





Forest Stewardship Council Assessor Training
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Vancouver, WA





Thank you for joining us today!



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A broker of information and resources
for small woodland owners and FSC
certification.



Northwest Certified Forestry Members – 143,000 acres



Oak Basin Tree Farm, Linn Co. Tree Farm of the Year in 2012 – 1,004 acres



Ellsworth Creek Preserve – The Nature Conservancy – 7,897 acres



Turtleback Mountain Preserve – San Juan County Land Bank – 1,572 acres



Seward Park – Seattle Parks and Recreation – 2,500 acres



King County Parks, Water, and Big Backyard

Island Center Forest

>Welcome to King County Parks' Island Center Forest

Located in the center of Parker Island, Island Center Forest is a 369-acre wooded forest and natural area that is managed by the Department of Parks and Recreation. The property is owned and managed by King County Parks and Recreation, and is open to the public. Island Center Forest is a designated natural area that includes the natural area, Island Center Forest, and Island Center Forest. King County Parks' mission is to provide recreational opportunities and to protect and enhance the natural environment.

Island Center Forest – King County DNRP – 369 acres



Cedar River Watershed – Seattle Public Utilities – 98,987 acres



City of Astoria – Bear Creek Watershed – 3,694 acres

How NCF helps forest owners

- Access to FSC certification
- Forest planning
- Workshops, webinars, training
- Harvest and marketing assistance
- Service provider referrals





WHAT IS FSC?

FSC is a nonprofit organization devoted to encouraging the responsible management of the world's forests. FSC sets high standards that ensure forestry is practiced in an environmentally responsible, socially beneficial, and economically viable way. Landowners and companies that sell timber or forest products seek certification as a way to verify to consumers that they have practiced forestry consistent with FSC standards.



PRINCIPLES AND CRITERIA

FSC has developed a set of 10 Principles and 57 Criteria for forest management that are applicable to all FSC-certified forests throughout the world. The 10 Principles are summarized below:

Compliance with Laws and FSC Principles

Forest management must abide by all applicable laws of the country in which they occur.

Tenure and Use Rights and Responsibilities

Rights to the land are clearly defined and clearly established.

Indigenous Peoples' Rights

Indigenous peoples' rights to own, use, and manage their lands are recognized and respected.

Community Relations and Worker's Rights

Maintain and/or enhance the long-term social and economic well being of forest workers and local communities.

Benefits from the Forest

Encourage the efficient use of the forest's resources and services to ensure economic viability, and environmental and social benefits.

Environmental Impact

Conserve biological diversity, water resources, soils, and unique and fragile ecosystems and landscapes, maintaining the ecological functions and integrity of the forest.

Management Plan

A plan is written, implemented, and kept up to date, including statements of long-term objectives.

Monitoring and Assessment

Monitoring is conducted to assess the condition of the forest, yields of forest products, chain-of-custody, management activities, and their social and environmental impacts.

Maintenance of High Conservation Value Forests

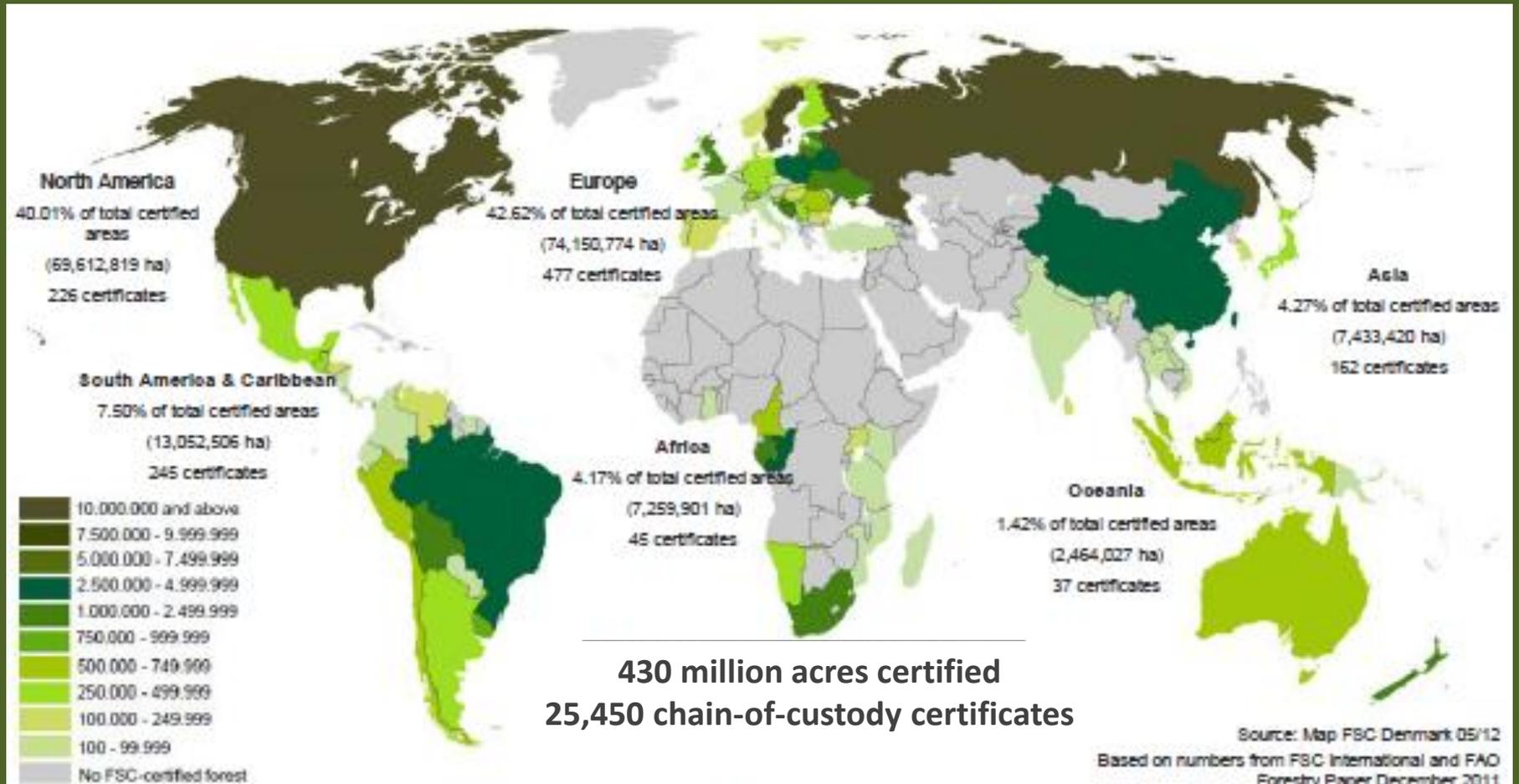
Management activities enhance the attributes of high conservation value forests.

Plantations

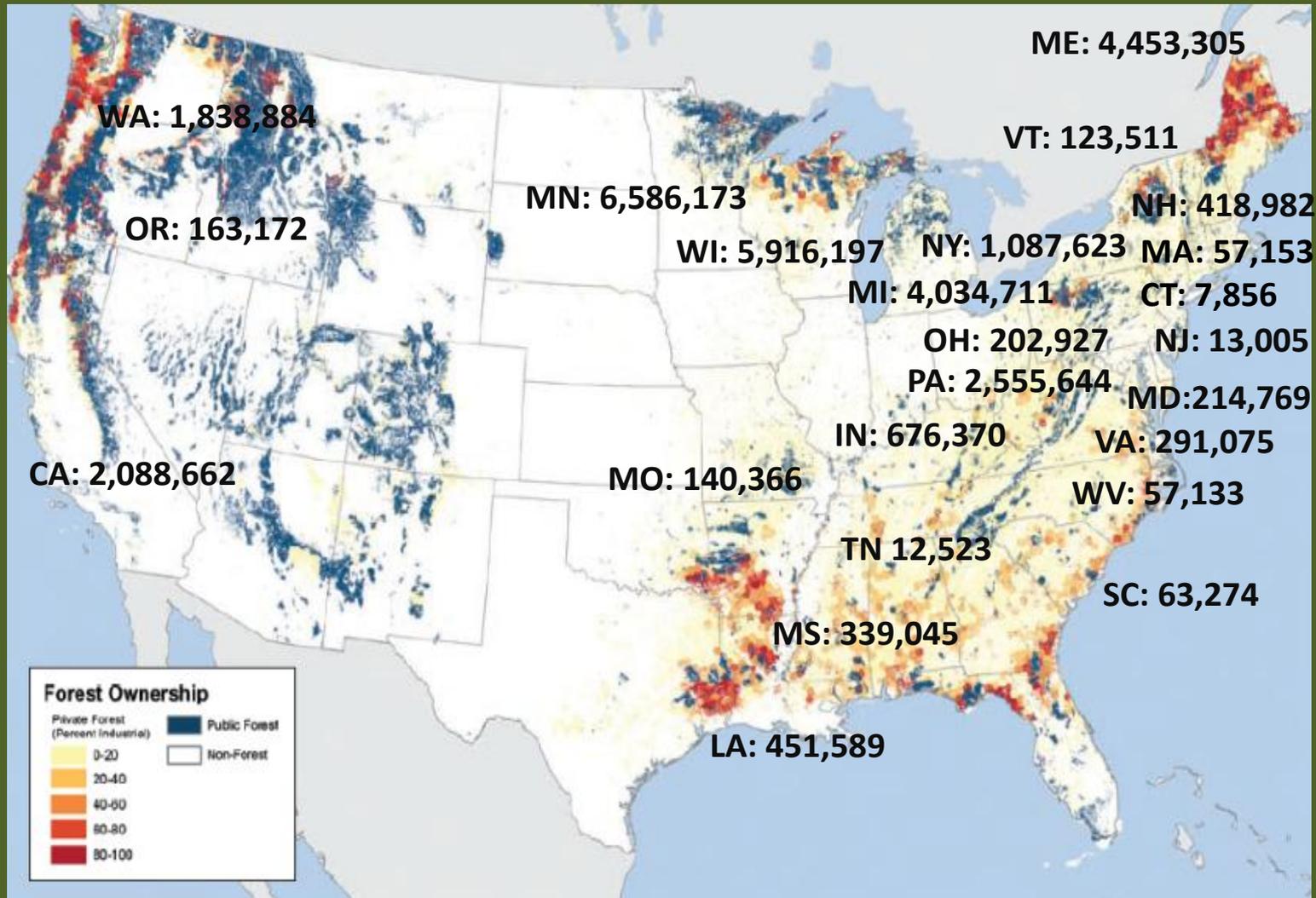
Plantations should complement the management of, reduce pressures on, and promote the restoration and conservation of natural forests.

See www.fscus.org to download the full set of Principles and Criteria.

FSC Certified Forests in 79 Countries



US forests & FSC certified acres by state



Total of 35.4 million acres as of March 2013

Key elements of certification

1. A third-party verification of forest management practices, chain-of-custody, & product labeling
2. A diverse membership that governs and monitors the system
3. Partnerships that promote those participating in the system



1. Forest management



2. Chain of Custody certificate



3. Product labeling



Forest owner

Access to certification



FSC Products in the Marketplace



Natural Pod is a leader in the design, manufacture and distribution of natural children's toys and furniture. Our products are environmentally responsible, inspire imaginative and creative play, and are designed to be heirlooms for educators and families.

By providing high-quality, open-ended, imaginative, play-based infrastructure and manipulatives to both parents and educators, while we decrease our dependence on the never-ending cycle of product wastage and replacement while reviving our children's *natural way to play*. Everything we make is of wood, wool or silk and is backed by our commitment to providing timely, human powered customer service.

The items shown in this catalogue are our most popular classroom pieces, but keep in mind, this is only a representative sampling. If you would like to find out more, please do not hesitate to contact us at 604.630.1619. As always, Natural Pod is pleased to offer free shipping (or often even personal delivery) to all educators!

free shipping for educators

natural pod Spring/Summer 2011

A selection of products from our Spring/Summer line

FSC Products in the Marketplace



Every aspect of the process represents a conscious decision to go green. Employees work four 10-hour days to cut fuel costs, each furniture piece is stained with eco-friendly water-based products and Meyer Wells follows the trees from death to life to make sure they can be

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— meaning the pieces promote sustainable forestry.

Story of a tree

This Silver Maple lived a long and well-appreciated life in the military residential area of Seattle's Discovery park. A large branch broke off the tree after a storm and made the tree unsafe for this location.



A local arborist removed the branches and felled the tree. The trunk was cut to keep the usable parts of wood intact.



After salvaging the tree, these slabs were cut, air dried, and kiln dried.



Two of the Discovery Park silver maple slabs were then made into feature elements in the entry of the Philips Oral Health headquarters in Sammamish WA.





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