

## Unit 10. Policies

### FSC® - Forest Stewardship Council® in Portugal



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#### Description

The Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) is an independent, not for profit, non-government organization established to promote environmentally sound, socially beneficial, and economically viable management of the world's forests.

Representative in PT: Association for Responsible Forest Management (AGFR - FSC Portugal)

FSC Portugal main objectives, as defined in its Statutes, are the dissemination, promotion and implementation of the FSC forest certification system in Portugal, namely:

#### Goals

FSC's 10 principles are the foundation of FSC forestry standard. Developed to be relevant to different kinds of forest ecosystems and in diverse cultural, political, and legal settings, they require any managers of certified forests to:

1. comply with all applicable laws;
2. maintain or improve the social and economic well-being of workers;
3. uphold the rights of Indigenous Peoples (not applicable in Portugal)
4. maintain or improve the social and economic well-being of local communities;
5. manage their products and services in a way that maintains or improves their long-term economic viability, social benefits, and environmental benefits;
6. maintain, conserve, and/or restore the ecosystem services and environmental values of managed forests; and also avoid, repair, or mitigate negative environmental impacts;
7. establish a management plan that outlines their economic, environmental, and social policies and objectives;
8. demonstrate progress toward meeting these objectives;
9. maintain or improve high conservation values;
10. ensure that all management activities comply with FSC principles and criteria.



#### Activities

- Act as the local representative of the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) in Portugal;
- Promoting an environmentally appropriate, socially responsible and economically viable management of forest spaces, based on internationally recognized principles and certification criteria;
- Promote and publicize the FSC forest certification system at national level;
- Adapt the international FSC Principles and Criteria to the national ecological and socio-economic context;
- Verify compliance and application of the FSC national forest certification standard;
- Act in resolution conflicts of interpretation of Forest Certification standards;
- Promote professional training in the area of Forest Certification; Stimulate, recognize and value projects aimed at sustainable growth and development.



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#### Impact

- Sustainable forest management
- Climate crisis adaptation
- Biodiversity conservation
- Sustainable development
- Responsible consumption

#### Social Media

- [https://www.instagram.com/fsc\\_portugal/](https://www.instagram.com/fsc_portugal/)
- <https://www.linkedin.com/in/fsc-portugal-319086182/>
- <https://www.facebook.com/FSCPortugal>
- <https://www.youtube.com/@fscportugal2623>

#### Website

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