

WORKPLAN IMPLEMENTATION M23 – FOCUS FORESTS

2023 - 2024

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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



OBJECTIVE OF WORK PLAN TO IMPLEMENT M23:

Developing through engagement of members, stakeholders and partnerships a revised landscape approach for FSC stewardship in forests with high social and environmental values (IFLs)

OUTCOME:

National Standard Development is mandated to implement a landscape approach process to protect and manage Intact Forest Landscape following developed, relevant and published requirements in the Normative Framework.

This means developing advice note/procedure in normative framework in 2023/2024 and take this up in planned IGI revision (2024 onwards)

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23/2020 Use landscape-wide approaches adapted to local conditions and strengthen Standard Development Groups (SDGs) to improve protection of Intact Forest Landscapes
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 H), 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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Interim advice note in place 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

Forest Management operations, including harvesting and road building, shall not impact more than 20% of IFLs within the management unit and shall not reduce any IFLs below the 50,000 ha threshold in the landscape.

INTERIM EXCEPTION ON CONDITIONS UNTIL END 2024

Conditions include e.g:

- 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 analysed the status and plans for HCV-2 management in the management unit

Follows the motion implementation note from FSC-GA

Process steps

1: SDG identifies landscapes	2: SDG develops SH map for each landscape	3: facilitated landscape scenario building	4: SDG reviews proposed measures	5: monitoring mechanism
For country or region	for each landscape identified	Convened by trained FSC staff	consolidate & harmonize	Intended outcome achieved?
Incl. IFL and HCV	landscape-specific stakeholder pool	Using and re-applying step 1 & 2	Approach published	Other measures needed?
Incl. FMUs in the landscape	certain SH may be in several SH maps	Delivering landscape scenario	Possible landscape differentiation	Publication of monitoring results
Consulted activity	Consulted activity	Co-creation activity	Formal consultation process	Consulted activity

Result: landscape approach with protection level identified per landscape and/or FMU

4 main work streams developing the approach

Preamble: what can we learn from other landscape approaches?

Toolbox 1: methodology to identify landscapes in the country/region and consider the FMU in the landscape

Toolbox 2: methodology to map social, environmental and economic stakeholders in the landscape

Toolbox 3: landscape scenario building methodology and support for efficient use in FSC

Toolbox 4: evaluation and monitoring solutions for the landscape scenario implementation, while managing risks

Toolbox 1 - methodology to identify landscapes in the country/region and consider the IFL in the landscape

DEVELOPED FOR: Standard Development Groups

WHAT: tools & methodology for FSC-SDGs and forest managers in country/region

OUTCOME: an agreed global way of working to identify individual landscapes, HCV and other forest area in an IFL

INCLUDES TOOLS/METHODOLOGY DEVELOPMENT FOR:

- Identifying landscapes in country / region and how FMUs are situated in those landscapes
- Identify overlap with Indigenous Cultural Landscapes
- Identify HCVs and other land uses in the landscape
- Identify available information to inform risk management
- Identify available information on ecological, social and socio-economic values and conditions, incl. on intactness
- Etc.

Toolbox 2 - methodology to map social, environmental and economic stakeholders in the landscape



DEVELOPED FOR: Standard Development Groups

WHAT: identifying who in the wider landscape needs to be consulted in certification processes

OUTCOME: systematic stakeholder identification tools for SDGs and forest managers

INCLUDES TOOLS/METHODOLOGY DEVELOPMENT FOR:

- Stakeholder identification tools, for a specific landscape
- Including Indigenous peoples and community presence in the landscape
- Identifying governmental and administrative relations
- Identifying other corporations working in the landscape, incl. informal business
- Identifying traditional ownership or claims in the landscape
- Etc.

Toolbox 3 - landscape scenario building methodology and support for efficient use in FSC

DEVELOPED FOR: use by staff of FSC

WHAT: scenario development for landscape in dialogue with SH

OUTCOME: skilled FSC staff to do use efficient dialogue methods for landscape scenarios

INCLUDES TOOLS/METHODOLOGY DEVELOPMENT FOR:

- Training FSC staff for facilitating effectively open dialogues for scenario development of a landscape
- Inviting mapped SH groups to build scenario (incl. govts, soc, ec, env SH)
- Identifying factors, parameters, risks etc. impacting maintenance of HCV in landscape (and beyond)
- developing a combination of strict conservation and adapted forest management measures

Toolbox 4 - evaluation and monitoring solutions for the landscape scenario implementation, while managing risks

DEVELOPED FOR: FSC certified Forest Managers

WHAT: monitoring mechanism, when certification of concession is done, landscape level

OUTCOME: regular check on risk management with SH on landscape level leading to agreed protection level

INCLUDES TOOLS/METHODOLOGY DEVELOPMENT FOR:

- Consult SH opinions on the implementation of the landscape scenario
- Assessing risk analyses in the identification, prioritization and balancing of conservation and management measures
- Assessing whether these reach the required level of protection and social safeguards, and what (other) measures are needed



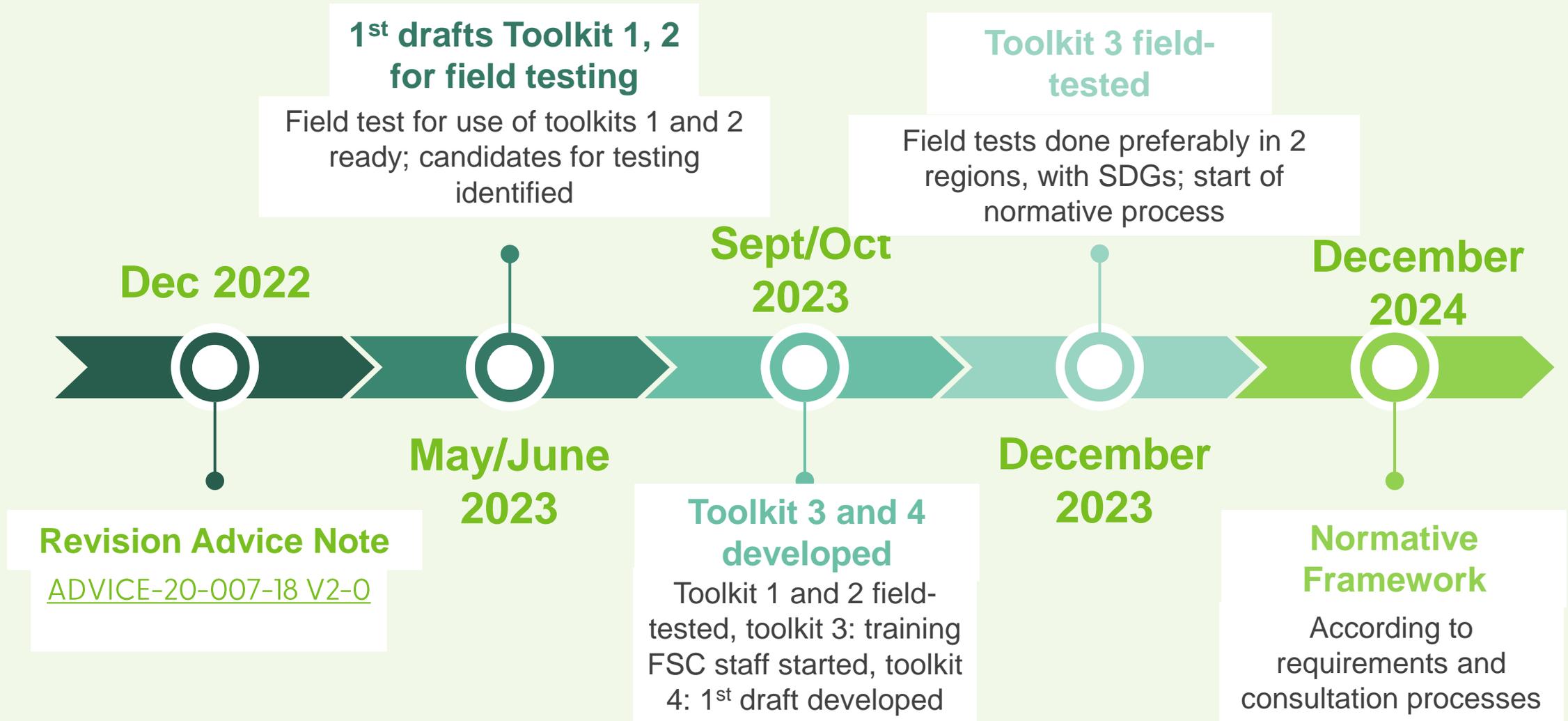
When toolboxes are developed and field-tested

The **SDG** reviews outcome of the landscape dialogue, consolidates and harmonizes this and formally consults for National Forest Standard development

PSU puts the tools developed in these workstreams into the FSC Normative Framework, e.g. Advice Note and/or Procedure, through a formal consultative process

The **Forest Manager** of a FMU in an IFL follows the developed landscape scenario as captured in the requirements of the National Forest Standard and normative framework

Overview timeline



Ongoing engagement and consultation during process; formal consultation process for normative elements

Thank you



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