



SmartWood

Practical conservation through certified forestry

**Public Briefing Paper for
FSC Group and Forest Management Certification
Assessment of
De Danske Skovdyrkerforeninger in Denmark
April 14, 2010**

Introduction – The SmartWood Program of the Rainforest Alliance is conducting group certification, forest management and chain of custody certification assessments of De Danske Skovdyrkerforeninger (Danish Forest Owners Association). The organization is located in Denmark and manages private forests throughout the country. The assessment will be conducted against FSC applicable standards for group managers, Forest managements and Chain of custody certification. The assessment will be conducted during May 27-28, 2010.

Scope of the Certification Assessment – The purpose of the evaluation is to verify that the management system of De Danske Skovdyrkerforeninger meets the requirements of the FSC standard for certification of Forest Management Group Entities (FSC-STD-30-005) and that the forest management of group members meets the requirements of the FSC endorsed Danish Standard for Forest Management (Standard for FSC certificering i Danmark, November 2004). SmartWood/ Rainforest Alliance is accredited by the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) and the FSC assessment process must follow procedures which have been approved by the FSC. NEPCon is SmartWood's representative in Scandinavia, Europe and Russia.

Assessment Team Composition – The assessment team will be led by MSc Forestry Michael K. Jakobsen, NEPCon.

Assessment Steps and Schedule – Following is a short description of the certification process and a tentative agenda:

- ◆ Assessment organization – The SmartWood team will assess the organizations central office I Copenhagen and a number of local administration sites.
- ◆ Field assessments – The team will visit forest properties managed by members of the group certification.
- ◆ Stakeholder consultation – Throughout the fieldwork, the team will contact local stakeholders regarding the forest management conducted by De Danske Skovdyrkerforeninger. This will include private interviews and discussions.

- ◆ Final assessment briefing – Prior to departure the team will meet with representatives of De Danske Skovdyrkerforeninger to finalize their data collection and present preliminary findings.
- ◆ Draft report production – The assessment team will produce a confidential draft report that will be circulated for comment to De Danske Skovdyrkerforeninger. This should occur 30 days after completion of the assessment. I vores tilfælde tidligere
- ◆ Certification decision – Upon receipt of comments on the draft report from De Danske Skovdyrkerforeninger, and other general stakeholder comments through April and May, SmartWood will reach a certification decision.

Your Input Sought – As a part of the group and forest certification assessment process we invite stakeholders to offer comment and feedback to De Danske Skovdyrkerforeninger in relation to the requirements of the forest management and group certification standard referenced above. We welcome input, either public or confidential, in whatever form is easiest and most convenient to you. Your input will be valuable at any stage of the assessment process, but we would prefer to receive your comments either prior to the assessment or during the assessment so that we can take them into consideration in reaching a certification decision. Your options for communicating your observations to us are as follows.

1. Meet with a SmartWood assessment team member during or shortly after the fieldwork.
2. Call and give comments to Anne-Sofie Forfang (+45 86 20 36 84) or Michael K. Jakobsen (+45 21 24 38 52)
3. Submit written comments by mail, fax or email to Anne-Sofie Forfang (asf@nepcon.net). Unless you request otherwise, these comments will be kept confidential and are solely for the purposes of assessing De Danske Skovdyrkerforeninger.

The source of any information provided will be kept confidential and available to only the FSC and SmartWood staff.

Stakeholders who may wish to dispute any aspect of the FSC forest certification process or decision can access SmartWood's dispute resolution procedures at www.smartwood.org.

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