



Updated Information on Forest & Timber Certification in ITTO Producing Members (2021)

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Forest & Timber Certification

- Total certified forest area of ITTO Producing Members as of 2021 (FSC+PEFC):
 - **36.4 Million Ha**
 - **6.5%** of the world total (546 Million Ha)

- Chain of Custody (CoC) certification of ITTO Producing Members as of 2021 (FSC+PEFC):
 - **5,484 certificates**
 - **8.4%** of the world total (52,315 certificates)



Forest & Timber Certification

- Two international certification systems, **FSC** and **PEFC**, continued to be the main schemes being implemented in ITTO producing member countries.
- **PEFC** remained as the largest certification scheme in the world (60%).
- **FSC** accounted more share (near 60%) of certified forests in ITTO producing members.



FSC

Facts & Figures (2021)



- **FSC** certified forest areas in ITTO producing members:
 - **21.2** mHa, minor decrease
 - **9%** of the global FSC certified areas
- **FSC** in world 2021: 230.7 mHa, increased 8.9 mHa
- **Top 3** ITTO producing members of FSC certified areas:
 - **Brazil** (7.96m), **Indonesia** (3.15), and **Ro Congo** (2.99)
 - **67%** of total of ITTO producing members



FSC

Facts & Figures (2021)



- **FSC CoC in ITTO producing members:**
 - **4,928** certificates, +11.4%
 - **9.4%** of **FSC CoC** (52,717)

- **Top 3 ITTO producing members of FSC CoC:**
 - **Vietnam** (1,213, +15%), **Brazil** (1,187), **India** (1,143, +14%)
 - **72%** of total of ITTO producing members



FSC Developments in 2021 General Assembly



- **FSC 2020 General Assembly** was postponed and was taking place in two parts:
 - 25-29 October 2021 virtual
 - 9-14 October 2022 hybrid in Bali
- **The FSC GA** has adopted a number of **Motions** with significant changes during its recent sessions.
 - 2021 virtual: 3 passed.
 - 2022 hybrid: 15 passed.
- **ITTO was represented** and served on panel discussion at FSC GA.



FSC Developments in 2021 General Assembly



- **FSC 2021/2022 General Assembly: 2021 virtual**
 - **Motion 20/2020: Climate Emergency**
 - ✓ Calls for climate change and biodiversity loss to be placed at the center of implementing FSC global strategy
 - **Motion 48/2021: Improve ecosystem services procedure**
 - **Motion 61/2021: Create and publish a digital map of FSC certified forests worldwide**
 - ✓ Requires the publication of maps of certified concessions (on a voluntary basis)



FSC Developments in 2022

General Assembly



- **FSC 2021/2022 General Assembly: 2022 Hybrid in Bali, 15 motions passed, 2 most relevant to tropical timber producers:**
 - **Motion 23/2020:** Use landscape-wide approaches adapted to local conditions and strengthen Standard Development Groups (SDGs) to improve protection of Intact Forest Landscapes.
 - ✓ A boost to certification of tropical forest concessions operating in “intact forest landscapes” as long as they carry out SFM
 - **Motion 37/2021:** Required changes to the FSC Principles and Criteria to implement the Policy to Address Conversion
 - ✓ Make changes to the FSC Principles and Criteria to enable implementation of the Policy to Address Conversion, provide market incentives to restore deforested/degraded land.
 - ✓ Moved the cutoff date for when land could be cleared for plantations and still have plantation forests/products certified from 1994 when FSC was first established to 2020.
 - ✓ Allow more such forests/plantations to be certified in the tropics where many plantations were established in this period.



PEFC

Facts & Figures (2021)



- PEFC certified forest areas in ITTO producing members:
 - **15.1** mHa, increased 0.55 mHa
 - **4.6%** of the global PEFC certified areas (mHa)
- PEFC in world 2021: 328.5 mHa, increased 4 mHa
- 6 ITTO producing members have PEFC certified areas:
 - **Malaysia** (5.31m), **Brazil** (4.71m, +10.6), **Indonesia** (4.02m), **Gabon** (0.60m), and **India** (0.45m), **Vietnam** (46,000 ha)



PEFC

Facts & Figures (2021)



- **PEFC CoC in ITTO producing members:**
 - **556** certificates
 - **4.4%** of FSC CoC (12,671)

- **Top 3 ITTO producing members of PEFC CoC:**
 - **Malaysia (372), Indonesia (41), Brazil (35)**
 - **80%** of total of ITTO producing members



PEFC

Developments in 2021



- PEFC-certified hectares grew by nearly 4 m, 14% from ITTO producers
- Pan African Forest Certification (**PAFC**) Congo Basin regional system achieved PEFC endorsement.
- **PAFC Congo Basin** became the world's first PEFC-endorsed regional forest certification system.
- **Vietnam** achieved first certified forest area in PEFC.
- 3 ITTO producers, Myanmar, Guyana, and Ghana are PEFC non-endorsed members.

9 National Certification Schemes Endorsed by PEFC as of 2021



- **Brazil:** Brazilian Forest Certification Programme (CERFLOR)
- **Malaysia:** Malaysian Timber Certification Council (MTCC)
- **Indonesia:** Indonesian Forestry Certification Coop (IFCC)
- **Gabon:** PAFC-Gabon
- **India:** Network for Certification & Conservation of Forests (NCCF)
- **Vietnam:** Vietnam Forest Certification Office (VFCO)
- **Cameroon:** Cameroonian Association of PAFC
- **Republic of Congo:** PAFC-Congo
- **Thailand:** The Federation of Thai Industries (F.T.I.)
- Ghana, Guyana, Myanmar (non-endorsed members)



Thank You!

