

MOTION 34²⁰²⁵

Enhancing the recognition of FSC certification
in international regulatory frameworks



This motion proposes

> A stronger positioning of FSC

- Recognition of FSC certification as a credible tool for regulatory compliance (EUDR, CITES, Lacey Act...)
- Clearer promotion of FSC's requirements and system guarantees

> Strengthened advocacy

- Actively promote FSC certification as a market-based tool for regulatory compliance
- Engage in constructive dialogue with regulators
- Support voluntary recognition initiatives

> Support for certified companies

- Reduce redundant compliance steps for certificate holders
- Improve visibility and clarity in regulated markets
- Facilitate access for smallholders



Why this motion?

> A fast-evolving regulatory landscape

- Growing number of frameworks: EUDR, CITES, national regulations
- Increasing demands for proof (traceability, audits, documentation)
- FSC-certified companies are still under-recognized in regulatory contexts

> A system that's already strong

- FSC TRACE, credible audits, chain of custody
- Rigorous standards, multi-stakeholder governance
- FSC's mission already aligned with many regulatory objectives

> A motion to clarify FSC's role

- A clear mandate to strengthen advocacy and outreach
- No changes to FSC standards
- A more visible, useful, and recognized FSC while remaining fully independent

*A **low-cost motion** for all stakeholders, with a potentially **high impact** for FSC's visibility and market relevance*



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