



# NEPCon

## Sustainability in practice



NEPCon works to build capacity and commitment for mainstreaming sustainability.

We work with businesses, NGOs and governments on developing solutions to major global challenges such as deforestation and climate change.

NEPCon (Nature Economy and People Connected) is an international non-profit organisation. We have over 120 staff located across Europe, Russia, Asia, Australia and the U.S.

For over 20 years, we have worked to foster sustainable land use and responsible trade in forest products. We do this through innovative projects, capacity building and sustainability services.

A self-managing division of NEPCon promotes and delivers our sustainability certification services. Surplus from these activities supports the development and implementation of our non-profit projects.

### Choosing solutions that work

Market-based sustainability instruments are only credible if they create positive impacts on the ground. We offer our services under well-recognised schemes, and we focus on providing high-quality services.

We also help develop and improve the systems we work with.

As a subscriber to the ISEAL Alliance, we are committed to creating credible social and environmental standards.

### International collaboration

We work together with other organisations to develop green solutions with maximal impact.

For example, we participate in the development of certification systems such as Forest Stewardship Council™ (FSC™) and Sustainable Biomass Program (SBP) and are active in various other networks such as ISEAL and Sustainable Agriculture Network (SAN). In addition, we contribute to key global discussions at conferences and meetings around the world.



*NEPCon experts voting at the FSC General Assembly 2017*

Our vision is a world where human choices ensure a sustainable future.

– Peter Feilberg, NEPCon Executive Director

### Knowledge sharing

In line with our Open Source Policy, whenever helpful and appropriate, we freely share the tools and materials that we develop.



# What we do

## Initiatives that foster change

We engage in projects that develop new green solutions, conserve biodiversity or help buyers to make sustainable choices.

Our main focus is on overcoming barriers to sustainable development. For example, we develop toolkits and courses for small and medium-sized enterprises, supporting these organisations in taking responsible approaches despite their limited resources.

Our projects are funded by donors, governments and companies and have supported the establishment of over 100 protected areas. We make our risk assessments, tools and other information freely available at [www.nepcon.org/sourcinghub](http://www.nepcon.org/sourcinghub). To date, we have evaluated forest legality in 70 countries.

Learn more at [www.nepcon.org/projects](http://www.nepcon.org/projects)

**NEPCon Sourcing Hub**

Timber Beef Soy Palm

The largest and most detailed collection of risk assessments ever published

## Capacity building

Knowledge and skills are key to sustainable development. Thousands of delegates from over 30 countries have joined training events where our experts share their insights.

## Tailored sustainability services

We offer bespoke services that draw on our expertise. This includes analyses, strategic development and capacity building. Our customers are companies, government agencies, NGOs and investors.

## Timber certification

We provide FSC certification to more than 1500 certified companies and 31 million hectares of FSC-certified forests. In addition, we offer PEFC Chain of Custody (CoC) and generic CoC certification as well as forest contractor certification. We also provide related training and information.

## Timber legality services

Our LegalSource™ Programme is designed for organisations sourcing and supplying legal timber products. It is particularly useful for companies importing timber products into regulated markets such as the EU, the U.S. and Australia - and for companies that supply these markets.

## Responsible biomass

We provide SBP certification to energy producers who want to ensure that their woody biomass is both sourced responsibly and has known climate credentials. We assess the risks associated with sourcing biomass feedstocks for several European countries.

## Climate change

Our Carbon Footprint Management Standard helps our clients measure and reduce their carbon emissions year on year. Our forest carbon verification services include projects on reforestation, avoided deforestation and improved forest management.

## Sustainable agriculture supply chains

We offer Chain of Custody certification according to the Rainforest Alliance Sustainable Agriculture standards to processors and traders of agricultural products such as tea, coffee, bananas and chocolate.

We are also an accredited certification body to carry out Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO) supply chain audits.

## Contact us

If you would like to learn more about our work or are interested in collaborating with us, we would be delighted to hear from you. Please contact us at [info@nepcon.org](mailto:info@nepcon.org)