 526	1	0
Hungary							141 092	2	0
Ireland							438 360	3	1
Italy	646 497	318 753	303 479	24 263	12	23 344	20 268	10	2
Latvia	37 860	29 390	8 470		4	258	1 628 914	5	0
Lithuania							1 042 140	42	0
Luxembourg	19 671	19 671			1	59	10 335	1	0
Malta									
Netherlands							100 197	8	2
Norway	8 477 944		8 477 944		12	44 371			
Poland							5 208 161	16	0

Portugal							73 612	3	0
Romania							1 124 412	3	0
Russia							17 808 159	41	0
Slovakia	537 120	537 120			2	89	159 218	5	0
Slovenia							270 840	1	0
Spain	972 157	654 520	9 780	307 856	20	568	131 578	8	0
Sweden	7 047 960		3 466 729	3 581 231	21	24 964	11 233 982	20	0
Switzerland	398 588			398 588	756	756	425 719	24	1
Ukraine							1 353 149	9	0
UK							1 307 753	53	0

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Table 1: Certified forest area by scheme and region in Dec 2006 (million hectares)

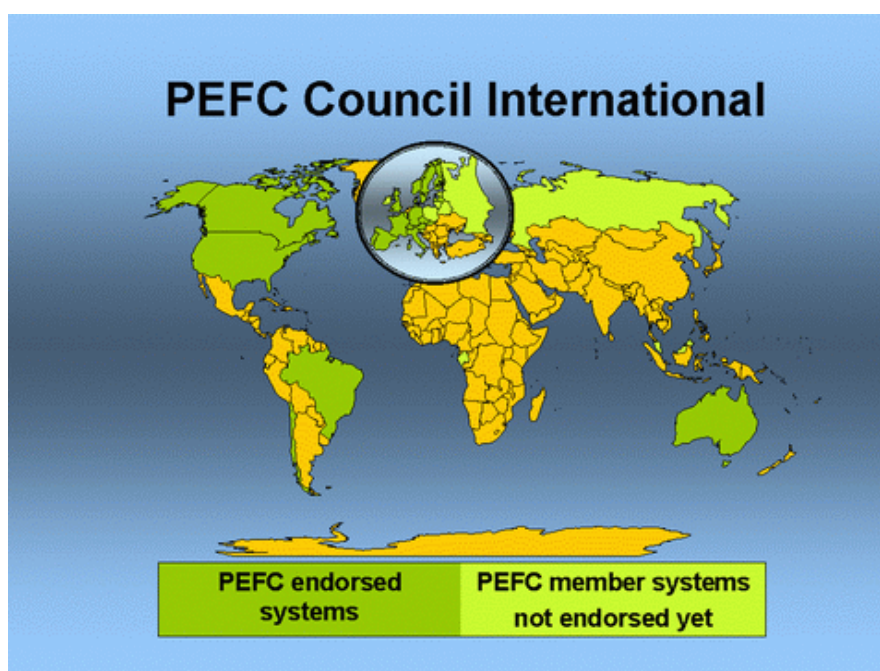
	North America	South & Central America	Europe	Asia	Oceania	Africa	Russia	Total
FSC	27.3	9.6	29.6	1.6	1.3	2.5	12.3	84.2
PEFC	128.3	2.3	57.4		5.7			193.7
Other(a)	11.0			4.8		1.2		17.0
Total	166.6	11.9	87.0	6.4	7.0	3.7	12.3	294.9

a) Other in North America refers to American Tree Farm System, in Asia refers to the Malaysian Timber Certification Council, in Africa refers to areas in Gabon recognised under the Dutch Keurhout system

source: http://www.forestcertification.info/phpprograms/Content/story_template.php3?txid=global_area
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PEFC

Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification schemes



Small Forest Enterprises

PEFC has focused heavily on provision of procedures to accommodate small forest enterprises. It has developed rules and procedures for regional certification, group certification, and individual certification. Schemes have flexibility to determine which is most appropriate in national conditions. In all cases the underlying principle is that all actors involved or operating on the certified area shall comply with the certification requirements.

The details on group and regional certification are defined in Annex 3 of the PEFC Technical Document - see PEFC Website

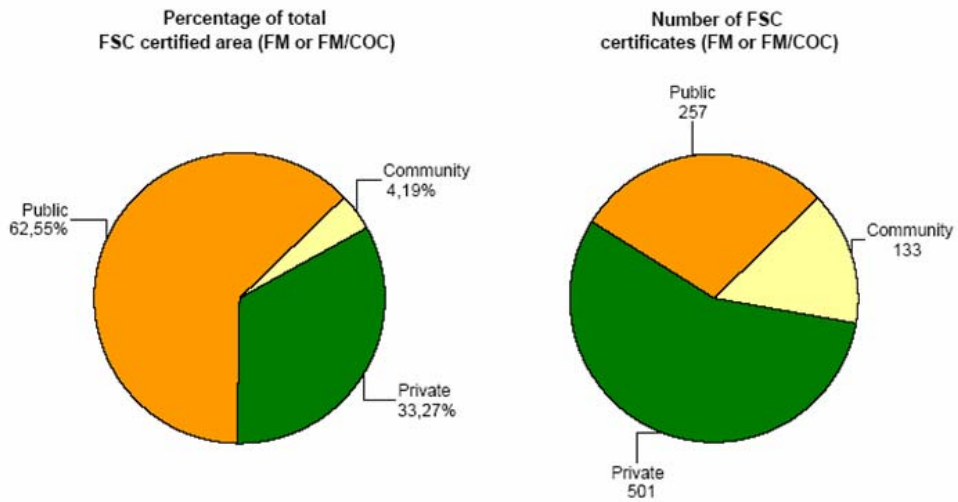
PEFC Glossary

Group forest certification: Certification of forest management of a group of small and medium sized forest owners under one certificate (Source: Annex 1 of the PEFC TD)

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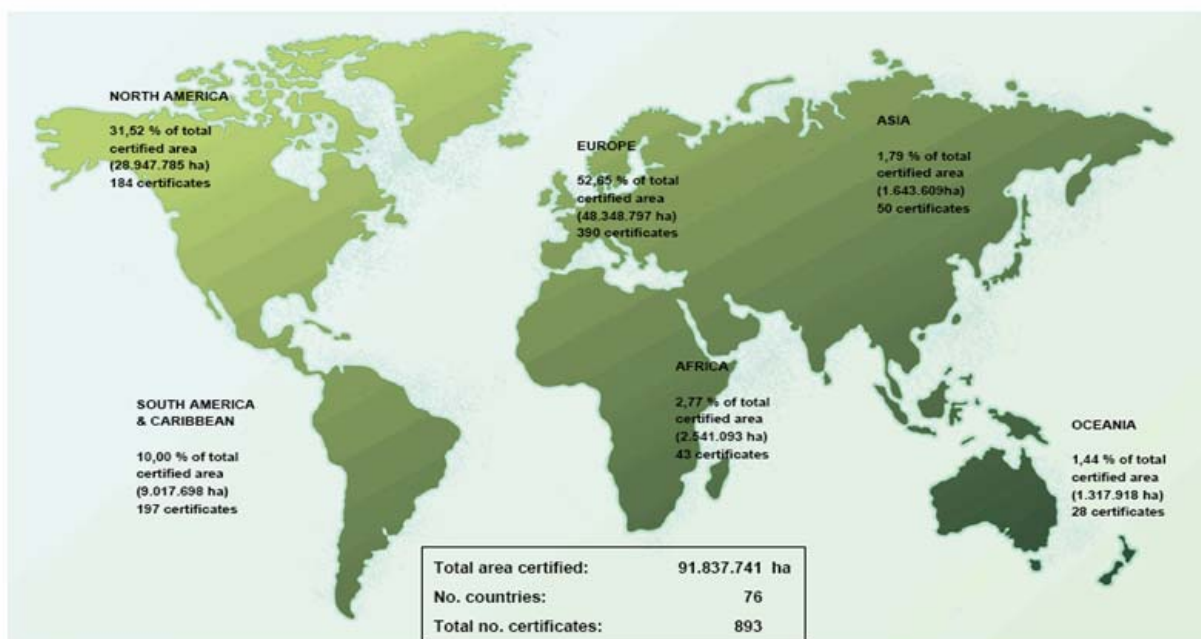


FSC certifications by land tenure





Percentage of total FSC certified area by continent



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Small and Low Intensity Managed Forests (SLIMF)

- Through the Small and Low Intensity Managed Forests (SLIMF) initiative, FSC has worked to find and implement practical solutions to the problems faced by small forest operations and low intensity forest operations in accessing and retaining FSC forest management certification.

FSC group certification programme

FSC introduced a policy for group certification in 1998 aimed at facilitating access to FSC certification for small forest owners. There are also procedures for Resource Manager certification, in which the manager receives the certificate rather than the forest owner group. Streamlined certification procedures have been developed for Small and Low Intensity Managed Forests (SLIMF). The procedures allow eligible small owners to implement a simplified set of certification standards and reduce the requirements for detailed site inspections. Guidance and briefing documents are available at the FSC website

FSC Terms and Definitions

1. SLIMF Eligibility Criteria

1.1 A forest management unit shall qualify as a 'SLIMF' if it is either a 'small' forest management unit (as defined in this standard) OR managed as a 'low intensity' forest management unit (as defined in this standard).

2 'Small' forest management units 2.1 Forest management units may be classed as SLIMF units when they are **100 ha. or smaller in area or when they meet the requirements specified in 2.2 below.**

2.2 Forest Management Units of up to 1000 ha. in area may be classed as SLIMF units when this is formally proposed by the FSC-accredited national initiative for the country concerned, or in countries in which there is no FSC-accredited national initiative when this has the demonstrated broad support of national stakeholders in the country concerned¹. Classifications proposed by certification bodies shall be superceded by any subsequent classification approved by the FSC-accredited national initiative for the country concerned.