



### **Criteria of the three FSC membership chambers**

#### **The economic chamber**

Members include individuals, companies and organizations who principally have a commercial interest in forest management and the production, processing or commercialization of forest products, or have a commercial interest in the activities of such organizations. Members include, but are not limited to, the following:

- forest management and forest product companies
- manufacturing companies
- wholesalers, retailers, traders and brokers
- consulting firms
- commercially-oriented, communally-owned forest enterprises, Indigenous Peoples organizations or community groups;
- industry associations
- research organizations and academics with economic interest or whose primary interests include the trade of forest products;
- certification bodies
- government-owned or controlled entities
- employees, consultants and representatives of the above.

Applicants with economic interest must have demonstrated an active commitment to implementing FSC principles and criteria in their operations.

It is expected that:

- certification bodies are in the process of being accredited by FSC;
- traders have made a commitment to achieve a significant percentage of their sales in FSC-certified timber by a set date in the reasonable future;
- producers have a significant part of their production forests certified by an FSC-accredited certification body or be certified within a reasonable time frame, usually two years.

#### **The environmental chamber**

Members include individuals and non-profit, non-governmental organizations whose principal purpose and interest is the protection, preservation or conservation of the natural environment. Members include, but are not limited to, the following:

- environmental non-governmental organizations
- environmental interest groups



- research organizations and academics whose primary interests include forest protection, the technical aspects of forest management and the preservation or conservation of the natural environment;
- environmentally-oriented communally-owned organizations, Indigenous Peoples organizations and community groups;
- employees, consultants and representatives of the above.

### **The social chamber**

Members include individuals and non-profit, non-governmental organizations whose principal purpose and interest is socially beneficial forestry. Members include, but are not limited to, the following:

- socially-oriented, communally-owned organizations, Indigenous Peoples organizations and community groups;
- trade unions, labour unions and workers associations
- non-governmental organizations engaged in social development, social justice, strengthening civil society or similar;
- organizations and associations working to promote recreational uses of forests
- research organizations and academics whose primary interests include social issues within forestry;
- development non-governmental organizations
- employees, consultants and representatives of the above.