



**Announcement of the Establishment of a  
Working Group for the Expanded Review and Revision of FSC Principles  
and Criteria (FSC-STD-01-001 Version 4-0)**

**(P&C Review Working Group)**

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**Background**

FSC announced the launch of a comprehensive Review and Revision of the FSC Principles and Criteria (FSC-STD-01-001 Version 4-0) on September 3, 2008. At the same time, FSC invited FSC members to apply to serve on the Working Group on the Review and Revision. The Working Group consists of six members and is chamber balanced: Social North, Social South, Environmental North, Environmental South, Economic North and Economic South.

The Review and Revision is conducted in compliance with FSC Procedure for the Development and Approval of FSC Social and Environmental Standards (FSC-PRO-01-001 Version 2-0).

FSC received 18 eligible applications and in November and December 2008 carried out internal votes by chamber for selecting the members of the Working Group.

**Working Group Members**

FSC has appointed the following persons to the P&C Review Working Group.

<b>Sub chamber</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Country</b>
<b>Environmental North</b>	John Palmer	Individual member	US
<b>Environmental South</b>	Bastiaan Louman	Individual member	Costa Rica
<b>Social North</b>	Elisa Pardo Vegezzi	Individual member	Spain
<b>Social South</b>	Chris van Dam	Individual member	Argentina
<b>Economic North</b>	Alan Thorne	Tembec Canada	Canada
<b>Economic South</b>	Timothy Synnott	Estudios Forestales Synnott S.C	Mexico



**Elisa Pardo Vegezzi:** Elisa holds a university degree in forest engineering and environmental sciences with a focus on environmental management and social development. Elisa has dedicated most of her professional career to the social aspects of forest management. For 4 years she worked in different NGO led projects, aiming at the development of forest communities in southern and central Mexico. During this time she was involved in coordinating plantation management projects, management of non-timber forest products (NTFPs) and protected areas. She also has experience as a certification auditor officer and has been leading FSC Spain since 2004.

**Chris van Dam:** Chris is a sociologist with a Master's Degree in Environmental Management and Development. For more than 20 years he has worked with indigenous people and rural communities, as a consultant for several projects and university lecturer on topics such as environmental policy, sustainable development, natural resource management, agroforestry, community forestry, biodiversity conservation and native forest management. Chris has extensive knowledge of FSC; from conducting FSC related research to serving on the FSC Board of Directors. He has also served in Expert Team A of the Plantations Review on Raising the Bar of Social Responsibility.

**John Palmer:** John holds a Master's Degree in Forestry. He has more than 40 years of extensive professional forestry experience as a member of several advisory committees, manager and coordinator of forestry research programs and independent consultant often in relation to developing countries. For several years he managed the (tropical) Forestry Research Programme of the United Kingdom Department for international Development (DFID). John also actively participated in the development of the FSC system, both at the international level and in the UK. John has served on Expert Team D of the Plantations Review on Investigating the Impacts of FSC Criterion 10.9 as well. He is currently affiliated as Senior Associate with the Florida Forest Management Trust.

**Bastiaan Louman:** Bastiaan holds a Master's Degree in Agricultural Sciences with majors in Tropical Silviculture and Forest Ecology and Tropical Crop Science and a minor in Forest Policy. Bastiaan has more than 20 years as a project director, researcher, university lecturer and consultant in different aspects of tropical forest management. He has supported a number of community organizations and companies to achieve FSC certification. He also served on the FSC Controlled Wood Technical Working Group from 2005 to 2006. Bastiaan currently works as associate researcher, regional coordinator of the IUFRO-SPDC for Latin America and the Caribbean area and coordinator of the joint CIFOR-INIA-CATIE project on Mitigation and Adaptation to Climate Change through Sustainable Forest Management.

**Alan Thorne:** Alan has approximately 18 years of forest management experience across Canada representing all of the major ecosystems in the country from coastal rainforests, through to Boreal and hardwood forests in the south and east. He also has many years of ex-



perience working with local communities and First Nations, developing innovative environmental conservation strategies. He has been involved in FSC certification since 2000 and is a trained auditor for SmartWood. Since 2006, Alan is the Chief Forester for Tembec based in Ontario, Canada, where he is responsible for managing more than 7 million ha of forest and Tembec's FSC certification. As such, he has been involved in several successful FSC certification audits.

**Timothy Synnott:** Timothy is a forester who has concentrated on natural forest management, silvicultura and ecology in the tropics. He graduated in Forestry and holds a Ph.D. He has worked for 40 years in tropical and subtropical forestry and plantations in temperate, montane, humid and arid regions, as well as in university research and teaching, training and setting up a new university faculty of forestry in northern Mexico. As a consultant, he has worked on a wide variety of forestry and rural development projects in over 35 countries in Africa, America and Asia. He is the first Executive Director of the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC), based in Mexico from 1994 to 2001. He now works in Mexico, providing support for natural resource management.