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PROGRESS UPDATE AND FEEDBACK

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FSC-certified forest in Spain



AGENDA



	Topic	Time	Presenter
1	Welcome & Introduction	5 min.	Rose Thuo
2	Implementation plan	15 min.	Gemma Boetekees
3	Overall timeline and development of procedure	5 min.	Diana Franco Gil
4	Reflection of Focus Forest Advisory Group member	5 min.	Amanda Andrade
5	Questions and Answers	25 min.	Gemma Boetekees/ Rose Thuo (moderator)

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Motion 23/2022

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

95%
of FSC members
voted in
support of
Motion 23


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 Passed Policy Motion

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Policy Motion (Motion text /high-level action request):

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE: THIS MOTION HAS BEEN EDITED 09/2022


In order to overcome the deficiencies of Forest Stewardship Council's (FSC's) current approach to High Conservation Value 2 (HCV2) and Intact Forest Landscape (IFL) conservation and to deliver to the expectations of constituents and members, the FSC shall review and revise the current approach to achieving effective IFL conservation; and enable and guide SDGs[1] to identify and recommend improvements to FSC's normative frameworks (especially the International Generic Indicators (IGIs)[2], including Annex 1), to strengthen approaches for identification, protection, maintenance and/or enhancement of HCV2s, including IFL conservation at landscape level in National / Regional Standards.

FSC's current approach shall be reviewed and revised to:

- support the intent of the FSC Principles & Criteria, especially Principle 9, and motions duly adopted by previous FSC General Assemblies (GAs) (i.e. Motion 65/2014, Motion 34/2017; Motion 71/2017); and address effective protection of the vast majority of HCV2s/IFLs at the level of the landscape; and
- be able to change current requirements at international level for placement and extent of IFL core areas and conservation measures (including thresholds for strict IFL conservation related to FSC certified Forest Management Units (FMUs)), and to hereby achieve best possible contribution to conservation of HCV2/IFL across the entire landscape within the specific environmental, social and socio-economic conditions in the landscape; and

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Objective of workplan to implement M23

Developing through engagement of members, Standard Development Groups, stakeholders and partnerships a diversified and adequate set of **landscape considerations** for FSC stewardship of management units in Intact Forest Landscapes (IFLs)

Outcome

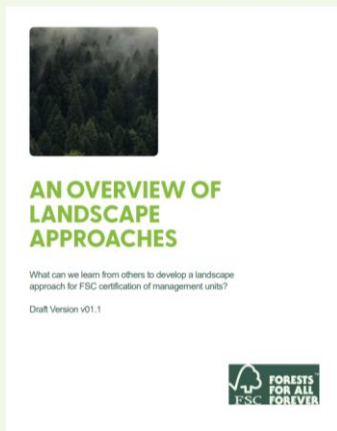
Standard Development Groups can **implement a process of landscape considerations** to protect and manage Intact Forest Landscapes following developed, relevant and published requirements in the **Normative Framework**.



This can be addressed and fast-tracked via a procedure for SDGs specifying the use of relevant guidance, piloting them, and incorporating learnings in the IGI and other processes later.

How did FSC and the Advisory Group approach this?

1



We collected **global solutions** to landscape considerations and approaches of other organizations and prepared a **Summary document** for learnings.

2



We engaged with Bern University of Applied Sciences ensuring we use available knowledge on both co-creation processes and Intact Forest Landscapes



Available at: [Member's Platform/Engagement/ Discussion Forum/ Key Topics Focus Forests/Intact Forest Landscapes](#)



The Interim Advice Note

(ADVICE-20-007-18 V2-0)

addressing interim measures to maintain stewardship of Intact Forest Landscapes in Latin America, including the Amazon and in Central Africa.

General rule: 80% protection

Standard Developers are allowed to lower protection thresholds up to +50% when developing a FSS based on IGI V2 and following FSC-GUI-60-004

Interim exceptions on conditions until end 2024

- Operates in **Latin America or Central Africa** and holds FM or **FM/CoC certification at least since 14 October 2022**
- Exhausted all feasible harvest options in non-IFL
- Impacts not more than 50% of IFLs within MU and does not reduce any IFL below 50,000 ha in the landscape
- presented and analyzed the status and plans for HCV-2 management in the management unit
- *The other exception to this rule:* Standard Developers are allowed to lower protection threshold up to +50% when developing a Forest Stewardship Standard (based on IGI V2 and following FSC-GUI-60-004.).



Available at: <https://connect.fsc.org/document-centre/documents/resource/394>

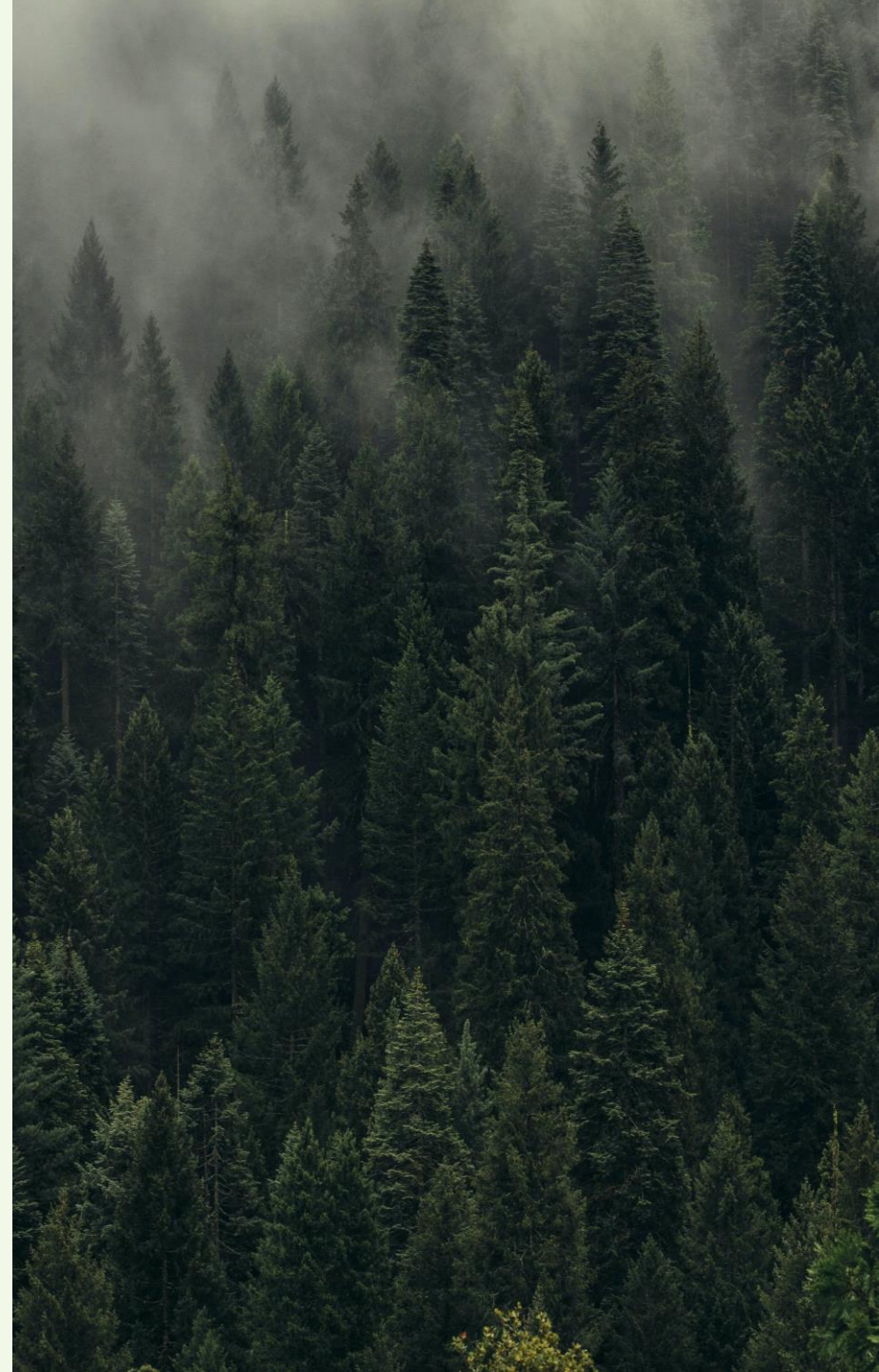
Ongoing discussion on IFLs since 2014



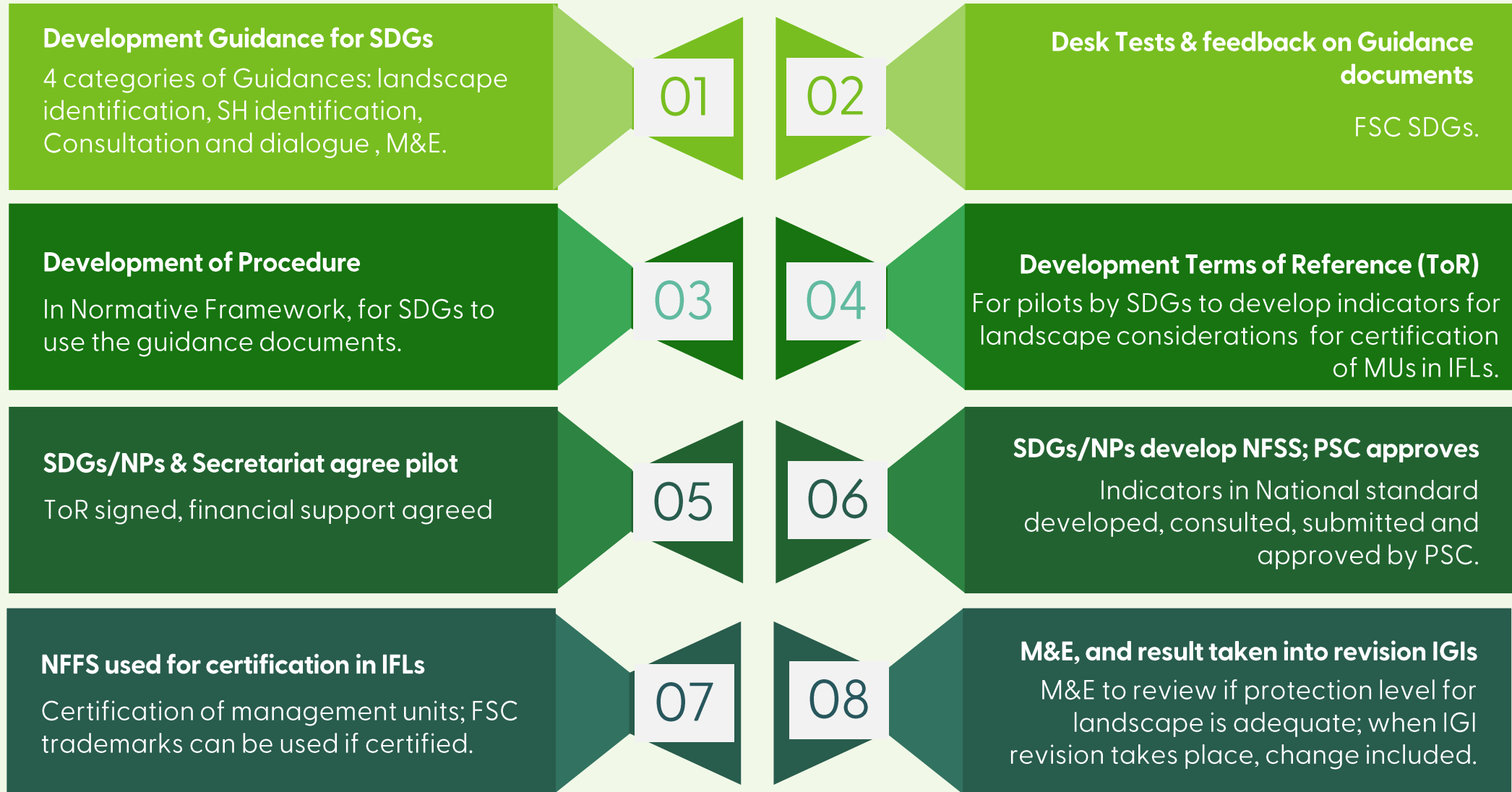
Gaining 2 years with Pilot approach

- Certification in IFLs are on hold, risking loss of existing certifications
- FSC stakeholders from all chambers are keen on rapid solutions, including standard development groups (Brazil, Peru, Congo Basin)
- Members, NPs, CHs, and the FSC Secretariat all want a robust solution soon, also in light of the FSC Global Strategy and FSC's growth plans in there – pilots enable first certifications already in 2025.
- Following the usual way of implementing a GA motion: Developing tools and procedures, consultations, incorporation in IGI and National FSS etc. – the first certifications will take us into late 2026, more likely into 2027.

Pilot testing allows for certification. Implementation of draft requirements, may result in temporary use of FSC trademarks in the labelling and promotion of FSC-certified products. These would be valid certifications for new and existing management units.



Flow of work



Co-created support **Guidance for SDGs**

Guidance 1 support for SDGs to identify landscapes in the country/region and consider the MU in the landscape Draft with SDGs	Guidance 2 Support for SDGs to map social, environmental and economic stakeholders in the landscape Draft with SDGs
Guidance 3 Landscape scenario building methodology and support for efficient use in FSC, including training of staff Draft next week	Guidance 4 Evaluation and monitoring solutions for the landscape scenario implementation, while managing risks 2024

● Collaboration between FSC and Bern University of Applied Studies, consultancy by Andre de Freitas.

Financial support available for Brazil, Peru, Congo Basin and Canada



OVERALL TIMELINE AND DEVELOPMENT OF PROCEDURE

Motion 23 implementation timeline

OUTCOMES

Conceptual phase

- Co-creation of the concept for M23 solution.
- Development of draft guidances and procedure.
- Engagement activities with SDGs/NPs.

Pilots (6-12 months)

Piloting draft guidances and procedure in key countries, resulting in:

1. Draft IFL indicators for FSS
2. Recommendations for finalization of drafts

Changes to normative framework

Decision on draft IFL indicators by PSC.

Changes are reflected in the national normative framework:
IFL indicators considering landscape level protection are included in Forest Stewardship Standards based on pilots

Changes are reflected in the international normative framework:
final procedure and guidances are finalized incorporating learnings from pilots

2023



2024

2025

1

2026

2



BM96 BoD approved Focus Forest Advisory Group to act as working group in revision process

- Recommendations incorporated in second draft, which is consulted.
- Decision making on final drafts of guidances and procedure by Board.

New Procedure for Standard Development Groups

1

Aligned with Motion 23 and ToRs of Working Group.

2

Defines IFL protection levels in the MU in Forest Stewardship Standards (FSS) considering landscape level.

3

Provides workflow, minimum requirements, and reference to guidances.

4

Will be endorsed by FFAG/WG before pilots and will be pilot tested in key countries.

5

Will be consulted (including learnings and recommendations) with members and all stakeholders.

6

Will follow approval process through PSC and BoD.

● For more information see: [Revision of requirements for Intact Forest Landscapes \(IFL\) conservation | FSC Connect](#)

Outline Proposal

2023

- Co-creation of concept and draft guidances
- Engagement of members & SDGs/NPs in process
- Development fundamental concepts for draft procedure for SDGs


2024

- SDGs to use the guidances and procedure to define IFL protection levels (%) in the MU considering landscape level.
- Recommendations for adjustments of guidances and procedure

2025 onwards

- PSC approvals of relevant IFL indicators
- Application of IFL indicators by CHs
- Monitoring & Evaluation
- Incorporating changes in international normative framework

SDGs/NPs in key IFL countries financially supported for this work in 2024



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**PLEASE CONTRIBUTE TO
THE QUESTIONNAIRE IN
THE CONSULTATION
PLATFORM**

Questionnaire open until 3rd December

1. When seeking to protect IFLs at the landscape level, apart from the minimum 10% of conservation area network (CAN), should FSC establish a default minimum threshold for the protection of IFLs within MUs?
2. If so, what do you consider this minimum threshold should be?
3. What factors should FSC consider in regulating the placement and extent of IFL core areas with a lower threshold than 80%, particularly when considering protection at the landscape level?
4. What conditions should FSC consider to allow a lower level of IFL protection than +50% within MUs based on the situation in the landscape?
5. How should SDGs consider dialogue results (i.e. input and agreements from stakeholders) from the Landscape Conference?



Questionnaire available at: English – <https://consultation-platform.fsc.org/en/consultations/take/c27bf6add16d57>
Spanish and French – <https://consultation-platform.fsc.org/en/consultations/take/c27bf6add16d57>



QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Thank you



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