Czech-Norwegian partnership for sustainable forest management, 2007 – 2011







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Forest Stewardship Council (FSC)

Using the market to create a sustainable future

- An international system for certification of well managed forests
- Forest Certification is: Assessment of on-the-ground forest practices against a negotiated set of standards
- FSC creates added value by creating an international market for sustainable forest products



Forest Stewardship Council
Why was FSC created?

- Identify well managed forests and their products
- Provide the consumer with independent assurance of the sources of forest products
- Tool for nature conservation, biodiversity protection, rural development, poverty elimination, ….



Forest Stewardship Council
Mission Statement

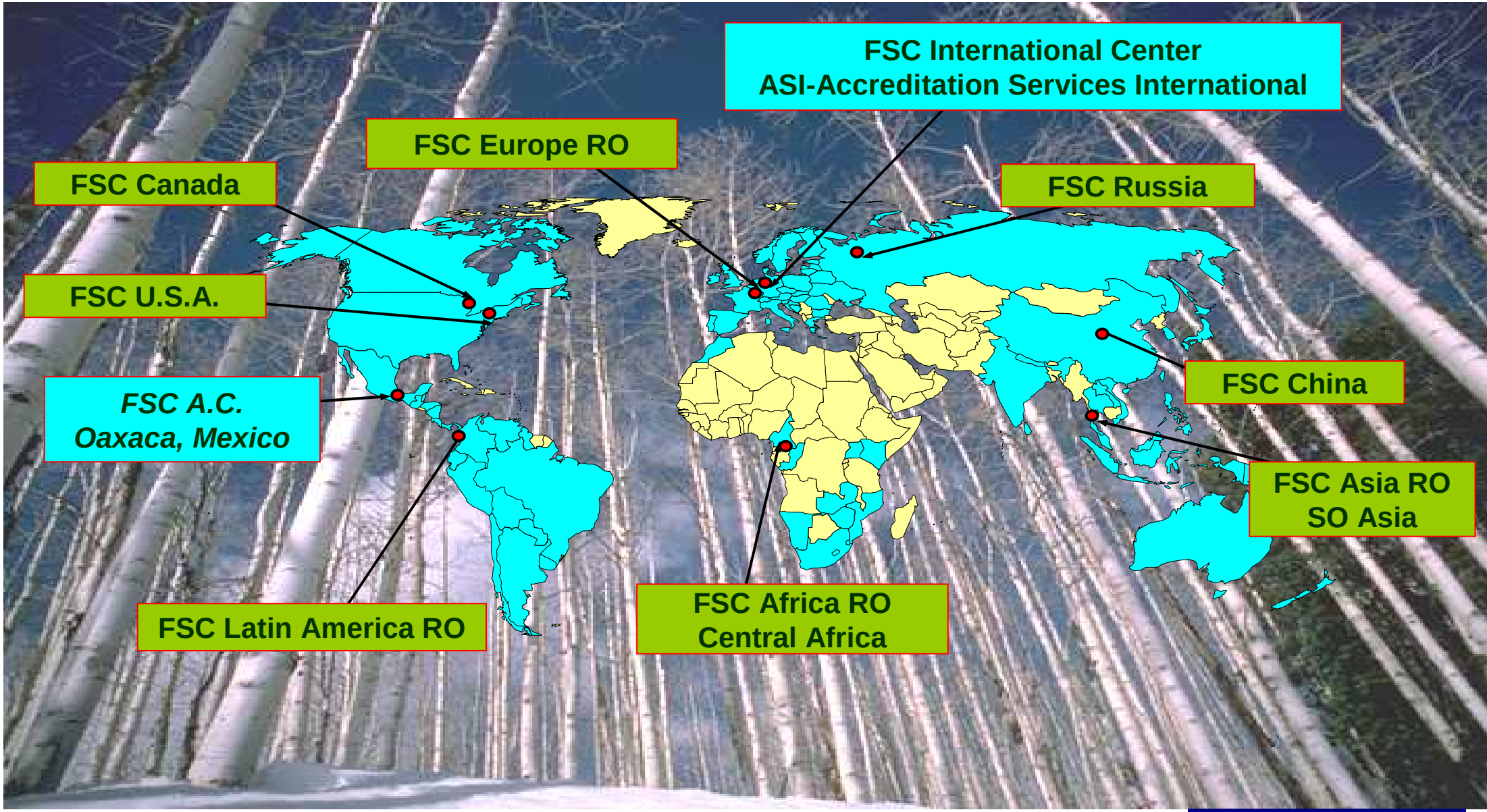
FSC shall ensure:

- **ENVIRONMENTALLY APPROPRIATE**,
- **SOCIALLY BENEFICIAL**
- **AND ECONOMICALLY VIABLE**

MANAGEMENT OF THE WORLD'S FORESTS.

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FSC Global Network …



Data as of October 2006

FSC Forest Certification

- FSC certifies FM and CoC
- Certification assessments (audits) based on compliance with FSC standards
- 10 Principles and 56 Criteria
- Environmental, social and economic aspects
- Principle 6: Environment Impact – Biodiversity protection
- Principle 9 – Maintanance of High Conservation Value Forests (HCVF)



Forest Stewardship Council Achievements

- 78.9 mil ha of certified forests in 73 countries
- 4945 companies in the chain of custody in 74 countries
- 39 National Initiatives on 5 continents
- Over 20 000 types of certified product species
- Market share over 90% FSC products (UK)
- Consumers awareness over 30% in some countries (NL, UK)
- Turnover with FSC products in 2005 5 bil. EUR over

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Adopted by Leader retailers











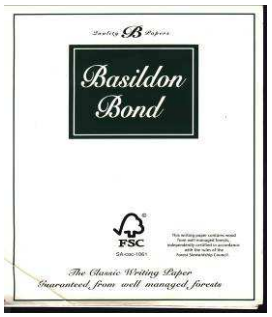






Forest Stewardship Council Products

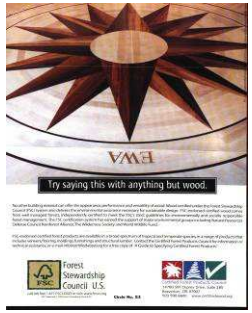
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Doors & window frames



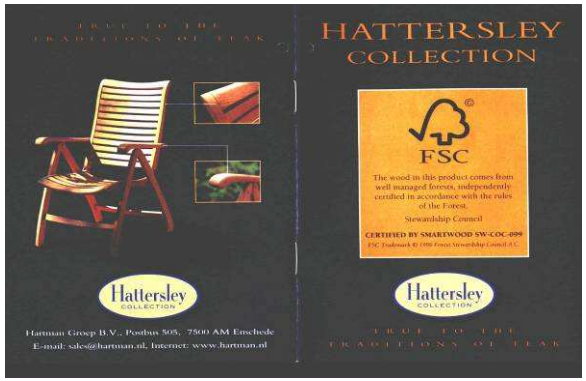
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pencils



furniture



boards



FSC in Europe

- 38 mil hectares in 30 countries
- 3015 CoC companies, 450 among pulp, paper, packaging, printers and publishers (5P)
- 22 FSC National Initiatives - developing national FM standards
- In CEE countries: Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Rep., Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Ukraine



FSC in the Czech Republic

- 22.000ha - 1% of Czech forests certified (2.4 mil ha)
- 4 forests enterprises
- Czech State Forests (1.3 mil ha) go for pilot test
- Strong pulp and paper industry – Norske Skog

- First CEE and new accession country with accredited FM standard



FSC in the Czech Republic

- Czech FSC standard, 158 indicators
- Examples of biodiversity indicators:

- clearcuts max.0,5 ha
- 5% set asside areas
- 5 trees and 30m3 dead wood per ha
- shift from coniferous monocultures to close to nature tree composition
- no liming and fertilizing
- max 5% introduced tree species



WWF in Norway

An independent organisation funded 1970

- 7500 members (growing!) - Main office in Oslo, total staff of 20

Main focus = preserving biodiversity

- Terrestrial: Forestry, mountain ecosystems, species (reindeer, wolf)
- Marine: Sustainable fisheries, aquaculture, shipping and oil/gas
- Promoting sustainable resource management internationally

How we do it

- Raising awareness (webpage, magazine, info-material, lectures…)
- Policy work: Influencing policy development through media and lobby
- Securing Norwegian support for field projects internationally









FSC in Norway – coming!

Background: Status on forestry and biodiversity preservation in Norway

- 1,4% of Norwegian productive forest is protected.
- Scientists recommend protection of 4-5% short term / 10% long term
- Almost half the 3000 species on the Red List are forest species

New “Levende Skog”-certification standard of fall 2006

- Agreement between forestry organisations and WWF + SABIMA
- Commits to preservation of 5% of most valuable forest
- Commits to phasing out use of non-native tree species
- Commits to start negotiations to ensure adaptation to FSC-standards









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- individual project for EHP/Norway Financial Mechanism -

Implementation of close to nature forest management according to Czech FSC standard

Goal: Improve the biodiversity protection of forests ecosystems in the Czech Republic and Norway









Outline joint FSC project 2007 - 2011

What?

- Implementing Czech FSC Standard
- Testing and evaluating Czech FSC standard
- Knowledge transfer CZ – Norway
- Awareness raising activities in CZ and Norway
- Consumer's campaign: Developing new markets









Outline joint FSC project 2007 - 2011

Where?

Krkonose National Park – 36 000 ha – pilot test

Czech Republic

Norway











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Who?

cooperation partners:

FSC Czech Republic
WWF Norway
Krkonose National Park
Institute for Ecosystem Research









Questions, comments?













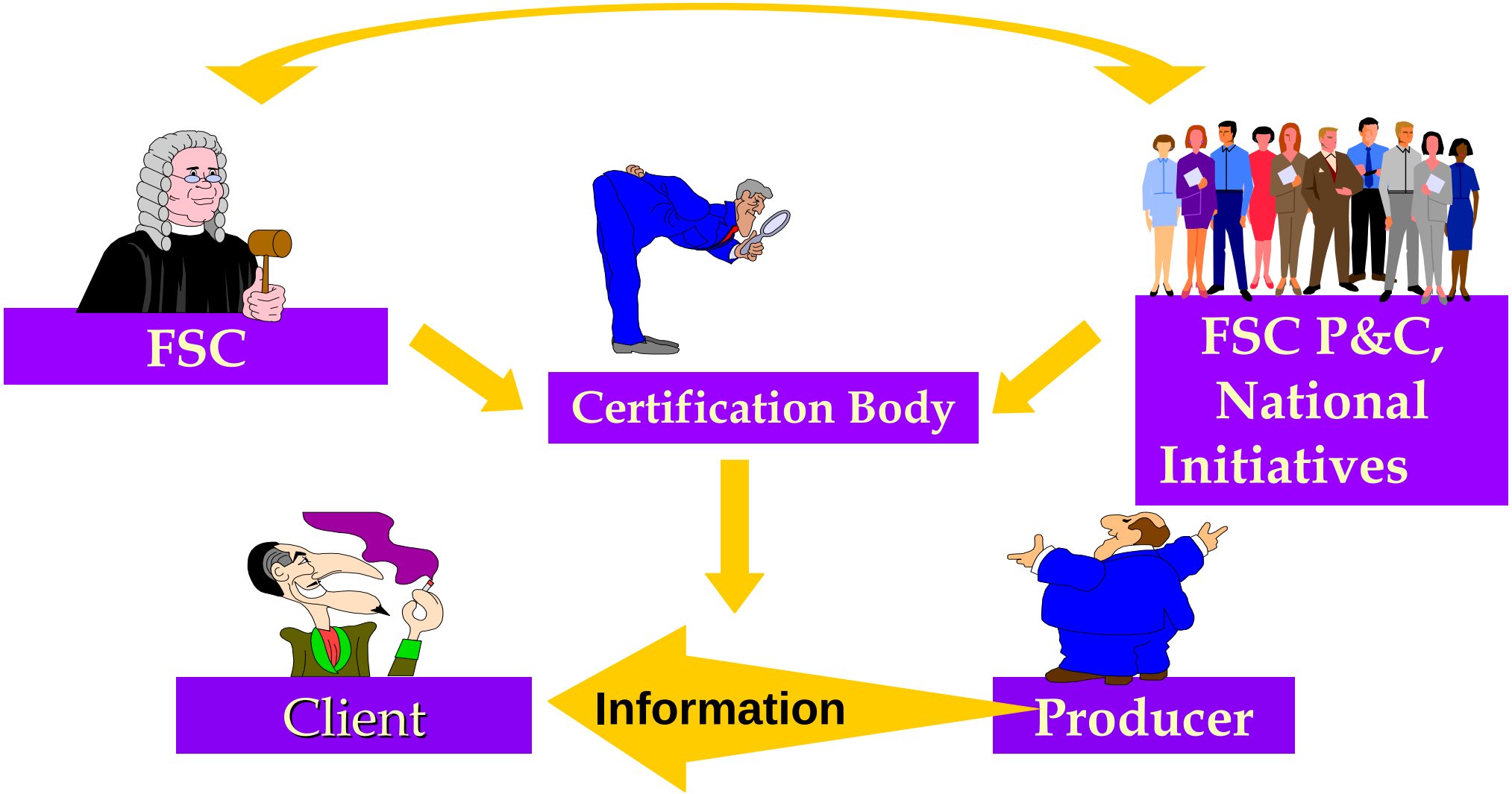






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How does FSC work?



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FSC in Europe

country	area of certified forests (ths. ha)
Sweden	10444
Poland	6579
Croatia	1988
Estonia	1064
Latvia	1687
Lithuania	1069
Romania	1.124
Germany	588
Finland	9
Czech Rep.	22
Norway	5