



# Chain of Custody certification

## Join the green forest product market

Provide your customers with the option to support responsible forest management. Choose Chain of Custody (CoC) certification according to global ecolabeling schemes for sustainable forestry such as FSC™. This provides you with access to popular eco-labels and the possibility to deliver timber and paper products with a responsible origin.

A growing number of consumers and buyers expect forest products to support the world's forests. Also, requirements for certification are often seen in both public and private tenders.

### Certification throughout the supply chain

Most timber supply chain companies need certification in order to promote and sell certified products. This applies to e.g. packaging, printing, trade, processing industries and in some cases also to companies in the construction and retail sectors.



### Our CoC services

- ✓ FSC CoC certification
- ✓ FSC/Controlled Wood CoC certification
- ✓ PEFC CoC certification
- ✓ FSC and PEFC project certification
- ✓ Generic CoC certification
- ✓ Training to help you manage your certificate and create added value

We are experienced with all the solutions that exist for the various types of business set-up. This includes e.g. outsourced processes, multi-site certification and group certification for smaller companies.

### Tap into our expertise

CoC certification is important for the world's forests, but can be a technical challenge for those who need to follow the rules.

This is why we provide guides and examples that can support you in this work.

We will assign a Preferred by Nature contact person to your company, who will support you in understanding the requirements. Our specialists are always ready to answer your questions about system rules and requirements.





## Your sustainability service choice

You can always choose additional services that underpin your corporate responsibility. Here are some of the options:

- ✓ Meet the EU Timber Regulation: Our LegalSource™ programme offers due diligence support, training and help in mapping and handling risks in your supply chains.
- ✓ Take a stand for our climate with Preferred by Nature Carbon Footprint Management Programme. Or invest in a carbon forestry project.
- ✓ Take a systematic approach to responsible timber or paper procurement. Gain inspiration to developing your company policy.

## Experience counts

Preferred by Nature is an international non-profit organisation working to support better land management and business practices that benefit people, nature and the climate in 100+ countries. We do this by supporting other organisations to take responsible approaches.

We constantly seek to improve the systems that we work with. Some of our projects aim to streamline and optimise certification processes.

With over 25 years' experience, we certify more than 3,000 timber supply chain clients. Our customers include traders, printing and publishing houses, paper merchants, DIY stores and wood industries.



## Five steps to certification

1. In dialogue with Preferred by Nature, you decide on the scope of your certificate. You receive an info pack.
2. You develop a CoC procedure and instruct your staff to follow it.
3. We conduct a CoC audit – normally on-site. We interview your staff, review documentation and visit your sales, production and storage facilities.
4. We prepare a report with the audit findings. It is quality checked and sent to you for comments.
5. Based on a positive result, we issue your CoC certificate.



Third-party verification is our preferred way of putting credibility behind our sustainability work.

– Jesper Panduro, CEO of Skagerak, FSC-certified international design company



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