





Slovenia has a green heart, the forests cover 3/5 of its area and nearly all Slovenian cities are close to a forest.



AGENDA



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1 INTRODUCTION: FOREST STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL

Forests are home to 300 million people and 2/3 of terrestrial species, valiant climate mitigator and much more, but they are endangered...



Global forest resources





45% tropical forests



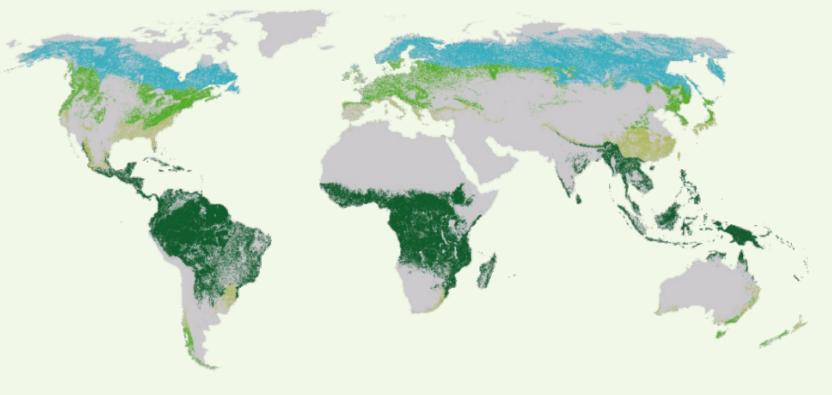
27% boreal forests



16% temperate forests



11% subtropical forests



4,06 billion ha = 31% of land surface

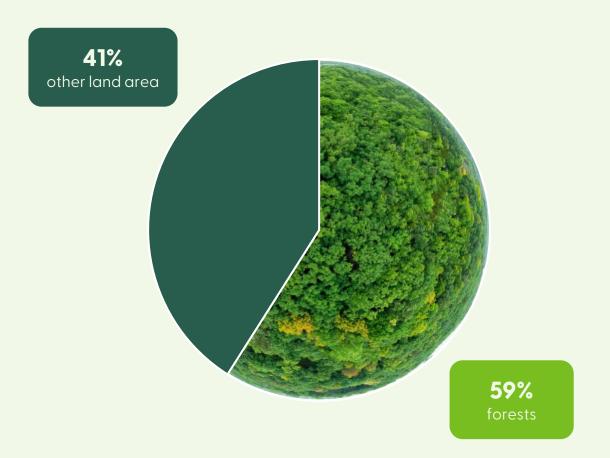
(FAO – Food and Agriculture Organization, 2020)



Forest resources in Slovenia



Land area in Slovenia	2 013 100 ha
Forests and forested areas	1 193 750 ha (59% of land area – above EU average)
Trend	Increase of forest area
Ownership	76% private 21% state 3% municipality
Top 3 forest species	Beech (bukev), spruce (smreka), fir (jelka)



Value of forest resources





Home to 300 million people and 2/3 of terrestrial species

Forest ecosystems are complex networks



Wood and non-wood production

Wood and non-wood forest products (cork, honey, mushrooms, latex, forest fruits...)



Climate regulation

Mitigating climate change by reducing the amount of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere



Protection against natural disasters

Effective physical barrier against natural disasters (such as erosion and strong winds)



Water cycle regulation

Temperatures and precipitation are partially regulated through the transpiration process



Erosion control and soil formation

Forest vegetation affects soil formation – e.g. bedding layer (posteljni sloj)



Food and medications supply

Edible plants, mushrooms, insects, wild meat, fruits, nuts, honey, about 120 prescription drugs, aspirin...



Recreation and cultural aspects

Physical activity (hiking, walking, camping, fishing, hunting, skiing, swimming...)



Endangerment of forest resources



Deforestation

Forest degradation

Illegal activites

The <u>net forest loss</u> rate decreased from 7.8 million ha per year between 1990–2000 to 5.2 million ha per year between 2000–2010 and **4.7 million** ha per year between 2010–2020 (FAO, 2021).

Problem expressed in tropical forests!



Loss of quality of forest ecosystems and related ecosystem services (plant diseases, destruction of trees by wind and/or snow, aging, grazing, forest fires, invasive species, loss of biodiversity, landscape changes...)



Illegal management of forest resources and illegal trade in forest products (logging without permission, non-compliance with concessions, lack of legal access to land, false claims...)



Forest Stewardship Council (FSC)





DEFINITIONS

- The Forest Stewardship Council is a global, not-for-profit organization dedicated to the promotion of responsible forest management worldwide. FSC defines standards based on agreed principles for responsible forest stewardship that are supported by environmental, social, and economic stakeholders.
- FSC is dedicated to the promotion of responsible forest management worldwide.
- FSC helps take care of forests for future generations.



FSC mission and vision



Mission

FSC will promote environmentally appropriate, socially beneficial, and economically viable management of the world's forests.

Vision

The true value of forests is recognized and fully incorporated into society worldwide. FSC is the leading catalyst and defining force for improved forest management and market transformation, shifting the global forest trend toward sustainable use, conservation, restoration, and respect for all.



Global Strategy 2021-2026 is also available in Croatian language. It emphasizes that the fundamental strength of the FSC is anchored in the engagement of the membership and the **global network of local partners**: this is what enables FSC to fulfill its global mission.

Organisational structure of FSC



FSC International

Regional offices

Network partners

FSC International is made of:

- FSC Asociación Civil
- FSC International Center GmbH
- FSC Global Development GmbH

FSC certification scheme development (standards, procedures...)

There are 5 offices:

- Africa
- Asia Pacific
- Europe
- Latin America
- Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS)

FSC system development according to the specific needs

More than 40 – <u>list</u>, e.g. FSC Italy, FSC Germany, FSC UK, FSC USA...

Supporting certificate holders and promoting ESC values

Currently there is no office in Slovenia (the role of FSC Italy)

FSC is a membership organization



The FSC consists of members who can represent their own interests or the interests of their organization. Members meet at the General Assembly every 3 years and decide on the future direction of FSC development. In order to ensure equal voting power, members are divided into **3 chambers**, and additionally into **2 sub-chambers** depending on the development status of each member state. Each sub-chamber has equal voting power. The FSC is managed by over 1,100 international members, currently 1 from Slovenia. Check out some of them below:







FSC certification scheme



Forest management (FM) certification

Chain of custody (CoC) certification



Annual independent audit of forest management to verify that forests are managed in accordance with FSC Principles and Criteria

There are currently more than **220 million ha** of FSC certified forest area in the world, over 260 000 ha in Slovenia Annual independent audit of certified operations of companies that process and/or sell FSC certified materials and products

There are currently more than **50,000** FSC certified companies in the world, over 270 in Slovenia







10 FSC Principles for forest management



1

COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS

2

WORKERS'
RIGHTS AND
EMPLOYMENT
CONDITIONS

3

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' RIGHTS

4

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

5

BENEFITS FROM THE FOREST

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ENVIRONMENTAL VALUES AND IMPACTS

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MANAGEMENT PLANNING 8

MONITORING
AND ASSESSMENT

9

HIGH CONSERVATION VALUES

10

IMPLEMENTATION OF MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

FIND OUT MOR

FSC is the world's most recognized and trusted forest-certification scheme to protect the world's forests.





Source: 2021 Global Consumer Survey



CERTIFIED FORESTS IN SLOVENIA





260 000 certified hectares – 2 FM/CoC certificate holders

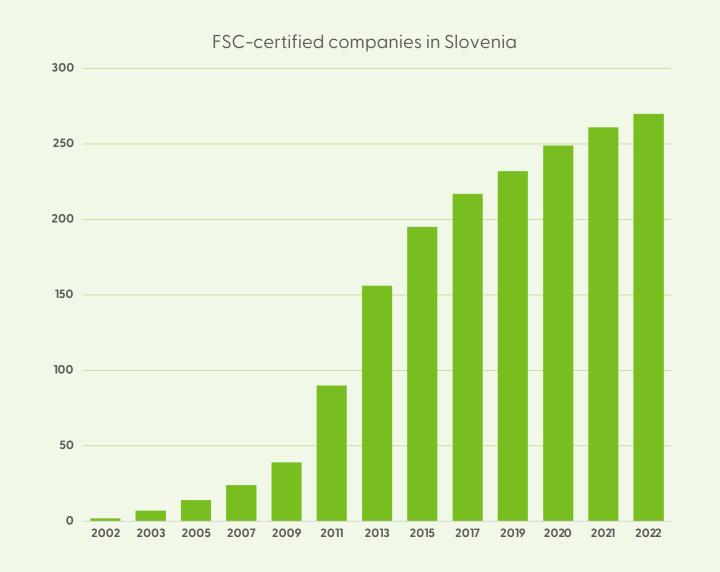


CERTIFIED COMPANIES IN SLOVENIA





272 CoC certificate holders

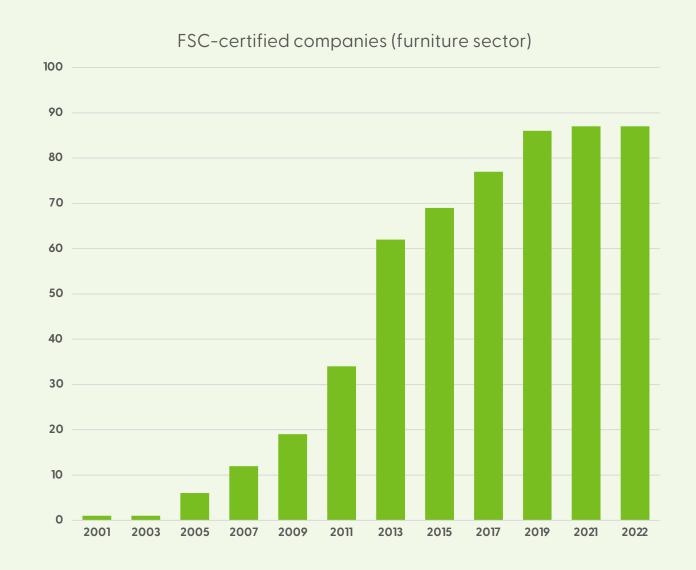


CERTIFIED FURNITURE COMPANIES IN SLOVENIA





87 companies (Slovenian and foreign)



2 THE ROLE OF FSC IN GREEN PUBLIC PROCUREMENT AND ELIGIBLE PRODUCTS

Governments help shape the world, not only through policy decisions but also in their day-to-day practices.



Benefits for public sector 1/2







In recent years, global agreements like the <u>Paris Agreement on Climate Change</u> (2015) have promised to act on issues that include halting deforestation and forest degradation. Public authorities can act in different ways to help achieve this, including through their purchasing policies. And that is where FSC is able to help.



By **making FSC certification part of their purchasing policy and practice**, public authorities can ensure that suppliers of forest products meet the most comprehensive social and environmental requirements in the world. This presents an immediate opportunity to make a difference.



Public spending represents between **15 and 30 per cent of the gross domestic** product in many countries and is a powerful force for taking action against deforestation, forest degradation and climate change.

Benefits for public sector 2/2





By buying FSC-certified products – which range from **paper** and **office furniture**, to **timber for construction projects** – public procurers support the move towards sustainable public production and consumption patterns, setting an example for consumers.



'Ensuring sustainable consumption and production patterns' is **one of the 17 UN SDGs**, agreed by the United Nations to direct the activities of governments, businesses, and civil society organizations over the next 15 years. **Sustainable public procurement** is listed as a specific target of this goal and supporting forest certification can directly contribute to this. (Target 12.7)





The rule of thumb



















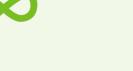


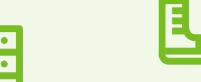
Any product that contains forest-based materials in an element with a functional purpose can be FSC certified and therefore incorporated within the green public procurement policy with the FSC requirement.



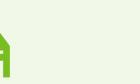


























Furniture



There are over 70 companies in Slovenia that can offer FSC-certified furniture.









Paper



There are over 80 companies in Slovenia that can offer FSC-certified paper-based products.













Carpentry



There are over 30 companies in Slovenia that can offer FSC-certified carpentry products.













There are currently ocompanies in Slovenia that can offer FSC-certified rubber products.











Construction



There are over 130 companies in Slovenia that can offer FSC-certified construction related wood products.









Textile



There are currently ocompanies in Slovenia that can offer FSC-certified textile products.











Packaging



There are over 40 companies in Slovenia that can offer FSC-certified packaging.













There are currently ocompanies in Slovenia that can offer FSC-certified food products.











Energy



There are over 80 companies in Slovenia that can offer FSC-certified energy products.

















3 FSC TRADEMARKS AND CLAIMS: HOW TO CONTROL FSC CHAIN OF CUSTODY CLAIMS?

It all starts with a formulation of the public tender. A supplier can be FSC-certified, but this does not guarantee that all of its products are too. There are ways to control the certification status of both the supplier and its products.



Trademarks

FSC trademarks and on-product labels



Full name "Forest **Stewardship** Council"

Acronim "FSC"

FSC logo



"Forests For All Forever" – logo with a full text









FSC claims



A claim made <u>on sales and delivery documents</u> for FSC-certified or FSC Controlled Wood output products. The FSC claims are: **FSC 100%, FSC Mix x%, FSC Recycled x%, FSC Mix Credit, FSC Recycled Credit, and FSC Controlled Wood**.

- FSC claim is different from FSC on-product label, and it contains a different code.
- Only FSC-certified companies can sell products with FSC claims on the sales and delivery documents.
- Once the FSC claim is omitted from the sales and delivery documents, the chain of custody is broken.

FSC claim is made either for each product group or alternatively for all the products together.

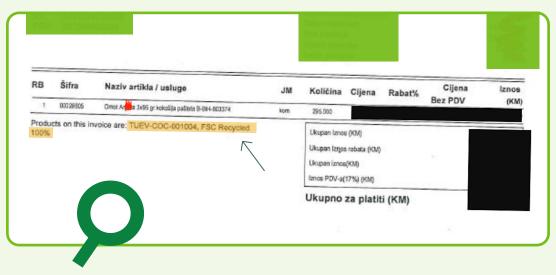
FSC claim contains a <u>certificate code</u> of a seller (certified company), and it is this code that enables buyers to control the seller's status of certification in the <u>FSC Public Database</u>.



FSC claim example 1

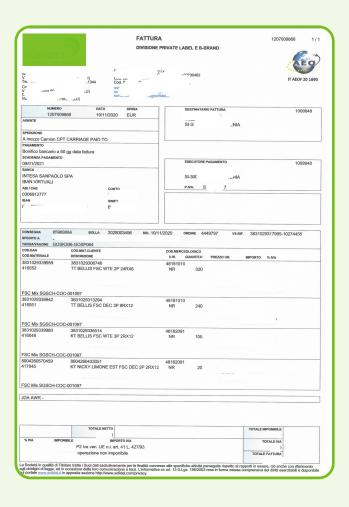


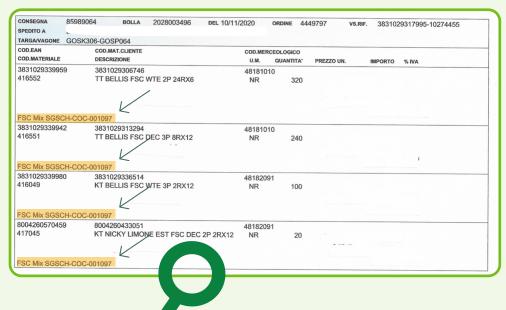




FSC claim example 2







The sustainable procurement process





Be clear in the tender

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Use the FSC database



Check the claims

The first step is to be clear in the tender formulation. Insist that bidders confirm they are in compliance with the rules of the forest certification schemes they intend to refer to for proving compliance with the relevant technical specifications.

The second step is to control the information given by these bidders with the use of the FSC public certificate database.

The third step is to control the claims that come with the actual goods, because most FSC certificate holders trade in both certified and non-certified products. The control starts with checking whether the invoices have valid FSC claims. The public certificate database is a good way to check this.

1. step: Be clear in the tender



Whenever possible, clearly state that companies applying to a specific public tender with FSC-certified products need to be a part of the FSC Chain of Custody (i.e. to be able to confirm they are FSC-certified by providing their FSC certificate code), as this is the <u>only</u> way to ensure FSC products and materials are not mixed with other non FSC-certified products from the same company.

5.1.2 Merila za oddajo javnega naročila

Za potrebe razvrstitve ponudb naročnik poleg cene ali stroškov in morebitnih drugih meril določi:

Merilo »višii utežni delež lesa in/ali lesnih tvoriv7«.

Ponudba za dobavo pohištva, ki vsebuje višji utežni delež lesa in/ali lesnih tvoriv iz zakonito pridobljenih virov, se v okviru tega merila točkuje z dodatnimi točkami na način, ki ga predvidi naročnik. Delež tega merila v razmerju do ostalih meril v razpisni dokumentaciji določi naročnik.

Način dokazovanja

Ponudnik mora k ponudbi priložiti:

- izjavo, da bo pri dobavi blaga izpolnil merilo, ali
- tehnično dokumentacijo proizvajalca, iz katere izhaja, da je merilo izpolnjeno, ali
- dokaze sledljivosti o izvoru lesa za proizvodnjo pohištva (izpolnjevanje standardov FSC, PEFC ali enakovrednih standardov);
- ustrezno dokazilo, iz katerega izhaja, da je merilo izpolnjeno

Naročnik med izvajanjem naročila preverja, ali ponudnik izpolnjuje merilo.

An insert from "Pohištvo: Primeri okoljskih zahtev in meril, Januar 2020"

2. step: Use the FSC database



<u>FSC Public Database</u> is an essential tool that enables you to confirm the certification status of a company, weather the certificate is valid or not, and which products are included within the certificate. Database can also be used to look for companies that offer specific certified products.

Website link: https://fsc.org/en/fsc-public-certificate-search



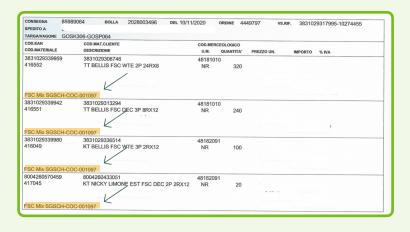


(Temporary) Public Database of FSC certificate holders

3. step: Check the claims



Final step is to control that the products that are received using the public tender are indeed FSC-certified. This is done by searching for the FSC claims for each of the eligible product on the sales and delivery document. Again, Public Database may be used to control the validity and scope of the certificate.



Illustrative example of a sales document with FSC claims

Thank you



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