



Statement regarding false information published by the Natural Forest Foundation

In connection with the publication of the article "We are with the City Forest for a year" on the website of the Natural Forest Foundation, FSC International declares that the following information contained is false or has been manipulated:

1. **It is not true** that the FSC management in Bonn reported "the negligence of Polish foresters and delaying the proceedings regarding the establishment of HCVF 6 in the City Forest, in all possible ways."
2. **It is also not true** that "FSC management in Bonn has confirmed that it is disappointed with Polish foresters and cooperation with them is going very badly."
3. **It is also incorrect** to state that the FSC management in Bonn reported:
 - a. "intentional, deliberate hindering by the State Forests of the establishment of HCVF 6 in the City Forest", as well as,
 - b. "State Forests blocking the appointment in the City Forest HCVF 6, a key forest for the cultural identity of the local community".

Such false claims are manipulated and compromise the good, long standing cooperation between the FSC and the Polish State Forests. We are disappointed with the behavior of representatives of the Natural Forest Foundation and we call on the management of Natural Forest Foundation to immediately remove false information from the foundation's website and social media, and to publish rectification - both on the main website of the Natural Forest Foundation and on the foundation's social media platforms.

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