



REQUIREMENTS FOR GROUP CERTIFICATION OF SMALL FOREST HOLDINGS

Sustainability through organised forestry under local control

G3 – the potential in organising rights holders

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Locally Controlled Forestry

- *Locally controlled forestry means the local right for forest owner families and communities to make decisions on commercial forest management and land use, with secure tenure rights, freedom of association and access to markets and technology.*

- Promoted by the Growing Forest Partnership (FAO, IIED, IUCN)
- Supported by the World Bank
- Facilitated by The Forest Dialogue



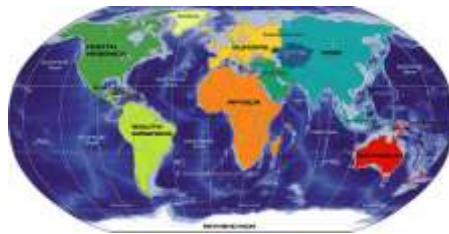
International Alliance for Indigenous and Tribal Peoples of the Tropical Forest



Locally controlled forest facts



- 25% of worlds forest controlled locally by families, communities and indigenous peoples
- 1 billion involved in or dependent of these forests
- \$ 75-100 billion market value of goods and services
- G3 present in 78 countries in all continents
 - 10 countries with more than one of the three alliances



Sustainability through certification



- Sustainable forest management the goal for all the three alliances in the Three Rights Holders Group
- Locally controlled forestry promotes sustainability
- Certification a way of
 - documenting sustainability – ensuring marked access
 - and a way of ensuring and advancing sustainability
- Forest certification outspread in areas of increasing forests – low outreach in areas where most needed
- Need for advancing certification into new areas
 - Areas with small holdings and locally controlled forestry

Certification of small scale forestry



- Cost effective and affordable
- Experiences from different forms of group certification – mostly Europe and North America
- Lessons learned from existing certifications
- Groups certification connected to organisation of forest holdings and communities
- Needs for modification in the tropics and other new areas?

Group certification



- Group of forest holdings under one certificate
- The group organisations is the certified unit
- Examples
 - Forest producers organisations
 - Regional certification of forest owners
- Effective use of existing forest organisations
- *Certification is a system of documenting sustainability*
- *Forest management standard is the definition of sustainable forest management*

Requirements



- Well working organisations
- Easier with well established sustainable forest management tradition
- Locally controlled forest
- Connected to market access
- Key to market wood - economic benefit
- Sustainability consciousness
- Forest management standard

Examples



Working systems



- Norway



- Denmark



- Finland



- France

Potential projects



- Nepal



- Cameroon



- Mexico