

Certification of forest management, wood products, print & paper



Wood is a renewable resource that can be used in a large number of ways. Forests themselves are simultaneously production plants and habitats. They play an important role in our climate, our drinking water, the protection of biodiversity, and human recreation. But the only way to ensure that forests continue to perform these multifarious functions is through sustainable forest management, which takes account not only of economic aspects, but also social and ecological criteria. Independent certification based on widely accepted guidelines will make your exemplary production and processing visible and increase consumer trust in your organization.

Why certification?

- An internationally recognized and traded label is your quality seal
- Help make the timber industry more sustainable
- Better image and marketing that underscores your company's commitment to the environment
- Better positioning on the market

What we offer

Certification of responsible forest management

Responsible forest management helps ensure that forests can continue to perform all of their ecological, economic, and social functions.

IMO performs audits and certifies in accordance with:

- FSC
- Naturland

Certification of the processing and trading of wood products, print and paper

Generally, wood and paper undergo several stages of processing along the value chain before reaching the consumer. The certification of this value chain, also known as the chain of custody, allows to trace the flow of timber from the final product all the way back to the forest.

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In 1993, the world's major environmental and social organisations were amongst the founders of the **Forest Stewardship Council (FSC)**. The goal was to implement the policies for sustainable forest management adopted at the Earth Summit held in 1992 in Rio de Janeiro. In addition to forest protection, forest management was to be made more responsible. To this end, a globally applicable certification system with binding principles and criteria for environmentally appropriate, socially responsible, and economically viable forest management was developed. A separate system allows wood products and their chain of custody to be certified.



Naturland's Guidelines for Ecological Forest Management cover all aspects of sustainable, environmentally friendly forest management. Because these guidelines even exceed the FSC's requirements, a Naturland certificate automatically includes FSC certification. Furthermore, Naturland's "Processing guidelines for wood from ecological forest management" serve as the basis for the certification of processed wood products. In addition to traceability, these guidelines also include aspects of ecological production and health considerations.



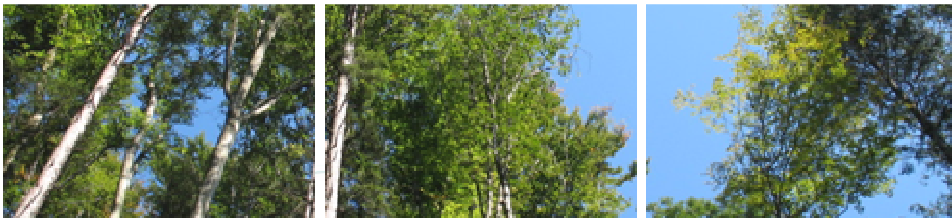
Founded in 1998 by European forest owners and representatives of the timber industry, the **Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification Schemes (PEFC)** was initially designed as a European certification system, though it has become internationally valid in the meantime. IMO is globally accredited as an issuer of PEFC certification for timber trading and processing organizations.

How you get certified?

Once you have signed a contract with IMO, your organization is audited. IMO audits all business events to ensure compliance with the certification standard you have chosen. The information received is, of course, treated completely confidentially. In a report you authorise, we certify that you comply with the standard and indicate any deviations. After having passed the audit successfully, you receive a certificate. If you wish to have more than one certificate, you can apply for them from the outset so that only one audit need be performed in order to keep costs down. In subsequent annual surveillance audits, IMO confirms that all requirements are still complied with, including the flow of goods and any changes in operations.

IMO – your expert for certification worldwide

- **Many years of experience**
 - Since 1996 audits in accordance with Naturland's guidelines for ecological forest management
 - Since 1998 FSC accreditation for certification of forest management (FM) and timber processing & trade (CoC)
 - Since 2004 PEFC accreditation for certification of CoC
- Numerous projects in Europe, the Americas, and Asia
- Global offices and partners
- Possible combinations with other certificates for social criteria, FairTrade, organic agriculture, and wild collection



For more detailed information, contact us.
We will be pleased to make you a specific offer.

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Certification of eco-friendly products, organic agriculture and management systems



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