

Smallholders Forest Certification in Galicia

North Galicia:

- Project of group certification
- Group of small eucalyptus plantations



FSC ¿¿¿???

Forest description:

- Small farmlands converted into eucalyptus plantations
- Hi productivity
- Short cycle (15 years)
- Management focused on productivity
- Simple management (plantation, cleaning, harvesting, replant,...)
- Forestry is considered supplementary income



Forest management far from FSC requirements:

- Almost “no management”, just planting and clear-cut
- No environmental or social issues considered
- No management plan
- Lack of monitoring
- Tenure and use rights not documented
- Difficult for people to associate

Big challenges to achieve FSC certification:

- Regularize forest land ownership
- Include environmental or social topics
- Small plantations Vs. habitats restoration
- Hi cost of a management and monitoring plan
- Break suspicions

INCOMES shall be higher than EXPENSES

Solutions:

- Group certification:
 - Economy of scale
 - Environmental and social policies viable
- Use current structures Vs. develop new initiatives

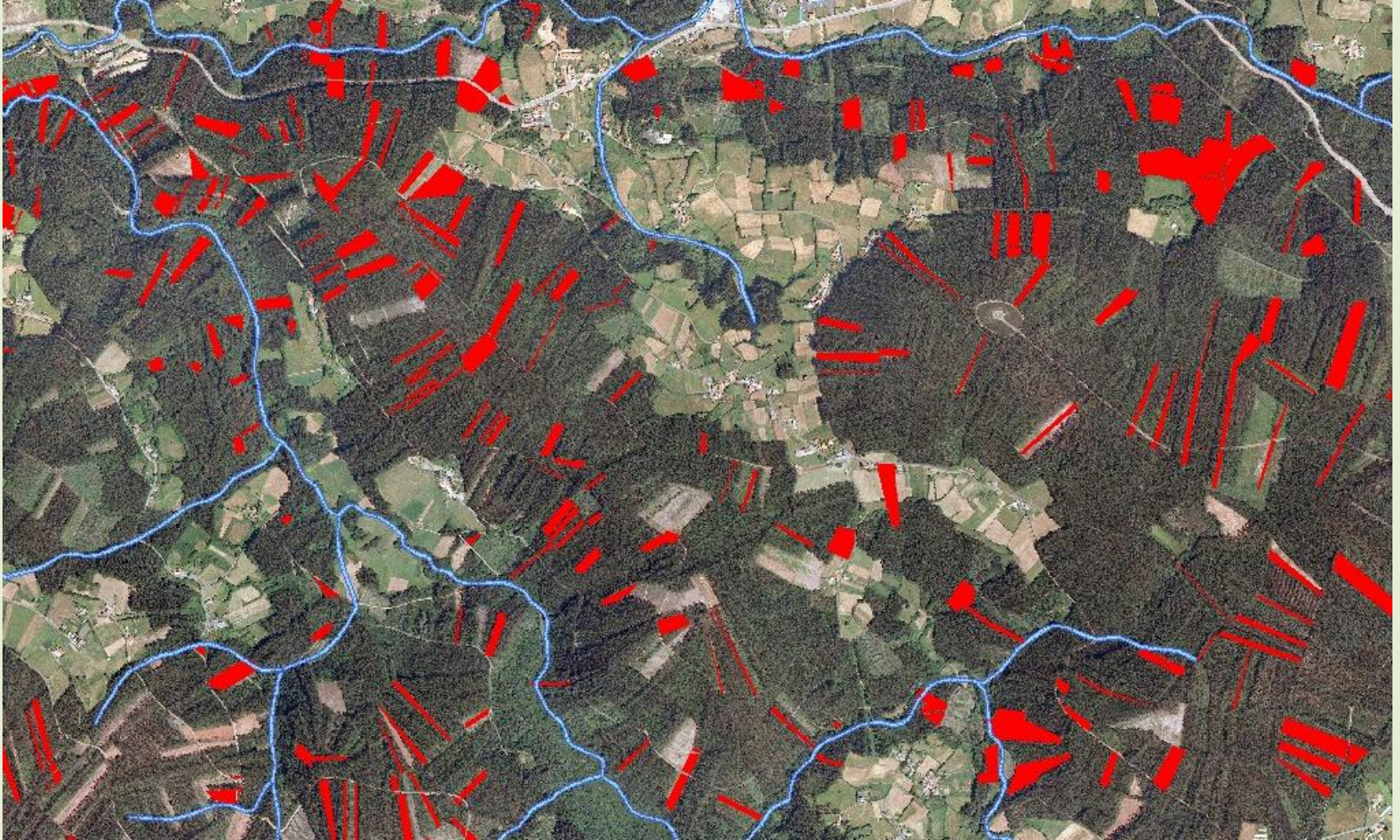
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Easiest way

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Producers associations (municipality)

Same way how forest owner has approached certification (no convince people)

Producers associations:

- Focused on increasing sale price for eucalyptus
- They have developed new services (by accident):
 - Volume control
 - Forest fire monitoring
 - Nursery
 - Coordinate harvest operation
- No professionals:
 - Challenge: Management team
 - No management plan



How Producers associations can achieve FSC certification:

- Create management plan for whole association
- Standardize all work they already do
- Include social issues (neighbors, stakeholders and forest workers)
- Environmental issues (riparian vegetation, biological corridor)
- Protection measures (pests, forest fires)
- Coordinate: clearings, cuttings, plantations,...

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