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JOB OPPORTUNITIES AT FSC

There are a number of job openings at FSC.

If you would like to join our multi-cultural team in Bonn, visit www.fsc.org/jobs.html

NEW FSC EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TAKES OFFICE



Andre de Freitas,
new FSC Executive Director

Andre Giacini de Freitas takes over the office of FSC Executive Director. A forester by training, Andre Giacini de Freitas also brings extensive and broad experience working with FSC. This includes field experience working as an auditor in Brazil as well as high-level, strategic and policy work at the international level.

Previously, Andre Giacini de Freitas managed Imaflora, a Brazilian NGO that is also the SmartWood affiliate in that country, and also developed the social and environmental policy for Rabobank in Brazil. Since 2006 Andre Giacini de Freitas has been leading the FSC Policy and Standards and Communications programs.

FROM A BRILLIANT IDEA TO THE LEADING MODEL

Andre Giacini de Freitas talks in the following interview about FSC's impacts and challenges:

Andre, as the new Executive Director, what do you see as the biggest challenge ahead for FSC?

Andre de Freitas: Credibility is one of FSC's key assets and as the system grows we need to ensure that we maintain and strengthen our credibility. To achieve this, we will devote more resources to accreditation and to further improve our requirements for forest management and chain of custody certification, aiming at making them more effective and at the same time user-friendly.

We also need to strengthen our work related to markets to ensure that products from FSC certified forests deliver good business value and thus continue to support the expansion of FSC certification and the positive impacts this brings.

You have been working in the FSC system for many years. What are the most important impacts that FSC has had so far?

Andre de Freitas: FSC has generated significant positive impacts at the forest level, both on social and environ-

mental issues. It is essential that we are increasingly able to demonstrate these far reaching impacts to all our stakeholders. We are already working on impacts and more information can be found in our website.

Did this have an impact on the image of forestry overall?

Andre de Freitas: Yes, of course. FSC is helping to put forests at the forefront of responsible production and you can see that other sectors have started to develop similar models. Also, with currently over 100 million hectares certified and an estimated annual value of more than 25 billion US dollars of FSC products, we can see that there is a large political and economic force that is endorsing and promoting the FSC system globally.

Is there a change in the role of FSC?

Andre de Freitas: FSC is going to be 15 years old this year. In this time we have turned a brilliant idea into the leading model for responsible forest management. Now a new stage of our development begins: consolidating a long-term viable business model that delivers benefits to all of our stakeholders, including certificate holders as well as our social and environmental members.



FSC IN FIGURES

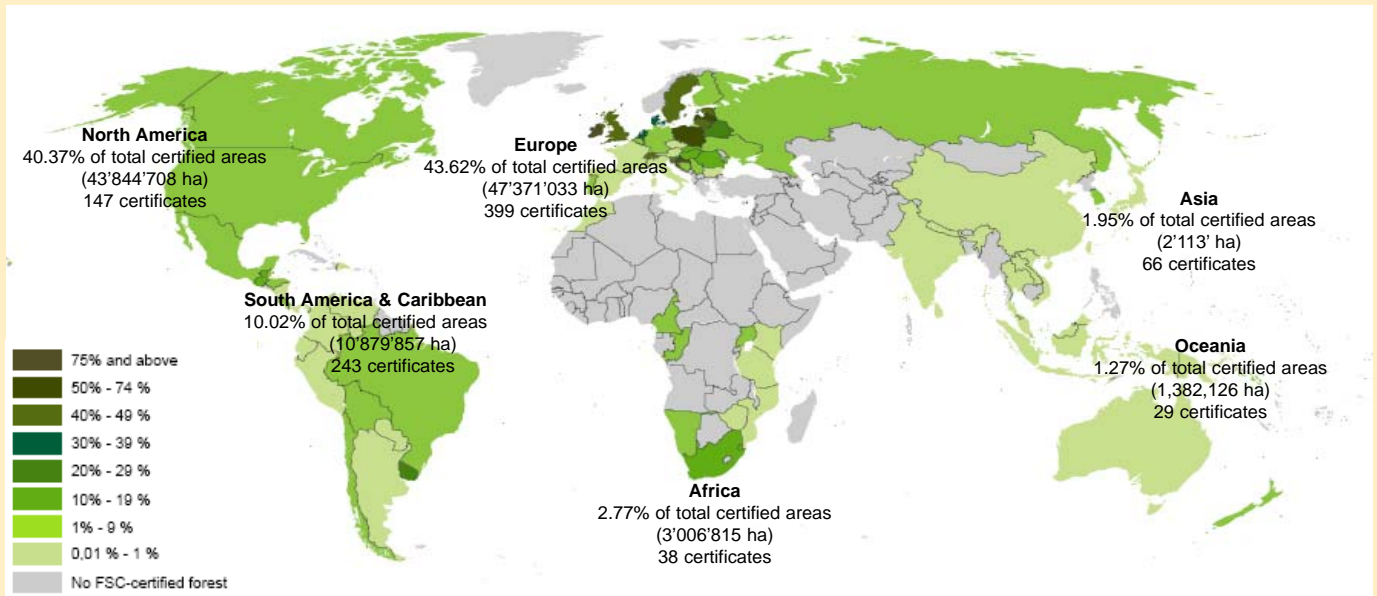
Information as of July 1st 2008

Total certified area: 108'597'944 ha

Total Forest Management certificates: 922

Total Chain of Custody certificates: 9'702

Currently FSC has Forest Management and Chain of Custody certificates in 81 countries



Source: Map FSC Denmark 01/01/08

For quarterly updates on FSC charts and figures and for the FSC market information pack, visit www.fsc.org/facts-figures.html

NEW FSC MEMBERS

Total FSC Members as of June 30th 2008: 752

Economic - North 165
Environmental - North 123
Social - North 59

Economic - South 134
Environmental - South 193
Social - South 80

Name/Company/Org.	Representative	Country	Chamber	Subchamber
Mr. Georges Ngasse		Central African Republic	ENVIRONMENTAL	SOUTH
Mr. Emmanuel Zola Mvibudulu		Democratic Republic of Congo	ECONOMIC	SOUTH
Mr. Claude Sikubwabo Kiyengo		Democratic Republic of Congo	ENVIRONMENTAL	SOUTH
Mrs. Léonie Rose Mateta née Mackela		Republic of Congo	ENVIRONMENTAL	SOUTH
Mr. Jean-Michel Pierre		France	SOCIAL	NORTH
Mr. Twesigye Morrison Rwakakamba		Uganda	SOCIAL	SOUTH
ShoreBank Enterprise Cascadia	Mr. John Berdes	United States	SOCIAL	NORTH

For information on how to become an FSC member visit www.fsc.org/become-member.html

CURRENT FSC PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS

FSC-STD-01-001 V5-0 D1-0 FSC Principles and Criteria

The FSC Principles and Criteria is the core document for FSC forest management certification and can only be changed by a vote of the FSC membership. The 10 Principles and 56 Criteria form the basis for all FSC forest management policies and standards. They describe how forests have to be managed to meet the social, economic, ecological, cultural and spiritual needs of present and future generations. They include managerial aspects as well as environmental and social requirements.

FSC has never consistently reviewed the FSC Principles and Criteria since their adoption almost 15 years ago. Though over the years some changes have been made to it at different FSC General Assemblies, the current document only has very few differences with the document that was originally adopted. FSC members meet every three years at the FSC General Assembly, FSC's highest decision-making body.

This first draft was developed by the FSC Board of Directors with the support of the FSC International Center. It is based on several motions from the 2005 FSC General Assembly and on the recommendations by the Policy Working Group and subsequent Expert Teams of the FSC Plantations Review.

All interested parties are invited to comment on this draft by **July 12th, 2008**. For more information visit www.fsc.org/pcreview.html.

FSC Governance Review Process Discussion Paper

At the 2005 FSC General Assembly, Motion 51 was passed instructing the FSC Board and senior management to comprehensively review FSC's strategic vision, financial platform, and governance system.

The first two aspects are well underway with the adoption of FSC's new Global Strategy in November 2007 and the creation of Global Development company in charge of creating a new system of trademark licensing and fees.

The final and perhaps most important piece to transforming FSC to meet the opportunities of the future, is to update FSC's governance structures.

All interested parties are invited to comment on this draft by **July 19th, 2008**. For more information visit www.fsc.org/governance-review.html.



FSC BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTIONS

FSC members are invited to vote for three new members of the FSC Board of Directors, two from the Northern Environmental and one from the Northern Social chamber. The deadline for submission is September 15, 2008.

The newly elected members of the FSC Board of Directors will take office at the end of the FSC Board of Directors meeting in November 2008.

The FSC Board of Directors is balanced between social, environmental and economic interests and its members should demonstrate this through experience, reputation and affiliation. The members of the FSC Board of Directors represent not only their respective interest group but the FSC as a whole.

For further information, please contact Christina Endemann at membership@fsc.org.

SGS MORATORIUM ON NEW FSC FOREST MANAGEMENT CERTIFICATES

Following the results of recent accreditation audits by Accreditation Services International (ASI), SGS South Africa, an FSC accredited certification body, has made a business decision to adopt an open-ended moratorium on the issuance of new FSC forest management certificates. SGS indicated that it remains committed to FSC's objectives and that it will use this time to systematically review the situation related to forest management certification.

As of May 29th, 2008, SGS will not sign new contracts for assessing forest management operations for the purpose of FSC certification. However, SGS will maintain its services to all existing certificate holders and will continue to work with companies seeking re-certification.

For further information, please contact the FSC Communications Program at p.dudeck@fsc.org.

FSC ADVANCES IN LUXEMBURG **FSC ACCREDITS FOREST MANAGEMENT INDICATORS**

FSC has now accredited the national forest management indicators for Luxembourg following a rigorous assessment process. The forests of Luxembourg can now be certified according to these standards. Just prior to this, the FSC Working Group in Luxembourg also achieved FSC accreditation.

Pit Mischo, Director of FSC Luxembourg stated, "We are delighted that FSC approved the national forest management indicators. It was a long process to seek consensus among the different stakeholders and the members of the Working Group." With its 43 members, the Working Group represents a balance of social, environmental and economic interests.

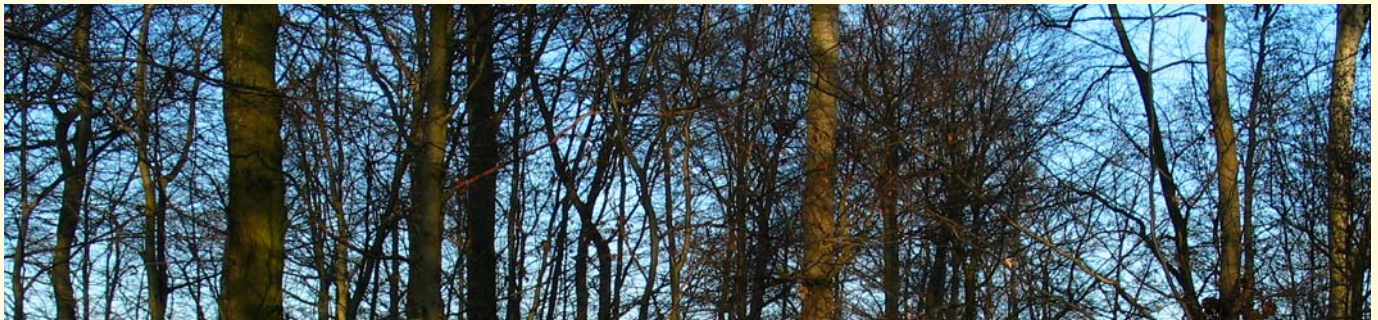
As of June 25th, 2008, all forest operations in Luxembourg

undergoing FSC certification will be evaluated against the requirements of these new indicators.

Existing certificates in the country comply with generic standards which have been locally adapted by FSC accredited certification bodies. These forest operations will have up to one year to conform to the new indicators.

Mr. Mischo continued, "We are looking forward to working with all forest owners in Luxembourg to implement the indicators. We will also focus on promoting FSC certified products in the country to support a growing demand for responsibly sourced products."

For further information on FSC in Luxembourg visit www.fsc-lux.lu.



FSC certified forest, Luxembourg. © Luxembourg

FSC CONTACT PERSON APPOINTED IN SENEGAL

FSC will lead forest certification efforts in Senegal following the accreditation of an FSC Contact Person in the country.

The FSC Board of Directors announced the accreditation of Mr. Babacar Salif Gueye as an FSC Contact Person on May 30th, 2008. Babacar Salif Gueye will focus on developing capacity to establish an FSC Working Group that supports the development of national FSC indicators for

forest management.

To contact Babacar Salif Gueye, please e-mail babacarsalif@yahoo.com or call +221 548 38 60.

FSC is now represented in 47 countries around the world. Contact details for all FSC accredited National Initiatives are available online at www.fsc.org/worldwide_locations.html.



CIB ACHIEVES SECOND FSC CERTIFICATE

DLH's subsidiary Congolaise Industrielle des Bois (CIB) achieved FSC certification for an additional concession in the Republic of Congo. This is only the second FSC forest management certificate issued in the country.

The Pokola forest management unit (FMU) covers 452,200 ha. Together with the Kabo FMU certified in May 2006, the area of FSC tropical forest now reaches some 750'000 in the Republic of Congo. Both certified forests are managed by CIB.

Robert Hunink, Executive Vice President of the DLH Group, and President of the Supervisory Board of CIB, applauded the accomplishment, "Under often challenging circumstances our CIB colleagues have not only achieved what many in the industry have long thought impossible, but also succeeded in maintaining the exceptionally high FSC standard throughout a series of robust audits."

Similar to the Kabo FMU, the Pokola FMU is home to many indigenous peoples and the town of Pokola. The forest supports a diversity of threatened large mammal species including elephant, chimpanzees and gorillas. Complying with the FSC standards ensures that the forest will continue to sustain the biodiversity the people and animals that depend on it whilst generating resources for economic development in the northern Congo.

Jørgen Møller-Rasmussen, President of DLH, congratulated the CIB team. "CIB announced in March 2004 that it was going for FSC certification of its entire forest concession area. It hasn't been an easy journey but the Management Team has remained committed, implementing new and innovative approaches that have been globally recognized and that are setting new norms for the African forest industry. Maintaining the Kabo FMU's FSC certificate since 2006, through a series of audits, is an example of CIB team's persistent dedication. For them FSC is not just a standard checked once a year, but rather a set of "rules" that constantly influence every single aspect of their daily tasks. The change compared to a few years ago is remarkable."

FSC CERTIFICATE SEARCH

The validity of FSC certificates can only be checked at the official FSC certificate search website: www.fsc-info.org

Scott Poynton, Tropical Forest Trust Executive Director added, "CIB has done this despite often extremely challenging market conditions. Let's not forget that the market still accepts timber from dubious origins, effectively undercutting fair pricing for certified timber. Managing a forest responsibly and achieving FSC certification costs money - lots of it - and this has to be paid for by selling wood carrying an eco label. This isn't always easy when end consumers are still prepared to buy uncertified and possibly even illegal timber simply because it's cheaper."

Robert Hunink echoed this point "The DLH Group has made significant financial resources available for CIB to reach this important milestone. We're counting on markets to respond to the increased availability of CIB's FSC products. Added sales in FSC goods will further support not only initiatives to have the remaining concessions of CIB certified before the end of 2009 but also encourage other FSC projects in the region and around the world".

CIB's certification program is on-going with efforts continuing, not only to maintain the FSC certificates of Kabo's and Pokola's FMUs but also to have its remaining FMUs, covering its full 1.3 million hectare area, FSC certified by the end of 2009.

Based on Press Release DLH 26/05/ 2008

RESOURCE SECTION

Quarterly updates on FSC figures and charts - FSC maps and data: www.fsc.org/facts-figures.html

FSC membership list: www.fsc.org/become-member.html

FSC National Initiatives contact details: www.fsc.org/worldwide_locations.html

FSC Certificate Search: info.fsc.org

Upcoming Events:

FSC General Assembly (November 2008): www.fsc.org/ga2008

Publications:

Global forests statistics: UN FAO State of the World's forests 2007: www.fao.org

WWF Paper Buying Guide: www.panda.org/paper/toolbox