We want to better safeguard and protect IFL in the wider landscape by building on local competence and experience of Standard Development Groups (SDG) to improve the protection of Intact Forest Landscapes (IFL).

Use landscape-wide approaches adapted to local conditions and strengthen Standard Development Groups (SDG) to improve the protection of Intact Forest Landscapes (IFL).
Motion 23 intends to **improve FSC’s current approach** to effectively implement HCV2/IFL conservation.

**HOW**

FSC shall initiate an inclusive process **to review the rules** for identification, protection and management of IFL in the wider **landscape** including in FMUs adapted to local conditions.

**WHO**

FSC **relying on** competence and experience of national or regional **Standard Development Groups (SDG).**

**WHEN**

1 year, during which an **interim rule** approved by the FSC Board of Directors shall apply.

**WHY**

Since adoption of Motion 65 in 2014, FSC has for more than 8 years tried without success to **find a practical solution** to implement **better protection of IFL**, jeopardising the development of FSC certification in the tropics.
the outcomes of the revision process shall:

• address IFL conservation at **landscape level** with the FMUs being an integral part of the wider landscape;

• complement identification of IFL and development of associated conservation measures with ground-based (below the canopy) environmental, social and socio-economic surveys and impact analyses;

• use best available information and expert knowledge for identification of overall protection status and **conservation priorities** through comprehensive review and research;

• take into account **risks & benefits, threats and opportunities** to HCV2/IFL conservation;

• strengthen and **rely upon on national (or regional) SDG** to operationalize requirements for IFL conservation at landscape level;

• be based on **consensus and equitable engagement** with all relevant stakeholders at local/national/regional level;

• enable **FSC-certified operations to contribute** to the best of their abilities to HCV2/IFL conservation rather than compromising responsible forest management.
PROCESS TO DEVELOP OPERATIONAL APPROACH TO EFFECTIVE IFL CONSERVATION

- Landscape Approach
- Below the Canopy Analyses
- Stakeholders Engagement
- Conservation Priorities
- Risks & Benefits Analyses

New Approach to IFL Conservation

IFL Rules in National FSC Standards
By engaging SDG to develop better protection for IFL, we want to:

• consider all HCVs within the broader social, environmental and economic context in the landscape, not only the portion which is located in FSC-certified FMUs;

• better engage all relevant stakeholders included local communities and indigenous peoples in developing consensus based, landscape-wide approaches to comprehensive IFL conservation;

• refine the identification of IFL with ground (below-the-canopy) analyses and truthing of ecological and social values and recognise the varying degrees of ‘intactness’ of forests.
Together with you, we want to achieve the best possible contribution to protection of IFL across the entire landscape, without compromising FSC’s statutory commitment to environmentally appropriate, socially beneficial and economically viable forest management.

We need you, please support us and vote for Motion 23/2020

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Attend our IFL Side Event on 9th October. [Presentation of all IFL motions and case studies]

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