

# Finnish Forest Certification Council



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## FINLAND'S CERTIFIED FORESTS APPROVED BY KEURHOUT IN THE NETHERLANDS

**The Keurhout foundation has approved certificates, which meet the requirements of the Finnish Forest Certification System. This approval offers the Finnish forest industry a chance to benefit from the Keurhout Hallmark on certified product markets in the Netherlands. When customers desire Keurhout-labelled products the Finnish forest industry will be able to supply them for the markets.**

The Keurhout system incorporates procedures through which it can be verified that wood coming on to Dutch markets comes from sustainably managed forests. The requirement level set by Keurhout is composed of the so-called minimum requirements of the Netherlands government, which are based on international forestry agreements.

Keurhout's decision is indicative of the fact that the FFCS (Finnish Forest Certification System) is able to verify the sustainability of forest management in a reliable manner. The decision was based on a verification process carried out by Keurhout's independent Board of Experts. This Board investigated the forest management requirement level associated with the FFCS system, the way the system is implemented, the activities of the certification companies, and the chain of custody arrangements.

The FFCS system was examined in the light of a wide-ranging amount of material. Among other things, Keurhout took into account the criticism levelled by environmental NGOs at the FFCS and PEFC (Pan European Forest Certification) systems. The PEFC Council approved the FFCS in May 2000 ([www.pefc.org](http://www.pefc.org)). In its assessment, Keurhout's Board of Experts stated that the criticism levelled by environmental NGOs has been highly politicised and that it added no new information when evaluating the FFCS system and the sustainability of Finnish forestry. (Further information about Keurhout's decision and its conditions at [www.stichtingkeurhout.nl](http://www.stichtingkeurhout.nl)).

Regional FFCS forest certificates issued by the independent certification bodies in Finland cover a total of 25 million hectares of forestry land, including 22 million hectares of productive forest land. Chain of custody verification systems are already widely in use in forest industry's timber procurement, and in the production of sawn goods and wood-based panels by the mechanical forest industry. In the pulp and paperboard industry the use of chain of custody systems, which make also the use of the Keurhout logo possible, are expanding. Preparations are already under way for introducing these systems also at Finnish paper mills.

### Appendix: The forest areas approved by the Keurhout Foundation

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## **Appendix : The forest areas approved by the Keurhout Foundation**

(Total 32,895,337 ha, Source: [www.stichtingkeurhout.nl](http://www.stichtingkeurhout.nl))

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### **Brazil (total 80,571 ha)**

Precious Wood

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### **Canada (total 524,050 ha)**

Weyerhaeuser BC Coastal Group (212,662 ha)  
Sustainable Forest Management System of BC Coastal Group (311,388 ha)

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### **Republic of Congo (total 1,150,816 ha)**

Congolaise Industrielle des Bois (CIB), Pokola (480,000 ha), Kabo (280,000 ha), Loundougou (390,816 ha. - not in production).

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### **Finland (total 25,200,000 ha)**

Rannikko Forestry Centre Area (1,000,000 ha)  
Lounais-Suomi Forestry Centre Area (1,100,000 ha)  
Häme-Uusimaa Forestry Centre Area (900,000 ha)  
Kymi Forestry Centre Area (800,000 ha)  
Pirkanmaa Forestry Centre Area (1,000,000 ha)  
Etelä-Savo Forestry Centre Area (1,100,000 ha)  
Etelä-Pohjanmaa Forestry Centre Area (1,500,000 ha)  
Keski-Suomi Forestry Centre Area (1,400,000 ha)  
Pohjois-Savo Forestry Centre Area (1,400,000 ha)  
Pohjois-Karjala Forestry Centre Area (1,500,000 ha)  
Kainuu Forestry Centre Area (2,000,000 ha)  
Pohjois-Pohjanmaa Forestry Centre Area (2,600,000 ha)  
Lappi Forestry Centre Area (8,900,000 ha)

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### **Solomon Islands (total 1,500 ha)**

FSC/SGS-Swift Green Umbrella Certificate Group

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### **Sweden (total 5,938,400 ha)**

Södra's Skogsägarna Region Nord, Linköping, Sweden (157.777 ha)  
AssiDomän – Numerous Regions (3,844,623 ha)  
Stora – Numerous Forest Districts (1,936,000 ha)

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### **Malaysia (total 2,187,450 ha)**

Area covered by the "Keurhout-Declaration".

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