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The Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) is an independent, not for profit, non-government organisation based in Bonn, Germany.

The mission of the Forest Stewardship Council is to support environmentally appropriate, socially beneficial, and economically viable management of the world's forests.

FSC develops, supports and promotes international, national and regional standards in line with its mission; evaluates, accredits and monitors certification bodies which verify the use of FSC standards; provides training and information; and promotes the use of products that carry the FSC logo.

The Scope of Application of the FSC Principles and Criteria for Forest Stewardship

The FSC Board of Directors approved the following as FSC policy in relation to the scope of application of *FSC-STD-01-001 FSC Principles and Criteria for Forest Stewardship*:

The scope of application of *FSC-STD-01-001 FSC Principles and Criteria for Forest Stewardship* includes natural forests, plantations and other (i.e. non-forest) vegetation types.

The concept of 'other vegetation types' should be limited to those land-uses involving the growing of trees but includes, in principle, 'non-forest' land-uses as they contribute to the mission of FSC.

Implementation

The FSC International Center should develop guidance on the implementation of FSC-STD-20-002 and FSC-STD-20-003 as applied to the development of standards for such non-forest land-uses, in line with existing resources, fundraising capacity and FSC procedures for work planning.