



**MOTION**

**23 | 2020**

**Use landscape-wide approaches adapted to local conditions and strengthen Standard Development Groups (SDG) to improve the protection of Intact Forest Landscapes (IFL)**

**WE WANT TO BETTER SAFEGUARD  
AND PROTECT IFL IN THE WIDER  
LANDSCAPE BY BUILDING ON LOCAL  
COMPETENCE AND EXPERIENCE  
OF STANDARD DEVELOPMENT  
GROUPS (SDG)**



THE LEADING AUTHORITY ON TROPICAL TIMBER

## WHAT



Motion 23 intends to **improve FSC's current approach** to effectively implement HCV2/IFL conservation.

## HOW



FSC shall initiate an inclusive process **to re-view 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:

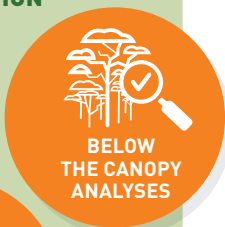
- address IFL conservation at **landscape level** with the FMUs being an integral part of the wider landscape;
- complement identification of IFL and development of associated conservation measures with ground-based (**below the canopy**) environmental, social and socio-economic surveys and impact analyses;
- 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**

A photograph of an elderly woman in a lush green forest. She is wearing a blue and white striped headscarf and a yellow and white patterned shawl. A large, woven basket is on her back. She is looking upwards and to the right with a slight smile, her hand raised near her face. The background is filled with large green leaves and tree trunks.

**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 9<sup>th</sup> October.  
(Presentation of all  
IFL motions and  
case studies)

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