

The Two Forest Certification Schemes in Australia

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Labels





Not-for-Profit

Both registered with ASIC



Australian Forest Standard Ltd	Responsible Forest Management Australia Ltd
standards development organisation	environmental NGO
Australian Forest Certification Scheme	Forest Stewardship Council Scheme
Accreditation Board for Standards Development Organisation ABSDO	International Social & Environmental Accreditation & Labelling ISEAL Alliance
JAS-ANZ all types of standards	Accreditation Services International only sustainability standards



Origin



2003

Australia Standards®

**4708 – Sustainable Forest
Management**

**4707 – Chain of Custody for
Forest Products**

**5 yearly review by committee for
scientific, community, industry
experience & changing
technology**

AS 4707 amended in 2014

2006

FSC policy

**FSC-STD-01-001 – International
Principles & Criteria**

**Reviewed 1996, 1999, 2001 & 2012
Approved by 75% vote of FSC
International's membership**

FSC-STD-01-001 amended in 2013



International Affiliation



**Programme for Endorsement of
Forest Certification: PEFC**

**Forest Stewardship Council
International: FSC**

Largest forest certification in world

Pioneered forest certification

35 national certification schemes

81 countries

**PEFC's National Governing Body
for Australia**

**National Office of FSC
International**

**255 million hectares certified
by PEFC**

**183 million hectares certified
by FSC**



Customisation to Australia



11 years

Australian Standards®

- **Sustainable Forest Management**
- **Chain of Custody for Forest Products**

Native forest, plantations and their products

FSC® before FSC Australia

Interim Standards

- **Smartwood**
- **Woodmark**

Plantation-grown softwoods, imported timber and paper products



Board of Directors



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**Timber & Building Materials
Association**

**Construction, Forestry, Mining
& Energy Union**

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Institute of Foresters of Australia

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Association**

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Tetra Pak Oceania

PF Olsen

North East Forest Alliance

MyEnvironment Inc.

2 Individuals

Method of Setting 'standards'

Learnt from international bodies

- ISO 14001
- ISO 14020
- ISO 14021
- PEFC meta standards
- Montreal Process criteria for temperate & boreal forests

Consensus, inclusive of opposed interests

Equitable to all representatives

Same policy as FSC

- Relies on certification bodies to interpret
- Now developing formal standards

Consensus, 3 chambers of Social, Environ & Economic

Equal weight across chambers

Who sets Criteria for Forestry ?

- **Institute of Foresters Australia**
- CFMEU union
- Assoc of Accred. Certification Bodies
- Balkanu Cape York Develop. Corp
- ForestWorks (skills training)

- Independent forest science experts
- Ecological Society of Australia
- CSIRO
- Greening Australia Ltd
- Planet Ark

- **Australian Forest Products Assoc**
- Australasian Pulp & Paper Industry
- Technical Association (APPITA)
- Australian Forest Growers
- Timber Communities Australia

- **Institute of Foresters Australia**
- Union (Individual Member)
- Regional Forest Communities

- Ecologist (Individual Member)
- The Wilderness Society
- Hunter Community Environment Centre

- **Australian Forest Products Assoc**
- Forestry Tasmania
- New Forests Asset Management



2003-
2013

Celebrating 10 years of setting
the standard for sustainable
forest management

TOP TEN Certified Forest Area

Country	Certified Area (ha)
Canada	115'508'875
USA	35'212'596
Finland	21'068'333
Australia	10'452'055
Sweden	9'849'514
Norway	9'125'902
Germany	7'386'049
Poland	7'304'356
Belarus	6'670'700
France	4'907'299



Area Covered by Certification

**10.6 million hectares of forests certified
in Australia**



>10 million hectares

**Australian production
forest**

> 90%

562 certified sites

< 1 million hectares

**Australian production
forest**

< 10%

320 certified orgs



Who do the Audits?



Accreditation by JAS-ANZ

Forest Management + Chain of Custody

- BSI Group ANZ Pty Ltd
- Global-Mark Pty Ltd
- SAI Global Certification Services
- DNV Certification Pty Ltd

Chain of Custody

Scientific Certification Systems Inc

SGS Australia

Soil Association Certification Limited

BM Trada Certification Ltd

QMI-SAI Global

Engineered Wood Products Association
of Australasia Ltd

Accreditation by ASI

Forest Management + Chain of Custody

- Rainforest Alliance
- Scientific Certification Systems Inc

Chain of Custody

DNV Business Assurance

SGS Qualifor

Soil Association Woodmark

BM Trada Certification Ltd

QMI SAI Global

Bureau Veritas Certification

Global-Mark Pty Ltd

How do they Make Rules for a Forest

9 criteria:

- 1 Systematic Management
- 2 Stakeholders
- 8 Cultural Values
- 9 Social & Economic Benefits
- 3 Biodiversity
- 4 Forest Productive Capacity
- 5 Forest Ecosystem Health
- 6 Soil & Water Resources
- 7 Carbon

10 principles:

- 1 Compliance with laws
- 7 Management plan
- 3 Indigenous peoples' rights
- 4 Comm. Relations & workers' rights
- 2 Tenure, rights & responsibilities
- 5 Economic, social & environ
benefits
- 6 Environmental impact
- 8 Monitoring & assessment
- 9 High-conservation forests
- 10 Plantations



Conclusion



Process:

- Standard-development by representation
- Australian Controlled

Accreditation:

- JAS-ANZ; full range of standards

Outcome:

- 10 million hectares

Affirmation:

- Reached accord in forestry industry

Process:

- Relies on certification bodies to interpret criteria
- Part of FSC International

- ASI; sustainability standards only

- 1 million hectares

- Endorsed by environmental NGOs



FSC's label pioneered a much better understanding of ecology, biodiversity & social fairness in forestry.



AFS's label went main-stream by setting standards for Australian forests. It gained accord among the front-end of the Australian forestry industry.

**AFS Ltd. has continued FSC's vision
for sustainable forestry and its
products.**

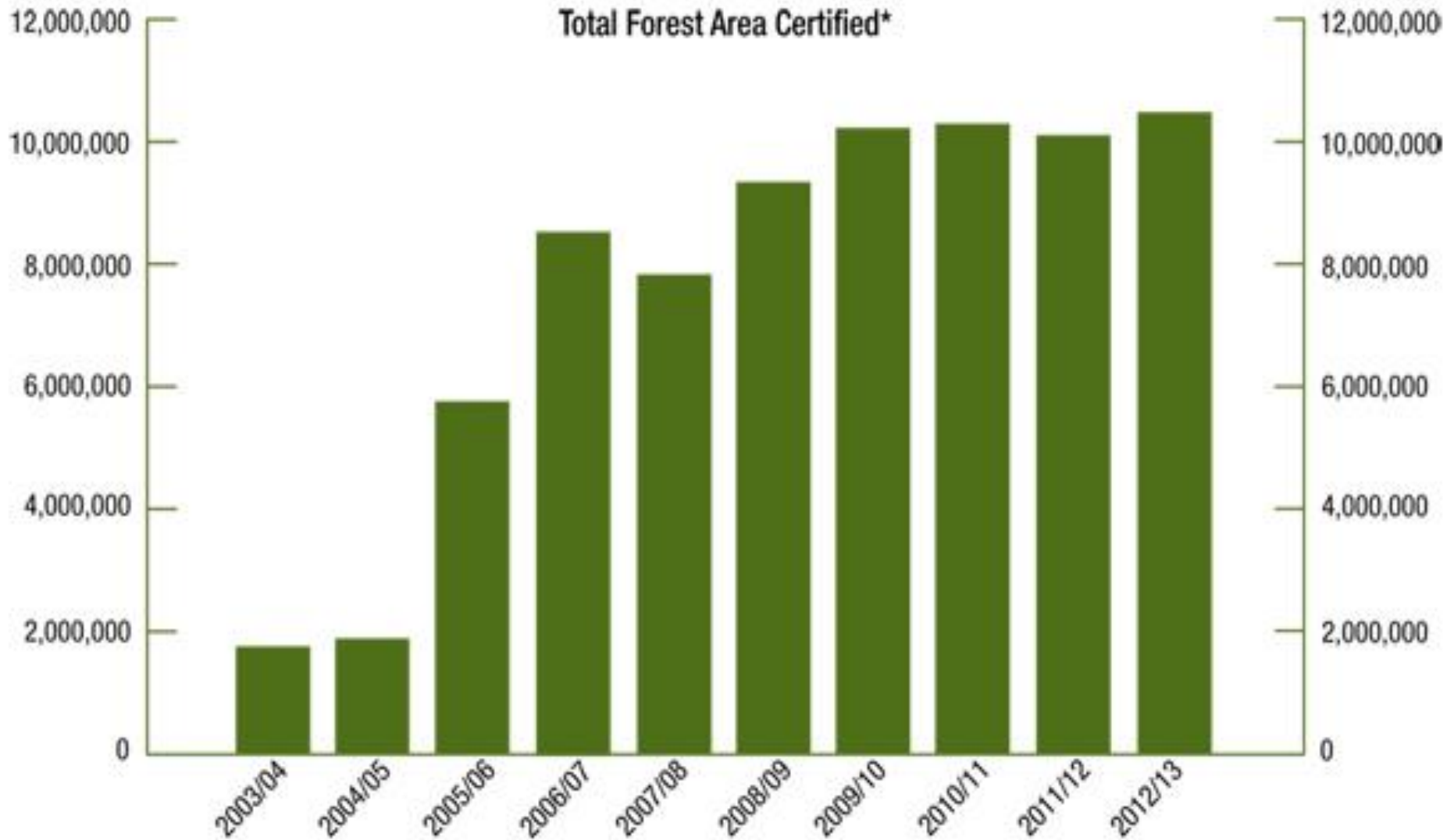
Certification has matured so forests
can be certified in the same way as
other goods & services.

It's moved the symbolic value of trees from
a protest to a matter of good business &
trade.

QUESTIONS



Area Certified by Australian Forestry Standard Scheme



* Combined Defined Forest Area covered by all the current forest management certificates issued against AS4708 (Australian Forestry Standard) (hectares) as at 30 June 2013. Care should be taken in interpreting the above figures as the total area is highly sensitive to the way in which the public native forest managers and their certification bodies have determined the Defined Forest Area in each case.

Forest Stewardship Council Australia Scheme

FSC-STD-01-001 FSC Principles & Criteria for Forest Stewardship

FSC-STD-40-004 FSC Standard for Chain of Custody Certification

FSC-STD-40-003 FSC Standard for Multi-Site Certification of Chain of Custody Operations

FSC-STD-40-006 FSC Chain of Custody Standard for Project Certification

FSC-STD-30-010 FSC Controlled Wood Standard for Forest Management Enterprises

FSC-STD-40-005 Standard for Company Evaluation of FSC Controlled Wood

FSC-STD-01-003 SLIMF Eligibility Criteria

FSC-POL-30-602 Genetically Modified Organisms

FSC-POL-30-401 FSC Certification and ILO conventions