

PEFC – Credibility

- Develops national forest management certification standards and schemes, using multi-stakeholder processes for the protection of forests, which have been signed up to by 37 nations in Europe and other inter-governmental processes for sustainable forest management around the world.
- Uses internationally recognised accreditation and certification processes to ensure independence of control, standard setting and delivery of sustainable forest management.
- Is supported by over 20 independent certification schemes and their stakeholders, including woodland owners, industry, environmental and social interests amongst others.

PEFC – Accountability

- Regular independent certified controls from the tree in the forest to the final product reassure the customer that the wood-based products can be traced back to sustainably managed forests.

PEFC – Adaptability

- Facilitates active involvement of all forests and enterprises regardless of size. This includes family-owned forests and also small to medium sized forest enterprises as well as multinational corporations.
- Accommodates and incorporates the global diversity of forest types, cultural heritage, ownership structures and management objectives.

How do I get involved?

- If you own or manage woodlands, get in touch with your national PEFC and ask how your forest management can be certified.
- If you are a wood-processing enterprise, trader or retailer, you can get your wood flows certified through PEFC (for details, contact the national PEFC).
- If you are a consumer, ask for products with a PEFC logo or specify to your supplier that you want PEFC-certified material.

For more information, please visit our web pages to find out the local PEFC contact in your country: www.pefc.org

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promoting sustainable
forest management

What does
it mean
to you?



Forest certification

The way to prove that forests are managed in a sustainable way

- Do you care about forests?
- Do you want to see forests managed in an environmentally appropriate, socially beneficial and economically viable way?
- Do you want to support a system giving proof of such sustainable management?
- Do you want to buy and promote wood based products from certified forests?

If your answer is YES, then PEFC is for you.

Sustainable forest management is based on environmentally appropriate, socially beneficial and economically viable management of forests for present and future generations. The PEFC Council, an independent, non-profit, non-governmental organisation, promotes the independent certification of forests managed in this way.

PEFC, as the world's largest forest certification system, provides an assurance mechanism for both enterprises and woodland owners to be able to demonstrate to consumers that wood used in their products comes from sustainably managed forests.

This also makes PEFC certification a useful tool in combating illegal logging.

PEFC is a framework for the mutual recognition of national or regional forest certification schemes which have been developed locally to meet internationally recognised requirements for sustainable forest management. Its members are national or regional, independent third party forest certification schemes, mainly based on inter-governmental processes for sustainable forest management around the world such as the Ministerial Conference on the Protection of Forests in Europe.

PEFC has become the world's largest forest certification umbrella organisation covering over 20 national independent schemes from all over the world, delivering hundreds of millions of tonnes of wood to the market place from tens of millions of hectares of certified forests. PEFC has strong grass roots support from many stakeholders including the forestry sector, governments, trade associations, trade unions and non-governmental organisations.



PEFC provides a logo for wood-based products, allowing customers and the general public to make a positive choice for sustainable forest management.



PEFC delivers:

- Sustainability
- Credibility
- Accountability
- Adaptability

PEFC – Sustainability

- Benefits the biodiversity of nature and the environment
- Promotes the economically viable, environmentally appropriate and socially beneficial management of forests
- Provides independent certified proof of the sustainable management of forests
- Provides continuous supplies of wood products from millions of hectares of sustainably managed certified sources