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The first draft of the Namibia National Forest Stewardship Standard (NFSS) out for public consultation

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Start

The process to develop a National Forest Stewardship Standard (NFSS) in Namibia is underway!

The proposal to develop the locally relevant forest management standard submitted by the Namibian Standard Development Group (SDG) to the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) in August 2017.

The SDG is a chamber balanced working group consisting of Six Namibian nationals which represent the economic, social and environmental interests within Namibia.

The SDG was tasked with the development of the Indicators contained within the FSC NFSS.

The process of developing the NFSS follows strict guidelines to ensure that the NFSS results in an internationally recognised forest certification standard. These guidelines (FSC-STD-60-002; FSC-STD-60-004; FSC-STD-60-006; FSC-PRO-60-006; FSC-STD-01-001 V5-2) may be obtained from the FSC website – <https://ic.fsc.org/en/document-center>

The first Draft of the NFSS considered comments received from experts, representatives of key interest groups and government officials. The Draft is now open for Public consultation for 60 days (01 February – 02 April 2018).

Comments from the Public may be submitted in English or Afrikaans via the comments form. All comments received shall be considered as being publicly available, unless the contributor explicitly requests that the comments should be treated confidentially. Anonymous comments shall not be considered.

Comments received in other languages or verbally shall be considered as informal comments. Informal comments will be responded to in so far as capacity allows.

Stakeholders may access a copy of the Draft NFSS via [FSC Africa](#) or www.ncanamibia.com

Should you require further information on the process followed, the risk assessments utilised or about FSC certification for your farm/ organisation, please contact Ms. Manushka Moodley via m.moodley@fsc.org

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About FSC

The Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) is a global not-for-profit organization dedicated to promoting environmentally sound, socially beneficial and economically prosperous management of the world's forests. FSC was created in 1993 to help consumers and businesses identify products from well-managed forests and sets standards by which forests are certified, offering credible verification to people who are buying wood and wood products. Currently almost 200 million hectares and more than 57,000 businesses worldwide are certified to FSC standards. For more information visit www.fsc.org

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