

Procedures of Certification Evaluation with respect to Principle 5-1-5 of SGEC Document 3

1. General principle

A forest manager, respecting Convention concerning Indigenous and Tribal Peoples in Independent Countries (ILO169) and UN Declaration on the Right of Indigenous Peoples, following international laws such as International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination and International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights of International Covenants on Human Rights, also following related articles of domestic laws such as Act on the Promotion of Ainu Culture, and Dissemination and Enlightenment of Knowledge about Ainu Tradition, etc., paying sufficient attention to rights under customary law which are generated or being generated through general customary practices recognized internationally and domestically, shall make consultation with a regional organization(s) of Ainu people in accordance with FPIC (Free Prior Informed Consent) in conducting forest management in an area where Ainu people reside, with respect for culture of Ainu people related to forests and recognition that the Ainu are the indigenous people who have their original culture and identity.

2. Certification Evaluation Process

In conducting certification evaluation related to Principle 5-1-5 (Ainu people), it shall be evaluated whether a forest manager deliver explanation and/or make consultation in a fair manner in accordance with FPIC with the following procedures.

- (1) A forest manager shall identify a local organization(s) of Ainu people located in the area concerned as a stakeholder.

In identifying the local organization(s), the forest manager shall conduct necessary survey by, for example, acquiring information from local governments and/or other relevant organizations such as Ainu Association of Hokkaido.

- (2) The forest manger shall deliver explanation and/or make consultation with the local organization(s) of Ainu people regarding a management plan (timber harvesting, forest road construction, etc.) of the forest which the forest manager(s) applies for certification, through meetings and/or communication measures. The forest manager(s) shall pay particular attention to the following issues in managing the forest;

- ①protection of customary practices of Ainu people in the forest concerned such as hunting or gathering of plants used as dye or food
- ②protection of sites of spiritual significance for Ainu people such as “chiminoshiri” (sites for prayer)
- ③protection of other culture and customs of Ainu people related to the forest concerned

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- List of cultural assets designated by the national government, Hokkaido prefectural government and municipal governments
 - Candidates of designated cultural or scenic sites related to Ainu culture
 - List of historical remains or monuments of Ainu people
 - Other Ainu concerned documents related to particular attention shown in the above
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(3) In case a solution is not reached through the consultation described in the above, the forest manager(s) shall seek advice from relevant organizations such as municipal governments and make further effort to reach a fair solution through, for example, additional explanation based on a field survey and document survey upon necessity.

(4) The forest manager(s) shall keep written records of the content and process of the consultation with the local Ainu organization(s). When necessary, a written record agreed by both sides shall be made.

Note1: Certification evaluation procedures stipulated in this standard are to comply with 5.6.4 “Forest management activities” of PEFC 1003:2010 “Sustainable Forest Management - Requirements”.

Note2: This evaluation procedures are to be further reviewed in the next fiscal year and after, based on the actual implementation of certification evaluation and opinions provided by stakeholders.

Supplementary article 1 This document is enacted on October 14th, 2016.

Supplementary article 2 Amendment of this document is enacted on September 26th, 2017.
Notwithstanding the above, the previous document may be effective during transitional period until March 31st, 2018.