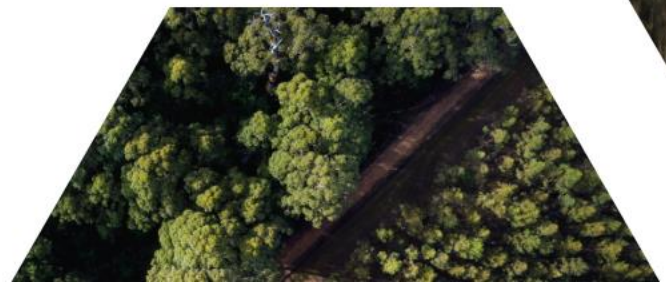
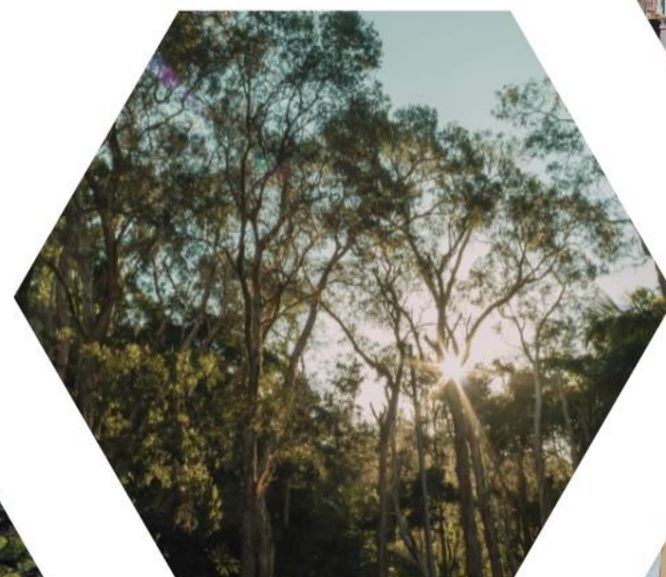




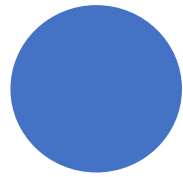
Forest Certification & Chain of Custody

Matt de Jongh, Sustainability Manager



Green Building Council of Australia Responsible Products Framework Recognition

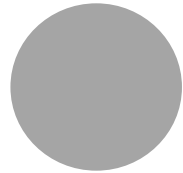
Our Sustainable Forest Management Standard recognised as 'Best Practice' across a number of categories



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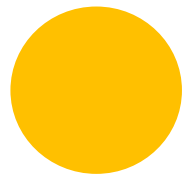
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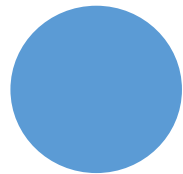
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Responsible
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Best Practice (highest)



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Responsible
Finishes

Best Practice (highest)



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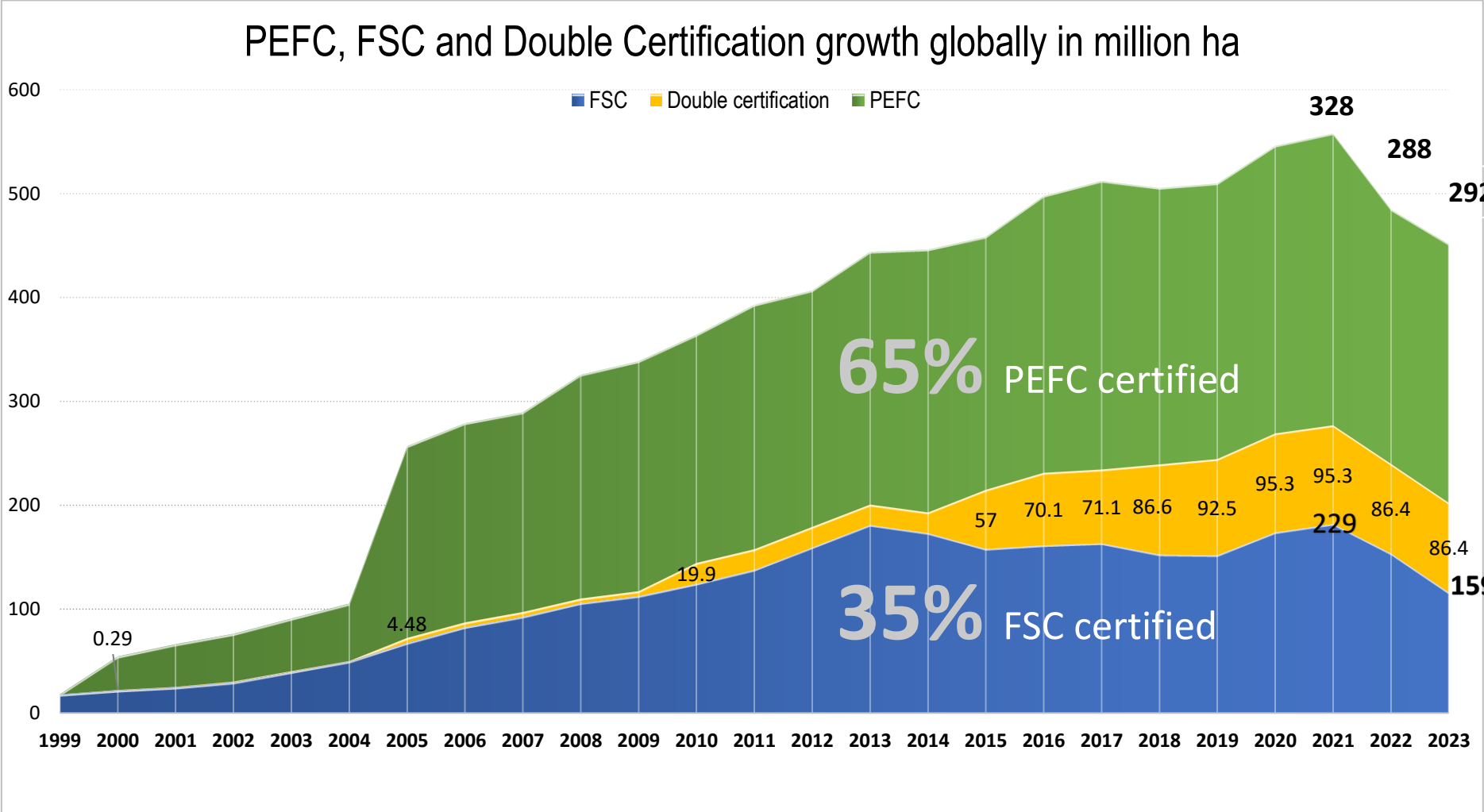
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Certification Statistics

451 million hectares of forest are PEFC and FSC certified

11.4% of Global Forests are certified

18.7% of certified forests are double certified



Source: PEFC data March 2023, FSC March 2023, dual certified December 2022

Forest certification in Australia and New Zealand

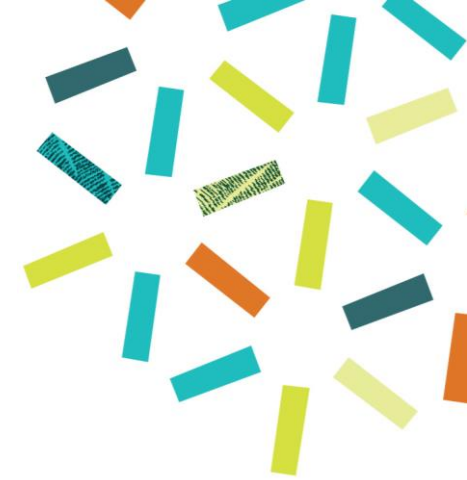
Over 20 million hectares of Australian native and plantation forest is certified

About 1.3 million hectares of plantation forest is certified in New Zealand

Two certification schemes operate in Australia and New Zealand:

- Responsible Wood (PEFC – endorsed scheme)
 - 19.6 million hectares – Australia
 - 0.6 million hectares – New Zealand
 - Certifies both native and plantation estate.
- Forest Stewardship Council (FSC)
 - 1.2 million hectares – Australia
 - 1.3 million hectares – New Zealand
 - Certifies primarily plantation estate.

*Data August 2023



Drivers for Certification

Changing the narrative

Forest managers seek certification for various reasons:

- Enhance environmental management.
- Meet consumer demand for sustainable products.
- Access new markets and customers.
- Demonstrate commitment to responsible practices.
- Contractual obligations.

Certification of ecosystem services aligns with these drivers, but independent verification adds credibility to the claim: What you say you is *actually* what you do.

A mindset shift and changes the narrative beyond just harvesting wood and fibre.





The Montréal Process

Criteria and Indicators for the Conservation and Management of Temperate and Boreal Forests



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

Certification underpinned by global treaties and reporting mechanisms

Australian Government
Department of Agriculture and Water Resources
ABARES

Australia's State of the Forests Report 2018




A five-yearly report prepared by the Montreal Process Implementation Group for Australia and the National Forest Inventory Steering Committee on behalf of the Australian, state and territory governments

AUSTRALIAN BUREAU OF AGRICULTURAL AND RESOURCE ECONOMICS AND SCIENCES



Promoting Sustainable Forest Management and Traceability across industries



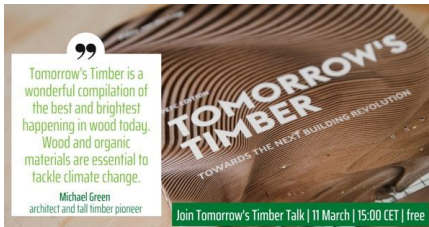
Construction

Pulp, Paper & Packaging

Textiles

Furniture

Natural Rubber



Designing the Future with Sustainable Timber



Responsible Packaging



Fashions change, Forests stay



Forests are Home



Supporting Sustainable Rubber







**SUSTAINABILITY
STAGE**



Field Trips

- Promoting sustainable forestry and responsible supply chains.
- Offering an inside look at sustainable forestry practices. See firsthand the production of the ultimate renewable resource - timber.
- Looking to partner with SFM and CoC certificate holders.
- First QLD/VIC pilot field trips held in May 2023.
- Noting these are trials initially, with the intention to roll these out on a regular basis.





14 Nov, 2023

NSW Field Trip

Limited Spaces Available

An exclusive opportunity to see key aspects of sustainable forestry at work and the future of the ultimate renewable.

Showcasing

- Sustainable forestry practices
- Responsible timber sourcing
- World-class manufacturing

Visiting

- Active mixed hardwood sustainable harvesting operations
- Plantations and ecological sites
- Herons Creek Sawmill (Pentarch)
- Koala breeding and cultural centre



Key Info

Departing Port Macquarie 8:00 am, returning by 5:00 pm

- Minibus transport to all sites
- Catered lunch, morning and afternoon tea
- Detailed itinerary provided upon registration

Cost - FREE, spots limited

Contact Responsible Wood for more information on 07 3359 1758 or info@responsiblewood.org.au

Poster images courtesy of Forestry Corporation of NSW

Experience certified sustainable forest management and forest products up close.

About Responsible Wood

Responsible Wood is a not-for-profit accredited standards development organisation (formerly known as the Australian Forestry Standard Ltd), licenced by Standards Australia to develop standards. Responsible Wood also operates the Responsible Wood certification scheme, which demonstrates that products produced under those standards are sourced from sustainably managed forests.

Responsible Wood is endorsed by, and mutually recognised by, the Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC), the world's largest forest certification scheme. Forest certification is a voluntary, market-based instrument, which is implemented through two separate but linked processes: sustainable forest management certification and chain of custody certification.

Certification ensures forest products are sourced sustainably: socially just, ecologically sound and economically viable.

About the Field Trip

This field trip offers attendees a hands-on experience of sustainable forest management and the certification process. By showcasing the responsible supply chain associated with certification, participants will gain valuable insights into how timber is the ultimate renewable material.

The trip demonstrates the benefits of responsible sourcing and how Responsible Wood certification helps improve the quality of forests and the livelihoods of those who depend on them. By attending, you can learn how certified forests and supply chains contribute to a better world. Don't miss this unique opportunity to explore sustainable forest management and its impact on our planet.



Supporting Partners



Enabling Sustainability

Responsible Wood is a not-for-profit committed to promoting sustainable forestry through the development of globally recognised standards.



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Episode Description

Matt De Jongh, Sustainability Manager at Responsible Wood: Matt De Jongh demystifies deforestation and regeneration proving the value of timber for the built environment as the most sustainable, circular building material for the future. From the history of indigenous forestry management, the scientific based research demonstra

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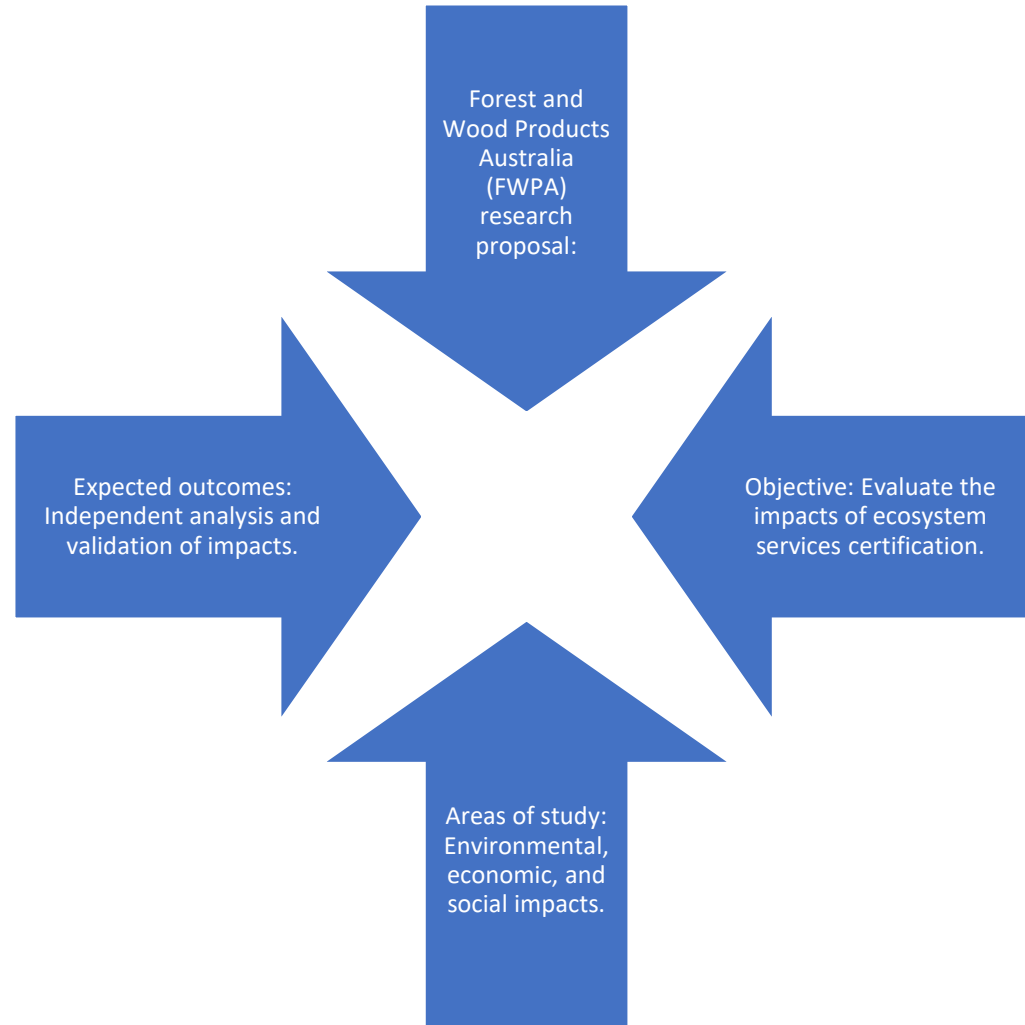
Meet Your Certified Supplier

- We've started a new series that we are publishing on our website, E-News and LinkedIn called Meet Your Certified Supplier.
- There is a growing number of chain of custody certified companies who recognise the role they play in protecting the environment and taking significant steps to:
 - reduce their carbon footprint
 - adopt sustainable practices
 - Enter new markets
 - strengthen social licence
- through independent certification.
- Contact us if you'd have a story you'd like to share!



FWPA Research Proposal

Investigating the Impacts of Certification



Collaboration in East Arnhem

Ecosystem Services in the Northern Territory

Responsible Wood is collaborating with multiple stakeholders on an East Arnhem project:

- Overview of the project's goals and partners.
- Unique opportunity for ecosystem services in the Northern Territory.
- Potential benefits to local communities and the environment.



Responsible Wood Forest Certification

What is Responsible Wood Certification?

Responsible Wood (RW) is a not-for-profit organisation that has developed Certification Standards to protect forests and manage the way they are looked after for future generations, including how trees are harvested.

When a forest is certified to the RW Standard, it's like a promise that the forest is managed responsibly and that trees are harvested sustainably. Certification is like a guarantee that something is true, and it stands like a set of rules that someone agrees to follow. When forests are certified, the forest managers must follow the set of rules to make sure the forests are being managed in 'best-practice' ways – for the environment and the community.

RW Certification helps ensure the way the forest is being managed because it's been checked by independent experts who know what to look for. When products have been made from trees harvested from certified forests, we can feel good knowing that we're supporting people who are growing wood responsibly.



Responsible Wood Certification & Indigenous Commercial Forestry

To date around 30,000 hectares of plantation forest on Melville Island owned by the Tree Plantations Corporation (TPC) has been certified under the RW Standard. The East Arnhem project represents RW's first discussion about an Indigenous commercial native forest project.

RW is excited to support an Indigenous commercial native forest industry because it aligns with its mission of promoting responsible forest management. Supporting general Indigenous communities to achieve certification of their native forest operations is therefore an important part of this mission to promote and support sustainable forest management and ensure the wellbeing of people, communities and the environment.

How can Responsible Wood Certification benefit Birany Birany and other Indigenous communities in East Arnhem?

RW understands that Indigenous communities in East Arnhem and elsewhere have deep understanding of the land and its resources, and by involving them in forest certification, traditional knowledge and practices can be preserved and incorporated into commercial forestry management. This can help to ensure that Indigenous community forests are managed in ways that are respectful of cultural values and traditions, and that support the wellbeing of the community.

This current East Arnhem project involves supporting the Birany Birany community to develop a Forest Management Plan (FMP) that includes long-term strategies for managing the forest to ensure it remains healthy and productive over time. The RW Standard will guide the development of the Birany Birany FMP, which is key to helping the community achieve RW Certification.

There is a growing global demand and market opportunities for certified timber and non-timber forest products. Achieving RW Certification for the Birany Birany community forestry activities could help the community access these new markets and get better prices for its timber and non-timber forest products (e.g. culturally significant art and craft). The non-timber products also include many other 'ecosystem services', like biodiversity and cultural values, that good management of the community forests provides. RW Certification could therefore help support the forest-based livelihoods of members of the Birany Birany community and others throughout East Arnhem.



Poster photos

The photos on this poster show protecting sustainable forests and Responsible Wood collaborating with Traditional Owners, looking at cultural values and achieving adaptive management.

More about Responsible Wood

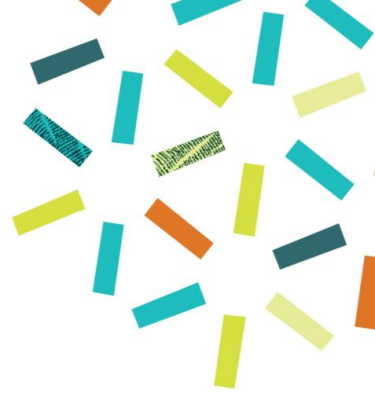
RW is the largest national forest certification scheme in the southern hemisphere. RW is also the Australian member of the world's largest forest certification system PEFC-Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification.

More online at responsiblewood.org.au



Certification Labels

- Creation and promotion of the brand(s) in relevant markets
- Set rules for the use of the logo (eg % content)
- Licensing of certified entities to use logos on-product and off-product
- Checking and enforcing logo use rules
- Responsible Wood and PEFC logos
- PEFC endorsement to access international brand
- ACCC licenced and registered trademark





Part of the solution for:

- forests staying forests
- carbon and climate change mitigation benefits of using forest and wood-based products
- forests to provide their ecosystem services to the planet and people
- globally recognised and accepted processes applied by thousands of companies around the world
- shared responsibility and accountability for traceability
- balancing environmental, social and economic sustainability dimensions

**Why
certification
matters, in
summary**

Thank you.
Questions?



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