



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

The United Nations Sustainable Development Goals are the blueprint to achieve a better and more sustainable future for all.

Sustainably managed forests have a big role to play as we all strive to achieve these vital goals. At PEFC, we care for forests globally and locally. We work to protect our forests by promoting sustainable forest management through certification.

We are committed to doing our part towards the SDGs as we work towards unlocking the full potential of forests for a sustainable world.

PEFC is the world's leading forest certification system.

More than **300** million hectares are certified to PEFC's internationally recognized Sustainability Benchmarks.

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PEFC standard setting is governed by the key principles of inclusive stakeholder engagement (based on Agenda 21), balanced representation, consensus, continuous improvement and transparency.

PEFC is a partnership for the SDGs. We bring together 51 national members, more than 30 international stakeholder members, and thousands of actors locally.

1.6 billion people depend on forests for their jobs and livelihoods.

Forests provide 76 million tonnes of food per year.*

PEFC Trees outside Forests and Non-Wood

Forest Products certification contribute to food security.

Trees and woods can have a restorative and therapeutic effect on the mind.**

PEFC certification promotes sustainable forest management, helping to ensure we can all enjoy the benefits that forests provide forever.

PEFC certification contains a range of requirements to improve the capacity and understanding of forest workers and affected communities.

330 million women and girls live on less than \$1.90 a day, which is 4.4 million more than men.

PEFC certification provides a forum that better enables women to participate in forest decisions.

75% of our freshwater comes from forest watershed areas.*

PEFC's sustainable forest management standard mandates best management practices relating to water quality and soil.

80% of terrestrial animals and plants live in forests.

Safeguarding forest biodiversity is core to PEFC. 60% of all certified forests worldwide are managed in line with PEFC's internationally recognized requirements.

Good sustainable forest management practice reduces sedimentation, improving the condition of rivers and coastal waters and benefitting aquatic ecosystems.

The world's forests absorb almost 40% of man-made CO₂.

Sustainably managed forests have a central role in climate change mitigation and adaptation.

81% of global consumers feel strongly that companies should help to improve the environment.***

The PEFC label helps businesses and consumers make responsible choices.

70% of the world's population will be urban by 2050.

PEFC Project Certification promotes the use of certified timber and engineered wood products within the construction industry.

Families, communities and indigenous peoples manage 30% of global forest area.

PEFC Group Certification enables small-forest holders to achieve certification, giving them access to international markets and helping to alleviate poverty.

Timber products store 1 tonne of CO₂ per 1 m³ of wood.

PEFC's construction and textile campaigns promote responsible sourcing of wood-based materials.

Forests make up 22.2% of household incomes in developing countries.

PEFC social requirements promote equal opportunities & non-discrimination within the forest workforce.

Energy from wood fuel is equivalent to roughly 40% of our renewable energy supply.

PEFC certification helps ensure that renewable energy products are sourced responsibly.

** "Tracking restoration in natural and urban field settings" – Journal of Environmental Psychology 2003

*** The Conference Board® Global Consumer Confidence Survey, conducted in collaboration with Nielsen, Q2 2017

Sources:
* Booklet: Global Forest Goals and Targets of the UN Strategic Plan for Forests by 2030