FSC Group Forest Management Schemes in the UK

Group Forest Management Certification has been developed to help smaller woodland owners achieve FSC certification by reducing the costs of certification.

Small woodland owners can become certified jointly under one certificate, or if their estates are managed by a resource management company, the resource manager can establish their own group scheme for those owners who wish to participate. Certifiers audit a sample of members and carry out a risk assessment of the entire group scheme rather than auditing each individual forest owner.

A group co-ordinator will need to be assigned to ensure that all members of the group are using systems that meet the FSC rules. In the case of Group Resource Manager schemes, the resource manager will be the group co-ordinator.

In addition, FSC has reduced auditing requirements for Small and Low Intensity Managed Forests (SLIMFs). Please contact the FSC UK office at info@fsc-uk.org for more information on SLIMFs eligibility criteria and the potential for setting up group SLIMFs.

This useful resource provides a listing of existing group schemes in the UK. If you want to set up your own group scheme, FSC UK can provide advice on this.

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