

# IMPLEMENTING MOTION 23 ON INTACT FOREST LANDSCAPES (IFLS)

Update: Piloting landscape considerations for IFLs

11 July 2024



# Objective and methodology



## OBJECTIVE

Inform members and stakeholders about the pilots to implement Motion 23/2022



## CONTEXT

Motion 23/2022 asks FSC to change requirements in the normative framework for certification in Intact Forest Landscapes.



## METHODOLOGY

FSC is piloting landscape considerations when certifying in Intact Forest Landscape. For these pilots, this webinar will

- Remind what the motion is asking, and why we discuss
- Remind of the process of development of the pilots
- Consider new elements in the Guidance for the pilots

**Have a dialogue with members on how we can best inform and engage, and identify issues of importance for members when doing these pilots**

# **AGENDA:**

- FSC AND IFLS, WHERE ARE WE COMING FROM?**
- PILOTING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF MOTION 23**
- HOW CAN YOU STAY INFORMED AND ENGAGED?**
- QUESTIONS, FEEDBACK AND SUGGESTIONS**

A photograph of a forest. In the foreground, a large tree trunk is covered in thick green moss. The background shows a dense forest with trees having yellow and orange autumn leaves. The text "IFLS AND FSC — WHERE ARE WE COMING FROM" is overlaid in white, bold, sans-serif font.

# **IFLS AND FSC — WHERE ARE WE COMING FROM**

# Intact Forest Landscapes

Forest landscapes with high conservation and/or social values

You find them for example in:  
Amazon, Central America, Congo Basin, Canada, and also in Europe

IUCN, IPBES, IPPC, many Indigenous Peoples and FSC members call to protect these forests

What should FSC do to resolve Motion 65 and be relevant to the calls from IUCN, Paris Agreement, IPBES and ENGOs to protect and conserve the most environmentally valuable forests?



# **GOOD NEWS— RECENT ACADEMIC PAPERS INDICATE THAT FSC CERTIFICATION DELIVERS POSITIVE EFFECTS FOR BIODIVERSITY OF BIG MAMMALS IN THE CONGO BASIN**

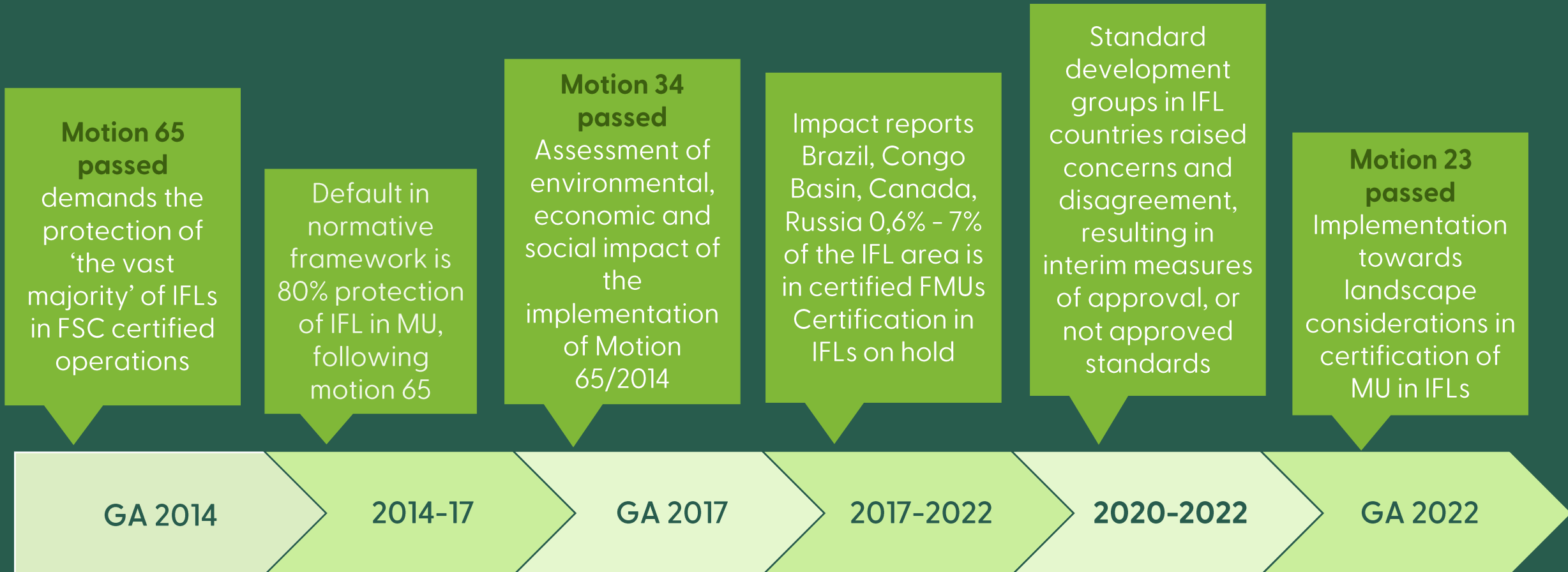
**ARTICLE IN NATURE: FSC-CERTIFIED FOREST MANAGEMENT BENEFITS LARGE MAMMALS COMPARED TO NON-FSC**

**ARTICLE IN FRONTIERS INTERNATIONAL: FEASIBILITY AND EFFECTIVENESS OF GLOBAL INTACT FOREST LANDSCAPE PROTECTION  
THROUGH FOREST CERTIFICATION: THE CONSERVATION BURDEN OF INTACT FOREST LANDSCAPES**

# **Work of the Focus Forests Advisory Group up to Motion 23**

**Caroline Duhesme, member of FFAG for Economic South**

# IFLs in FSC – a history



# Current requirement for certification in IFLs

80% default protection threshold for IFLs in the MU.

**Two exceptions apply, lowering the protection level to +50%:**

**1**

**For standards based on IGLs V2 under conditions**

Standard Developers are allowed to **lower protection threshold up to +50% when developing a Forest Stewardship Standard** based on IGI V2 and following FSC-GUI-60-004.

**2**

**For Latin America and Central Africa for standards not based on IGLs V2)**

Applies only to operations in which has held FM or FM/CoC certification at least since 14.10.2022.

Forest management operations in countries **where there is no FSS based on IGI V2** may proceed on a need's basis **beyond the 80% threshold and up to +50%**, if additional conditions are met in ADVICE-20-007-18 V2-0.


**Extended validation until 30 June 2026**

**Change is called for by SDGs, governments and members as FSC certification in IFLs is on hold and at risk, which risks also a loss of protection through responsible forest management in IFLs**

# Motion 23/2022

Use landscape-wide approaches adapted to local conditions and strengthen Standard Development Groups (SDGs) to improve protection of Intact Forest Landscapes

95%  
of FSC members  
voted in  
support of  
Motion 23


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23/2022 Use landscape-wide approaches adapted to local conditions and strengthen Standard Development Groups (SDGs) to improve protection of Intact Forest Landscapes  
Passed Policy Motion

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Policy Motion (Motion text (high-level action request))

**ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE: THIS MOTION HAS BEEN EDITED IN 2022**


In order to overcome the deficiencies of Forest Stewardship Council's (FSC's) current approach to High Conservation Value 2 (HCV2) and Intact Forest Landscape (IFL) conservation and to deliver to the expectations of constituents and members, the FSC shall review and revise the current approach to achieving effective IFL conservation; and create and guide SDGs[1] to identify and recommend improvements to FSC's normative framework (especially the International Generic Indicators (IGIs)[2], including Annex H), to strengthen approaches for identification, protection, maintenance and/or enhancement of HCVs, including IFL conservation at landscape level in National / Regional Standards.

FSC's current approach shall be reviewed and revised to:

- support the intent of the FSC Principles & Criteria, especially Principle 9, and motions duly adopted by previous FSC General Assemblies (GAs) (i.e. Motion 55/2014, Motion 34/2017, Motion 71/2017), and address effective protection of the vast majority of HCV2aIFLs at the level of the landscape; and
- be able to change current requirements at international level for placement and extent of IFL, core areas and conservation measures (including incentives for good IFL conservation related to FSC-certified Forest Management Units (FMUs)), and to hereby achieve best possible contribution to: conservation of HCV2/IFL across the entire landscape within the specific environmental, social and socio-economic conditions in the landscape; and

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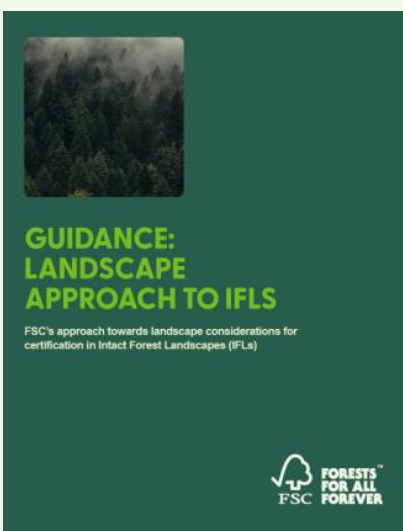
# **PILOTING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF MOTION 23**

- **ALL FSC-SDGs WITH IFLs IN THEIR COUNTRY CAN REGISTER A PILOT**
- **PILOTS RESULT IN INDICATORS FOR CERTIFICATION IN A SPECIFIC INTACT FOREST LANDSCAPE**
- **THE CALIBRATION OF PILOTS WILL DELIVER KEY INPUTS TO THE FINAL DRAFT PROCEDURE FOR CONSULTATION WITH FSC MEMBERS (PLANNED FOR 2026)**

# Purpose of the pilots implementing Motion 23/IFLs

**National FSC Standard Development Groups (SDG) will organize a consultation process with stakeholders to get feedback on:**

- the boundaries of the proposed landscape
- the current status of IFLs in this landscape and the expected scenario for their future
- the SDG's proposals for protection thresholds and management rules for IFLs in certified MUs
- the SDG's proposals for actions that a certificate holder should take within their Sphere of Influence to improve the protection of IFLs in the wider landscape



# Step 1: Guidance for SDGs developed



- FSC-GUI-60-004aV1-0EN Draft 1-0
- Developed in collaboration between FSC and Bern University of Applied Studies, consultancy by Andre de Freitas.
- In January 2024, the FFAG endorsed the consolidated guidance; the draft procedure was developed based on this Guidance

## 5 elements in Guidance to follow:

(1)  
Identification  
and analysis of  
landscape

(2)  
Identification  
of  
stakeholders  
and  
Indigenous  
Peoples in  
wider  
landscape

(3)  
Develop draft  
indicators for  
SH engagement

(4)  
Landscape  
dialogue (FSC  
members and  
landscape  
stakeholders  
and  
Indigenous  
Peoples

(5)  
Finalization of  
indicators by  
SDG &  
submission  
for approval  
to FSC

# Step 2: Piloting the Procedure by SDGs

Procedure to develop indicators for certification of Management Units situated in IFLs, considering the wider landscape

1

Identification of IFLs relevant for the pilot

2

Identification of the landscape(s) for the pilot, considering social, environmental and economic aspects

3



Description and analysis of the IFLs in the landscape(s), based on literature, incl. risk analysis and future scenario of landscape

4

Development of IFL-related indicators considering the landscape, incl. HCV framework and conservation needs

5



Stakeholder identification in the wider landscape for the engagement process, based on 4 categories of stakeholders

6

Landscape dialogue and engagement of diverse stakeholders and Indigenous Peoples in the wider landscape for feedback

7

Development of the final draft IFL-related indicators by the SDG, based on previous process,

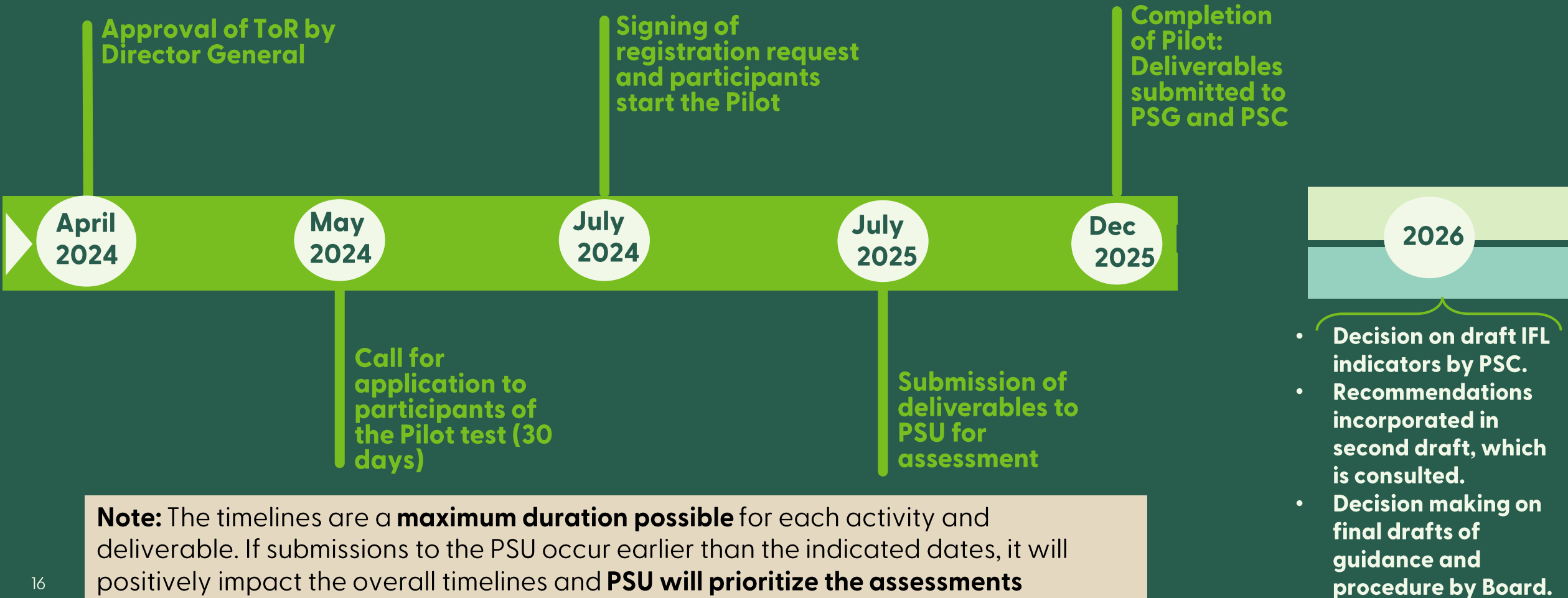
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Submission of final draft IFL-related indicators, incl. justifications to FSC/PSU for approval process

9

Monitoring and Learning throughout the whole process, incl. to support calibration between the pilots

# Step 3: Piloting the procedure - Timeline



# 2 important innovations

## Leo van der Vlist, member of FFAG for Social North





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# 1: INTRODUCTION SPHERE OF INFLUENCE

**How can a certificate holder consider the wider landscape outside the management unit?**

- *Refers to where decisions and actions of The Organization interact with those of other stakeholders to shape the landscape.*
- *Refers to decisions and actions by stakeholders that influence what happens in the landscape.*
- *The influence can be over ecological processes (migration corridors, gene flows, watershed alteration), social processes (delivery of critical civil services, land tenure clarification) or economic processes (job creation, benefit sharing schemes, infrastructure development).*

## 2: Introduction to ensure each stakeholder group is represented

Stakeholder groups from the specific wider landscape participating in the Landscape Dialogue

### Drivers/Beneficiaries

stakeholders that **directly shape the landscape through their decisions.**

E.g certificate holders, other economic parties (such as mining companies in the IFL), Indigenous Peoples

### Subjects

stakeholders in the landscape **whose well-being** is impacted by the decisions **made by others** and that require **collective action** to direct landscape change

E.g. hunters, local communities, workers, Indigenous Peoples

### Context setters

stakeholders that have **decision making power that can impact what happens in the landscape, but who are little affected** or not at all by how the landscape changes over time.

E.g. governmental bodies, funding agencies

### Bystanders

stakeholders **with low decision-making power and who are little/not impacted** by the decisions about forests in the landscape.

E.g. scientists, local NGOs, local knowledge holders

# 4 pilots in the process of registration

## FSC-SDGs can still register a pilot

### REPUBLIC OF CONGO

- Project coordinator: Belmond Tchoumba
- Currently working on landscape identification
- Expectation among stakeholders on the outcome(s) of the pilot is very high

### BRAZIL

- Project coordinator: Elson Fernandes De Lima, FSC Brazil Executive Director
- SDG to be informed about the process
- Ongoing hiring process for technical coordinator
- Development of ToR to hire a specialized consultancy

### PERU

- Project coordinator: Alba Solis, FSC Peru Director
- Ongoing hiring process for technical coordinator
- Finalizing registration process

### CANADA

- Project coordinator: Sean Dolter, FSC Canada Director of Standards and Policy
- Status: SDG reviewing PNIS, preparing webinars to engage membership

# HOW CAN YOU STAY INFORMED AND ENGAGED?



# Communication about the pilots in 2<sup>nd</sup> half-year 2024

- July – December: Monthly update in FSC newsletters on progress
- 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2024: webinar updating on:
  - Landscape identification work done in pilots
  - Stakeholder and Indigenous Peoples identification work done in pilots
- July – December: if there is interest: discussions in chamber meetings that are already organized (put topic on the agenda)
- Exchange as appropriate between FFAG and relevant motions and motion proposers
- End of 4<sup>th</sup> quarter: a discussion on the pilot work experience with at least 1 pilot
- We will also develop a communication channel for those who would like to follow the work of the FFAG





**Questions, feedback and suggestions**

# Thank you



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