



2nd Round of PUBLIC CONSULTATION: DRAFT INTERIM FSC STANDARD FOR IRELAND 8TH APRIL – 6TH JUNE 2022

Dear Stakeholder,

Soil Association has an agreement with FSC® to coordinate the adaptation of the FSC International Standard for local conditions in Ireland and we need your help!

As there is currently no formally constituted, registered Irish FSC Standard Development Group, we are following FSC Procedure 60-007 *Structure, Content & Development of Interim National Standards* (v1-2), with the option of adopting or adapting the FSC International Generic Indicators for application in Ireland.

The Standard first consultation period (Nov-Dec 2021) yielded a great amount of initial information that has been integrated into a first draft Interim National Standard (INS). We are now inviting further comments and input on this first draft INS, until Monday 6th June 2022.

The Standard and other consultation documents are available in the hyperlinks below:

- [FSC-TPL-60-010_V1-0_EN_INS_Ireland_d1v1 \(includes Annexes at the back\)](#)
- [Annex A Applicable Legislation d2v1](#)
- [Annex J HCV Framework Ireland d2v1](#)
- [Draft 1 Adaptation Proposals Record](#)

FSC-TPL-60-010_V1-0_EN_INS_Ireland_d1v1 is the Irish INS Draft 1 for your review and approval. Comments are invited on 3 levels: **Indicators, Verifiers & Annexes**. Guidance and instructions are given throughout the Standard. Annexes A, J & K have been adapted in the first round of consultation. Annex K is included in the back of the Standard, Annexes A & J are separate documents. Please make sure you include the Annexes in your review of the Irish INS Draft 1.

There is a set of alternate indicators for small or low-intensity managed forests (i.e. for leisure/recreation, conservation or non-timber forest products). These indicators are prefixed with the letters **SLIMF** & designed to offer streamlined requirements to reduce the burden of paperwork for smaller forest owners accepting evidence to be provided verbally, practically or empirically. There has been very little adaptation of the SLIMF indicators so far, so please consider SLIMF adaptation proposals.

We are still lacking verifiers for many indicators, so please propose verifiers where you can.

The Adaptation Proposals Record is provided as a supporting document and has 2 columns: the International Generic Indicators are listed on the left, and Irish INS Draft 1 is on the right. The adaptations that were made via comments submitted by Stakeholders in the first round of consultation and have been integrated into Draft 1, are listed in green on the right.

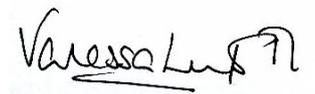
Please submit all of your responses on the Stakeholder Response Form **attached** (Ireland FSC Stakeholder Response Form Apr2022.doc), instructions can be found in the form explaining how to complete it.

The period for submitting proposals for adaptations is open from:
Friday 8th April – Monday 6th June 2022.

I invite you to submit your comments as early as possible so that I may advance with the work of integrating them into the Standard and responding to you with any queries. Each comment will be responded to directly, explaining how it has been taken into account and seeking your approval prior to submitting to FSC International. Similarly, everyone who commented in the first round of consultation shall be contacted with a response explaining how their comments have been taken into account in the adaptation & development of this first draft.

We really value your opinion and look forward to reading your response, should this particular consultation be relevant to you.

Yours sincerely,



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