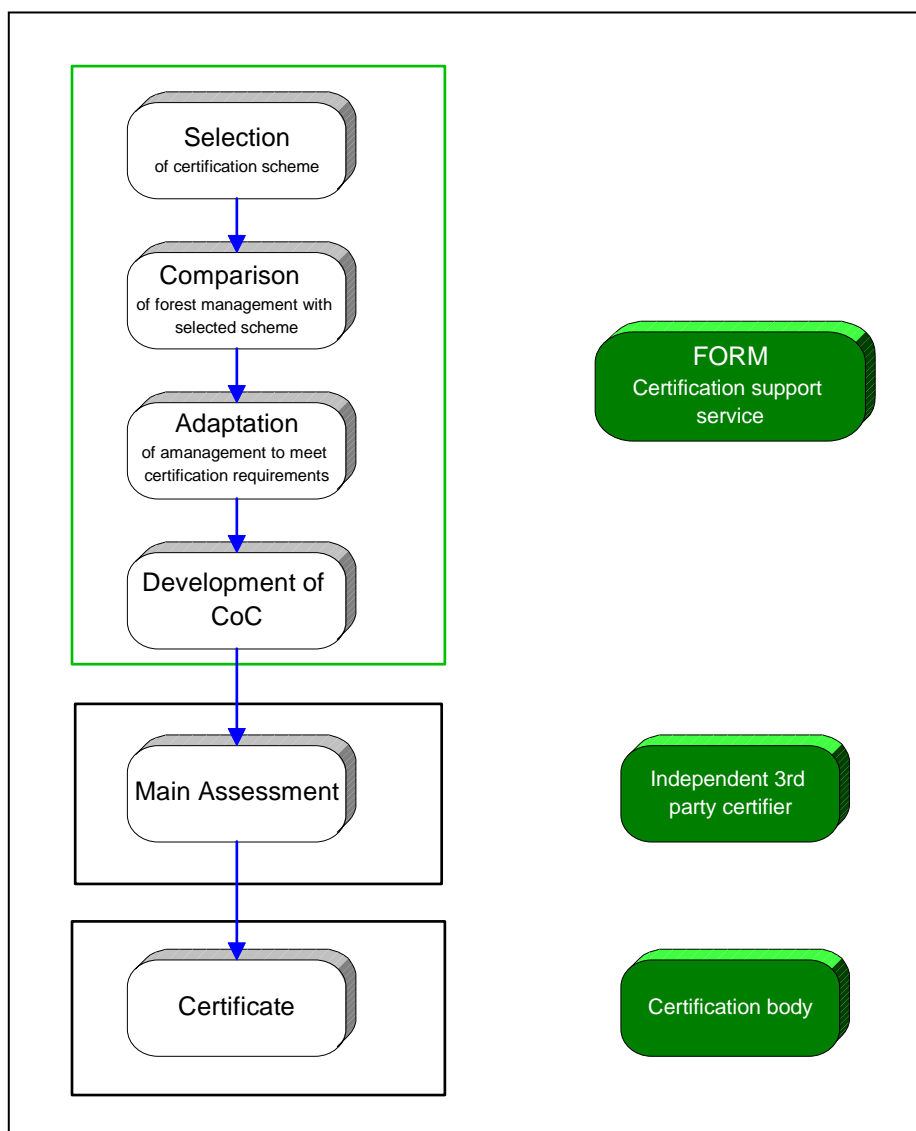




Specialists in Certification of Sustainable Forest Management

Certification Support Service

FORM International is a private consulting agency established in 1992. The firm specialised in SFM issues in 1994 and has since then been actively involved in forest certification. FORM International is ISO 9001 certified and member of ONRI, the Dutch equivalent of International Federation of Consulting Engineers (FIDIC). The services aim at preparation for forest management certification. A special approach has been developed to guide a company effectively towards certification: the **Certification Support Service**.



Certification: forest and market

Forest managers and companies involved in forest management have to ensure a sustainable management of these forests. Certification is a perfect tool to convince consumers that their timber originates from well managed forests. This brochure gives an overview of our experiences.

Forest certification serves three purposes:

1. Standard setting to guarantee a certain level of management performance.
2. Marketing of forest products.
3. Exchange of information between producers and consumers.



Why Forest Certification?

- ◆ *Maintenance or increase of market share.*
- ◆ *Better image of the company*
- ◆ *Preservation of forest resources*
- ◆ *Diversification of products*
- ◆ *Meeting customers' demand*
- ◆ *Ensure that forest resources are managed appropriately.*

FORM has an extensive permanent staff of certification specialists with an ISO 9000:2000 IRCA (International Register of Certificated Auditors) diploma and FSC qualified auditors.

Our Expertise

FOREST CERTIFICATION STANDARDS

FORM is one of the leading specialists and has over 10 years experience in international certification standards, including:

- ◆ FSC
- ◆ PEFC
- ◆ ISO 14000
- ◆ Keurhout



PROJECT EXPERIENCE

FORM has successfully conducted certification projects in the following countries:

- ◆ Finland
- ◆ Sweden
- ◆ Canada
- ◆ USA
- ◆ Guyana
- ◆ Switzerland
- ◆ Indonesia
- ◆ Malaysia
- ◆ Cameroon
- ◆ Ghana
- ◆ Gabon
- ◆ Central African Republic

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

A large number of forest areas have been certified with the assistance of FORM. Our key to success is the **Certification Support Service** to assist companies in certification. This service has been developed on the basis of our experience in certification issues and includes:

- ◆ Market studies related to the opportunities for certified timber.
- ◆ Assessment of management compliance with the requirements of the chosen standard.
- ◆ Assistance with the adaptation of management practices to meet the certification requirements.
- ◆ Assistance with the preparation for pre- and main assessments.
- ◆ Assistance with the development of the Chain of Custody



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