

# The 10 FSC Principles

Ten rules for responsible forest management

## Principle 1:

**Compliance with laws and FSC Principles** – to comply with all laws, regulations, treaties, conventions and agreements, together with all FSC Principles and Criteria.

## Principle 2:

**Tenure and use rights and responsibilities** – to define, document and legally establish long-term tenure and use rights.

## Principle 3:

**Indigenous peoples' rights** – to identify and uphold indigenous peoples' rights of ownership and use of land and resources.

## Principle 4:

**Community relations and worker's rights** – to maintain or enhance forest workers' and local communities' social and economic well-being.

## Principle 5:

**Benefits from the forest** – to maintain or enhance long term economic, social and environmental benefits from the forest.

## Principle 6:

**Environmental impact** – to maintain or restore the ecosystem, its biodiversity, resources and landscapes.

## Principle 7:

**Management plan** – to have a management plan, implemented, monitored and documented.

## Principle 8:

**Monitoring and assessment** – to demonstrate progress towards management objectives.

## Principle 9:

**Maintenance of high conservation value forests** – to maintain or enhance the attributes which define such forests.

## Principle 10:

**Plantations** – to plan and manage plantations in accordance with FSC Principles and Criteria.