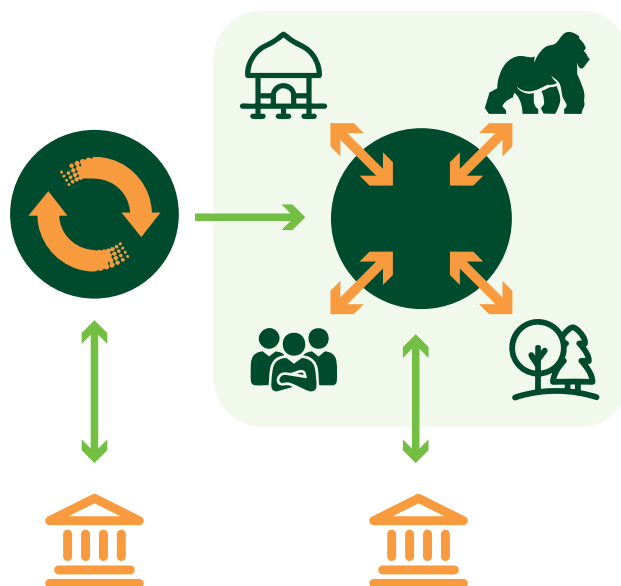


Why a new approach?

For over 30 years, FSC certification has proven its effectiveness at the **Forest Management Unit (FMU) level**.

Yet, today's challenges — **climate change, biodiversity loss, forest degradation, social inequality** — extend far beyond concession boundaries.

To remain relevant, FSC must enable **collaborative action across entire forest landscapes**, involving governments, Indigenous Peoples, local communities, and private actors in shared solutions.



The world is evolving fast FSC must lead, not follow

Global buyers, investors, and regulators are converging on one expectation: **measurable impact at the landscape level**.

The demand is growing for verified outcomes on climate, biodiversity, and communities — not just responsible sourcing.

Finance, too, is shifting: from isolated carbon projects to landscape-linked investment models and sustainability bonds.

"By enabling FSC to operate both at FMU and landscape scale, this motion creates the conditions for FSC to act as a true leader in addressing the global forest crisis."



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MOTION 48²⁰²⁵

A strategic framework for forest landscape level engagement and impact

*From FMU-based management to landscape-scale
impact for forests, people and climate*



*Reimagining forest stewardship for
greater impact and inclusion.*



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From isolated FMUs to connected forest landscapes – evolving towards collective impact and resilience.

A voluntary, phased framework enabling collaboration, innovation, and measurable outcomes across forest landscapes.



What this motion actually asks for

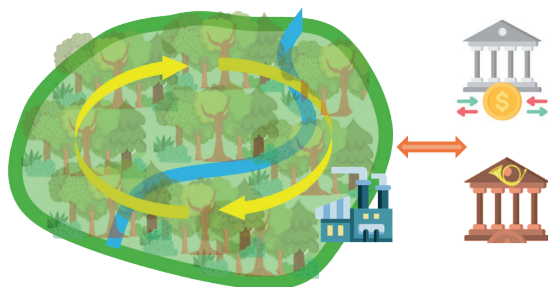
FSC to develop a **voluntary operational framework** to recognize certified forest landscapes, composed of:

- Certified FMUs
- Voluntary conservation set-asides and/or existing conservation areas
- Community or multi-uses zones

And to:

- Enable aggregated MRV and reporting
- Pilot streamlined audits
- Define inclusive governance models

Complementary, not additional. FMU holders keep their certification and obligations unchanged.



FMU level

Compliance and internal management.
Limited interaction with external actors.



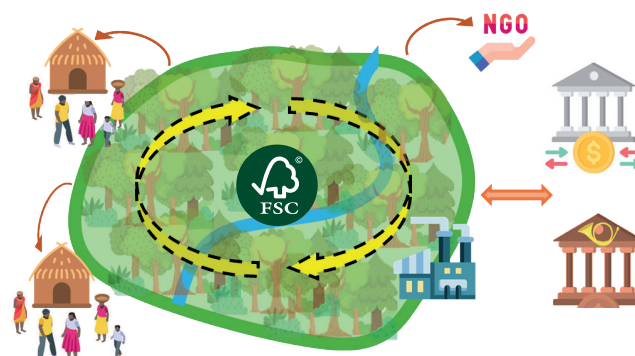
How it works

A three-phases roadmap:

- 1. Feasibility package** – initial scoping and design of pilot landscapes.
- 2. Pilot implementation** – 3-5 landscapes testing governance & financing
- 3. Independent evaluation** to refine before any expansion.

Financing: Covered by external sources — donors, climate funds, or blended finance.

Governance: Shared between stakeholders of FSC-certified FMUs, voluntary set-asides (like IFLs) and conservation areas, local communities & Indigenous peoples.



Certified FMU

Consultation with communities and NGOs.
Strengthened social engagement.

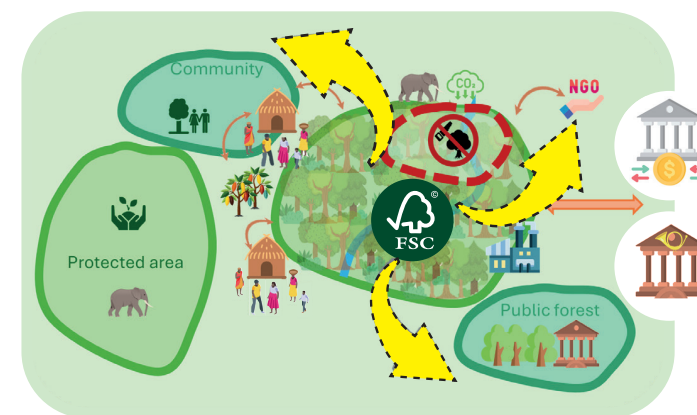


Why it matters?

Motion 48 helps FSC meet the world where it's going:

- Measurable outcomes across ecosystems, not just management units.
- New financing and partnerships.
- Stronger credibility with regulators and markets.

Let's scale our impact top where it truly matters the landscape.



Landscape approach

Shared governance with governments, communities, and private sector. Coordinated landscape outcomes for climate, biodiversity, and people.