Forest Management group certification has been developed to help forest owners, and in particular owners of smaller woods, achieve FSC certification by reducing the auditing burden and costs.

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.

A group scheme manager will be responsible for ensuring that all members of the group are using systems that meet the FSC rules. In the case of Resource Manager groups, the resource manager will be the group manager.

Certification bodies will check group scheme management procedures and audit a sample of group members, rather than auditing each individual forest owner.

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.

There follows a list of existing Forest Management group schemes in the UK. If you want to set up your own group scheme, FSC UK can provide advice on this.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Forest Management group schemes are issued with a single certificate; group members do not hold individual FSC certificates in their own right. Therefore, if the group scheme manager fails to fulfill their responsibilities under the relevant FSC standards, or if group member failures are sufficiently numerous or serious, it may lead to the whole group being suspended or terminated.
Mark Seed Forest and Land Management Ltd
Contact: Mark Seed
Tel: 01387 380 778 / 07437 015 753
Email: mark@seedforestland.co.uk
Web: http://www.seedforestland.co.uk
Area: Northern England and Scotland
Certificate: SA-FM/COC-003890

Premier Woodlands Ltd
Contact: Matthew Magee
Tel: 01738 472 052 / 07766 774 839
Email: matthew.magee@premierwoodlands.com
Web: https://www.premierwoodlands.com/
Area: Scotland
Certificate: CU-FM/COC-807986

Pryor and Rickett Silviculture
Contact: Steve Knight
Tel: 01874 620 777
Email: steve@silviculture.co.uk
Web: http://www.silviculture.co.uk/management/certification
Area: Devon, Dorset, Powys, Yorkshire
Certificate: SA-FM/COC-001446

RTS Ltd
Contact: Harry Wilson
Tel: 01764 652 858
Email: harry.wilson@rts.ltd.uk
Web: https://www.rtsforestry.co.uk/
Area: Scotland
Certificate: SA-FM/COC-007176

Scottish Woodlands Ltd.
Contact: Stuart Wilkie
Tel: 01738 474 086
Email: stuart.wilkie@scottishwoodlands.co.uk
Web: https://www.scottishwoodlands.co.uk/services/forest-certification/
Area: UK-wide, particularly Scotland
Certificate: SGS-FM/COC-000260

Savills UK Ltd
Contact: Peter Topham
Tel: 01823 692 644 / 07808 642 574
E-mail: ptopham@savills.com
Web: https://www.savills.co.uk/services/property-management/forestry-management.aspx
Area: UK-wide
Certificate: SA-FM/COC-005535

Tilhill Forestry Ltd
Contact: Ewan McIntosh
Tel: 01653 696 083
Email: ewan.mcintosh@tilhill.com
Web: https://www.tilhill.com/our-services/forestry-woodland/forestry-woodland-certification/
Area: UK-wide
Certificate: SA-FM/COC-004552

UK Forest Certification Ltd (UK FCG)
Contact: Paul Sandys / Phil Webb
Tel: 07803 619 249 / 07970 388 940
Email: contact@forestcertification.org.uk
Web: http://www.forestcertification.org.uk
Area: UK-wide
Certificate: SGS-FM/COC-000260