

SFI & Indigenous Forests

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OBJECTIVES

- Provide an Overview of SFI
- SFI and Indigenous Peoples
- SFI in the Marketplace



10%
Certified
Forests

90%
Uncertified Forests

**ONLY 10% OF THE WORLD'S
FORESTS ARE CERTIFIED**

SFI STRATEGIC VISION

The future of our forests depends on strengthening the connections between sustainable forests, thriving communities, and responsible purchasing.



SFI BOARD MEMBERS

ENVIRONMENTAL SECTOR

SOCIAL SECTOR

ECONOMIC SECTOR



DIVERSITY OF SFI PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS

Provincial/State
Public Lands



Private Lands



Indigenous Lands



University Lands



Non Profit
Organization Lands



Conservation Lands



MORE THAN A
**100
MILLION**

hectares certified.
More influenced through
SFI Fiber Sourcing.

**WE HAVE THE SCALE TO
MAKE A DIFFERENCE**

From Canada's boreal forest to the U.S. south.



FOREST AREA CERTIFIED TO THE SFI STANDARD

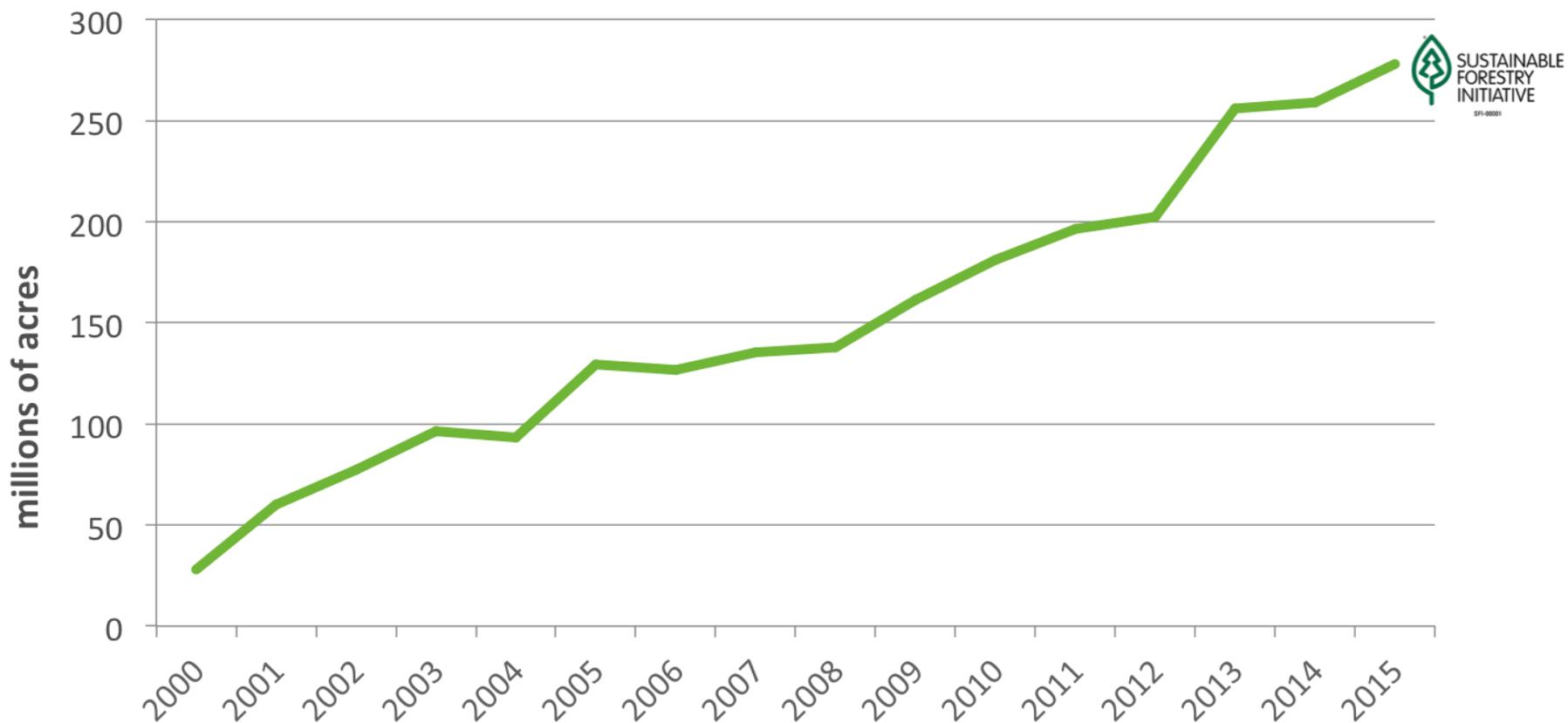
278 MIL acres
113 MIL hectares



20 million + hectares	10 - 20 million hectares	2 - 10 million hectares	> 1 million hectares	0 hectares
2 million + acres	1 - 2 million acres	100,000 - 1 million acres	> 100,000 acres	0 acres

FOREST CERTIFICATION IN CANADA AND THE U.S.

BY CERTIFICATION STANDARD: 2000 - 2015



ONE FUTURE – THREE STANDARDS

SFI now has three standards to support responsible forestry and procurement at each point in the supply chain:

SFI 2015-2019 Forest Management Standard

SFI 2015-2019 Fiber Sourcing Standard

SFI 2015-2019 Chain-of-Custody Standard



INCORPORATING INPUT FROM A DIVERSE AND BROAD COMMUNITY

Participants included public and private landowners, forest sector representatives, indigenous communities, conservation groups, industry, academics and government officials.

SFI hosted a 1.5 day workshop for indigenous peoples in Vancouver, BC.

NEARLY
10,000
STAKEHOLDERS
INVITED

SFI Standards are revised and updated every five years to incorporate the latest scientific information and to respond to emerging issues.

PROOF POINT OF SUSTAINABLE FORESTRY

THE SFI STANDARD PROMOTES SUSTAINABLE FOREST MANAGEMENT THROUGH



13 CORE PRINCIPLES

which include measures to protect water quality, biodiversity, wildlife habitat, species at risk and forests with exceptional conservation value.

1. Sustainable Forestry
2. Forest Productivity and Health
3. Protection of Water Resources
4. Protection of Biological Diversity
5. Aesthetics and Recreation
6. Protection of Special Sites
7. Responsible Fiber Sourcing Practices in North America
8. Legal Compliance
9. Research
10. Training and Education
11. Community Involvement and Social Responsibility
12. Transparency
13. Continual Improvement

RECOGNIZE AND RESPECT INDIGENOUS PEOPLES RIGHTS



- The SFI standard recognizes and adopts principles of UN DRIP – including Free, Prior and Informed Consent
- Program Participants are encouraged to communicate and collaborate with indigenous peoples.
- We recognize that Free, Prior and Informed Consent is part of the nation-to-nation relationship between Canadian governments and indigenous peoples
- Non-government bodies are faced with the task of defining what satisfies the requirement of consent.

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- The standard also requires compliance with the federal and provincial laws and regulations
- As indigenous case law and policies change we expect Program Participants to comply with these changes (e.g., Tsilhqot'in decision).
- Our goal is to respect the nation-to-nation relationships while providing specific direction on requirements when working with or interacting with Indigenous People.

RECOGNIZE AND RESPECT INDIGENOUS PEOPLES RIGHTS

OBJECTIVE 8 OF THE SFI FOREST MANAGEMENT STANDARD

- Requires a written policy to recognize and respect the rights of Indigenous Peoples
- Confer with Indigenous Peoples on sustainable forest management practices
- Understand and respect traditional knowledge
- Identify important sites including spiritual and cultural sites
- Address use of non-timber forest products
- Respond to concerns received



Lands Under Indigenous Management Certified to the SFI Forest Management Standard

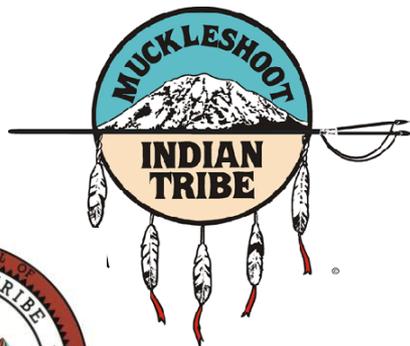
CERTIFICATION	COMMUNITIES	ACRES	HECTARES	LOCATION	
	Capacity Forest Management	Atli Resources LP • Chuchuwayha Forestry LP • CRIBCO Forest Products Ltd.Partnership• Kitasoo Forest Company Ltd. • K'omoks Forestry Corp. Kvamua Enterprises LP • Lower Similkameen Community Forests LP • Lower Similkameen Indian Band • Matchlee Forestry LP • Nootka FN Forest Products • Skul'qalt Forestry LP • Qwe'qwa'sot'em Forestry Limited Partnership • Tsain-Ko Forestry Development Corporation • T'Se'Kame Forestry Limited Partnership	811,295	328,319	British Columbia
	Hancock Forest Management	Muckleshoot Indian Tribe	104,999	42,492	Washington
	Miitigoog General Partner Inc.	Anishnabeg of Naongashing • Naotkamegwanning First Nation • Northwest Angle #33 • Ochiichagwe'Babigo'ining First Nation • Ojibways of Onigaming • Shoal Lake #40 • Wabaseemoong Independent Nation	2,811,716	1,137,861	Ontario
	Montreal Lake Business Ventures Ltd Saskatchewan Woodlands	Montreal Lake Cree Nation	508,007	205,583	Saskatchewan
	Stuwix Resources Joint Venture	Coldwater Band • Nooaitch Indian Band • Siska Indian Band • Upper Similkameen Band • Cook's Ferry Band • Upper Nicola Band • Shackan Band	195,213	79,000	British Columbia
	Yakama Nation	Yakama Nation	632,411	255,928	Washington
TOTAL - 31 COMMUNITIES		5.1 million acres	2.0 million hectares		

SFI CONSERVATION AND COMMUNITY GRANTS SPOTLIGHT



SUPPORTING INDIGENOUS VALUES

- Our conservation and community grants program has been in place since 2010
- We have awarded projects across North America to indigenous communities



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First Nations and Quebec Forest Sector Collaborate for the Future of Aboriginal Forestry

Helping aboriginal communities and forest companies cooperate to expand opportunities for aboriginal forestry workers.

Project Partners: SFI Program Participants, all members of the Quebec Forest Industry Council, including other SFI Program participants, and Mashteuiatsh Nation, Pessamit Nation.





Bridging Tribal Elders with Youth through Cultural Heritage Resource Assessment Development in First Nation Communities

Working with their elders and training youth to identify trees, lands and other resources with historical and cultural significance.

Project Partners: International Forest Products Limited, West Fraser Timber Company Limited, BC Timber Sales, BC Ministry of Forests: Lands and Natural Resource Operations, Shuswap Nation Tribal Council, Tolko Industries Ltd. and Gilbert Smith Forest Products Ltd.





HEILTSUK FIRST NATION

Heiltsuk Culturally Modified Tree Database and Management System

Recording, tracking and managing cultural resources like culturally modified trees on the British Columbia coast.

Project Partners: International Forest Products Ltd., as well as Ministry of Forests Lands and Natural Resource Operations- North Island- Central Coast District.





“Partnering with SFI builds the brand of the CCAB’s progressive aboriginal relations (PAR) program. When you look at products, a dual logo is going to highlight both SFI and PAR. It will be a sign that the product comes from responsibly managed forests that involved progressive Aboriginal relations. It’s a good thing.”

JP Gladu

PRESIDENT AND CEO

CANADIAN COUNCIL FOR ABORIGINAL BUSINESS

Canadian Council for
ABORIGINAL
BUSINESS



PARTNER IN ABORIGINAL HOUSING PROGRAM

- SFI Partner in Aboriginal Housing Program
- Committing \$100,000 over 3 years to help with Aboriginal Housing



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Habitat pour l'humanité®
Canada



A screenshot of the Habitat for Humanity Canada website. The top navigation bar includes links for 'About Us', 'How We Help', 'In Your Community', and 'Get Involved'. Below the navigation bar is a photograph of a family (a man, a woman, and a child) standing on a wooden staircase. Below the photo is the heading 'Aboriginal Housing Program' followed by a paragraph of text. The text discusses housing challenges for Aboriginal families, such as overcrowding and unaffordability, and mentions that 49% of existing housing is in need of repair. It also states that an additional 85,000 housing units are required to address the current supply shortage. The text concludes with the phrase 'Giving Aboriginal Families a 'Hand Up'' and mentions the support of the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) in launching the program in 2007. The final paragraph notes that the program has served over 100 families and that the impact of the affordable homeownership model is increasingly evident.

RECOGNIZING INDIGENOUS LEADERSHIP

Wood Design Award 2016

Presidents Award 2012

Conservation Leadership 2009



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**Capacity Promotes Certification of First Nations Lands
Earns SFI President's Award**

MILWAUKEE, WI – A Canadian forestry management company has been internationally recognized for working with First Nations forest landowners to certify their lands and promote responsible forestry practices.

Capacity Forest Management received the Sustainable Forestry Initiative's President's Award today at the SFI annual conference, *The Future is Dec*, in Milwaukee, WI, attended by foresters, First Nations, government agencies and conservationists.

Capacity (www.capfor.ca) manages forestry operations for 17 First Nations in British Columbia, partnering with them to balance cultural priorities with the need for economically viable forestry operations. As a result of legislation, First Nations in British Columbia have greater access to the province's public forest resources through direct award forestry tenures. A total of 1.4 million (572,000 hectares) managed by Capacity are certified to the SFI 2010-2014 Standard.

"Our company took a close look at forest certification standards available in British Columbia, and recommended our clients certify to the SFI 2010-2014 Standard because its principles fit naturally with their approach to forest management," said Capacity President Corby Lamb. "SFI certification respects First Nations peoples' rights and cultural values, as well as meeting environmental and economic concerns. It gives elders – who have a key role to play in resource management – an independent tool to ensure their forestlands are being managed to a higher level."

During a panel discussion at the 2011 SFI Annual Conference, Ryan Clark, Manager of Forestry & Strategic Planning for Capacity, said SFI certification delivers benefits on the ground that are important to First Nations, such as

September 2012
**CAPACITY PROMOTES
CERTIFICATION OF
FIRST NATIONS LANDS
EARNS SFI
PRESIDENT'S
AWARD**



**ENGAGING
MARKET
LEADERS TO
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RESPONSIBLE
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**MARKET
LEADERSHIP**

DEMAND FOR SFI LABELS IS GROWING

SFI LABEL USE APPROVALS HAVE INCREASED

FROM **50** LABEL
APPROVALS IN 2007



6,000 LABEL
APPROVALS IN 2013

6,500 LABEL
APPROVALS IN 2014

7,000 LABEL
APPROVALS IN 2015

7,000
SFI Label
Approvals



INCREASE IN DEMAND FOR CERTIFIED FOREST PRODUCTS

SFI's 2014 Market Survey of SFI Program Participants

Respondents in all sectors reported an increase in demand for certified forest products.



Printing & Writing Sector
Packaging
Bioenergy
Towel & Tissue
Wood Products

% who saw an increase

45%

41%

35%

20%

9%

DEMAND FOR CERTIFIED PRODUCTS IS ON THE RISE ACROSS THE GLOBE

70%

Nearly 70% of U.S. consumers prefer companies that **source wood-based products responsibly to use a forest certification label to inform consumers.**

When asked if they know this label:

26% recognized the SFI label

15% recognized the FSC label

11% recognized the PEFC label



U.S. Consumer Survey conducted
by GfK SE for PEFC International
(with SFI collaboration) - 2014

A GLOBAL REACH

Products that are certified to SFI Standards are sold in

MORE THAN **120** COUNTRIES



SFI's international recognition is increased by the endorsement of the Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC). PEFC has also endorsed ATFS and CSA standards. In turn SFI recognizes both ATFS and CSA certified content in its supply chain.

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