

A Legacy of Support for **Smallholders and Communities**

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From Policy to Action: Advancing Equitable Access to FSC Certification

Smallholders, communities, and family forest owners are central to FSC's mission. Protecting forests means considering those who depend on them.

This poster presents FSC's solutions and tools, developed in close collaboration with community and family forest members, to support inclusive, effective, and lasting forest stewardship.



CFF: From a Priority Project to a Program to a FSC Core Offering

From 2016 to 2019, FSC explored support for smallholders and communities through the New Approaches initiative.

This work evolved into the Community and Family Forests (CFF) Program in 2019, focused on developing tailor-made solutions to access, implement, and benefit from FSC Forest Management certification.

In 2025, CFF transitioned into a core part of FSC's Forest Management Growth strategy, now led by the Global Network Unit (GNU). The tools and approaches developed remain central to supporting inclusive forest stewardship.



The CFF Toolbox

A set of forest Management certification offerings, training, and tools co-created to support community and family forests on their certification journey.

FM CERTIFICATION OFFERINGS

Enable stepwise certification, eligibility access, and tailored regional standards.



Forest Management Group Standard



Continuous Improvement Procedure (CIP)



Regional Standard for Asia Pacific





Adapted Forest Steward Standards (SLIMF & CF)*

CFF TOOLBOX

Support economic analysis, risk screening, and market access.



Economic Viability Tool (EVT)



Collective Impact Methodology



Timber Training Program and Volume Aggregator

ENABLERS

Build technical capacity across local actors and facilitators.



Community of Practice



Outreach and Communication



Training and Capacity Building

*Small or Low Intensity Managed Forests (SLIMF) & Community Forests (CF).

CFF By the Numbers (Since 2019)



Certified under the CFF scope

Certificate Holders

3,387

Families certified using the CIP*

Community Certificate Holders

* Estimated based on CIP certificates granted Source: CFF dashboard, as of Q2 2025

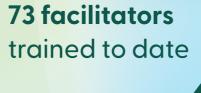


What's Next?

The CFF Toolbox will now be further supported and scaled within the Global Network Unit (GNU).

FSC remains committed to enhancing access to certification for smallholders and communities.

Our reach Your impact





220 users engaged in 3 e-learning courses so far



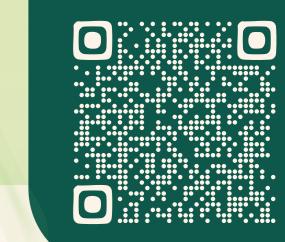
~10 trainings /year

delivered globally (Based on 35 trainings from 2022 to Q2 2025).



5 videos showcasing **CFF** solutions





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