



Forest management certification

15 years of experience

NEPCon is an international non-profit organisation that promotes the sustainable use of natural resources worldwide. We do this through innovation projects and by delivering credible auditing services.

All of our services provide our customers with a credible basis for communicating their commitments to their clients and the public.

Forest certification expertise

NEPCon works with the two main global systems for certification of responsible forestry, FSC™ and PEFC. FSC is our core service and NEPCon is amongst the world's most experienced FSC certification service providers.

Our customers

We work with private and public forest owners and managers. Our customers range from small holdings of a few hectares to core suppliers of globally leading companies and over 10 million hectares of state forests.

Understanding the systems

During the past 15 years, NEPCon has been actively engaged in the FSC system at global and local levels. For example, we have developed interim FSC standards for forest management certification in 11 countries*.



This complements our experience in applying and evaluating the certification requirements in practice.

Our experience provides us with strong and unique insight into the systems that we work with. This often forms the basis for developing projects that support the credibility or accessibility of forest certification.

“Our FSC certified customers enjoy a price premium on certain products, and are able to raise their public profile

– Per Kristian Stokke, SkogKonsult, Norway

*Belarus, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Russia, Slovakia.





Collaboration with the Rainforest Alliance

Our FSC certification services are delivered in collaboration with the FSC-accredited certification body Rainforest Alliance. Our FSC-certified customers therefore have the option of using the prestigious Rainforest Alliance Certified™ seal alongside the FSC mark for labelling certified products and for promotional purposes.



Managing the Rainforest Alliance's forest certification program in Europe, Turkey, Israel and Russia, our collaboration with the Rainforest Alliance also extends to FSC Controlled Wood certification, verification of carbon forestry projects and certification of loggers. Customers of these services are permitted to use one of the widely recognised Rainforest Alliance Verified™ marks.

Woodland nature conservation expertise

Our projects have resulted in the formal designation of over 100 protected areas around the world. We are working to conserve and manage some of the world's most biologically diverse tropical forests in Asia.

We have participated in the identification and classification of high conservation value forests, including development of specific tools such as woodland key habitat inventory methodologies.

Together with partners, we have also conducted long-term projects on the EU Habitats and Birds Directives in six European countries.

Spotlight on forest contractors

The role of forest contractors in securing sustainable forest management practices is crucial. This is why we provide contractor certification as well. This can also be help to enhance access to certification for family forest owners. See more at www.cefcoproject.org

Capacity building and analysis

Our FSC Expert course provides you with the skills and knowledge that you need for FSC auditing. Our training is endorsed as fulfilling formal requirements for FSC Lead Auditor training. It covers all certification requirements including forest management, chain of custody, controlled wood and trademark use.

We often conduct analytical inputs or training on different aspects of forest certification, such as controlled wood risk assessments.

Our key achievements

- ✓ More than 23 million hectares of FSC-certified forest land and over 1,300 FSC and/or PEFC certified companies
- ✓ Over 100 nature reserves established worldwide through our projects
- ✓ 10 FSC National Offices trained on Controlled Wood Risk Assessments

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