



Chinese NFSS (6.5.5) pilot test

September 2018 – July 2020

Objective:

- To test **alternative ways of conforming with Indicator 6.5.5** (focused on setting aside 10% of the forest unit as a designated conservation area) in specific regions in China where conformity is a challenge for smallholders

Geography & Unique Needs:

- Guangdong, Guangxi, and Shandong provinces
- Smallholders predominantly manage plantations over small and scattered patches of land
- Smallholders with very limited resources
- Dominance of agricultural farm land and plantations

Activities/Methodology:

- Recruited and launched chamber-balanced **Working Group** of 3 members (2 of them involved in developing current FSC national standard) including IKEA, WWF, and Chinese Academy of Forestry (CAF)

- Developed a **Standard Operating Procedure** to guide the pilot test
- Developed a technical assessment framework for the identified alternatives
- Trained smallholder certificate holders and certification bodies
- Developing risk assessment methodology and templates

Outcomes:

- Under development

Reference Documents:

- FSC-POL-01-001 [FSC Policy for Pilot Tests of Draft FSC Standards](#)
- FSC-STD-CHN-01-2016 [Chinese National Forest Stewardship Standard \(NFSS\)](#)
- FSC-STD-20-007 [Forest Management Evaluations](#)
- FSC-STD-30-005 [FSC Standard for Group Entities in Forest Management Groups](#)

2019 GOALS

Representative pilot tests to evaluate alternative ways of conforming with Indicator 6.5.5 will be completed

Implications of these alternative approaches with other regions where compliance with the indicator is not a challenge will be compared

Provide input on the implementation of the Chinese NFSS for smallholders based on results

25% accomplished

PROJECT LINKS

To provide input to:

- Forest Network analysis of feasibility and ways to comply with Indicator 6.5.5
- Risk Based Approach project
- Wider assessment across the FSC Network, relating to this indicator