



Société Internationale de Plantations d'Hévéas

SIPH COMMITMENT TO FSC STANDARD AND CERTIFICATION

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Environmentally appropriate forest management ensures that the production of timber, non-timber products and ecosystem services maintains the forest's biodiversity, productivity, and ecological processes

Socially beneficial forest management helps both local people and society at large to enjoy long term benefits and provides strong incentives to local people to sustain the forest resources and adhere to long-term management plans

Economically viable forest management means that forest operations are structured and managed to be sufficiently profitable, without generating financial profit at the expense of the forest resource, the ecosystem, or affected communities

To achieve this ideal, SIPH commits to be in line with FSC Principles and Criteria as recalled hereinafter:

1. Compliance with Laws

SIPH commits to comply with all applicable laws, regulations and nationally- ratified international treaties, conventions, and agreements

2. Workers Rights and Employment Conditions

SIPH commits to maintain and enhance the social and economic wellbeing of workers

3. Indigenous Peoples' Rights

SIPH commits to identify and uphold Indigenous Peoples' legal and customary rights of ownership, use and management of land, territories and resources affected by management activities

4. Community Relations

SIPH commits to contribute to maintaining and enhancing the social and economic wellbeing of local communities.



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5. Benefits from the Forest

SIPH commits to efficiently manage the range of multiple products and services of the Management Unit to maintain and enhance long term economic viability and the range of environmental and social benefits.

6. Environmental Values and Impacts

SIPH commits to maintain, conserve and/or restore ecosystem services and environmental values of the Management Unit, and shall avoid, repair, or mitigate negative environmental impacts.

7. Management Planning

SIPH commits to have a management plan consistent with its policies and objectives and proportionate to scale, intensity and risks of its management activities. The management plan shall be implemented and kept up to date based on monitoring information to promote adaptive management. The associated planning and procedural documentation shall be sufficient to guide staff, inform affected stakeholders and interested stakeholders and to justify management decisions

8. Monitoring and Assessment

SIPH commits to demonstrate that, progress towards achieving the management objectives, the impacts of management activities and the condition of the Management Unit, are monitored and evaluated proportionate to the scale, intensity, and risk of management activities, to implement adaptive management.

9. High Conservation Values

SIPH commits to maintain and/or enhance the High Conservation Values in the Management Unit through applying the precautionary approach.

10. Implementation of Management Activities

Management activities conducted by SIPH for the Management Unit shall be selected and implemented consistent with its economic, environmental, and social policies and objectives and in compliance with the Principles and Criteria collectively.

BASIS FOR CERTIFICATION

- SIPH understands that the FSC Principles and Criteria shall not be used for audit until the FSC International Generic Indicators, and the transfer process of the National Standards are complete.
- The extent to which management activities satisfy each FSC Criterion.



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- SIPH commits to a time-bound plan for achieving FSC FM certification of all the company's estates/management units within 3 years
- SIPH commits to a time-bound plan for achieving FSC certification of scheme, outgrower within 3 years.
- SIPH will proceed a segregation system where by 70% of natural rubber shall be FSC certified from its estates and 30% of natural rubber controlled will be supplied by outgrowers.
- SIPH commits to become 100% certified under voluntary sustainability certification scheme such as Sustainable Agriculture Network and PEFC by 2025.

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