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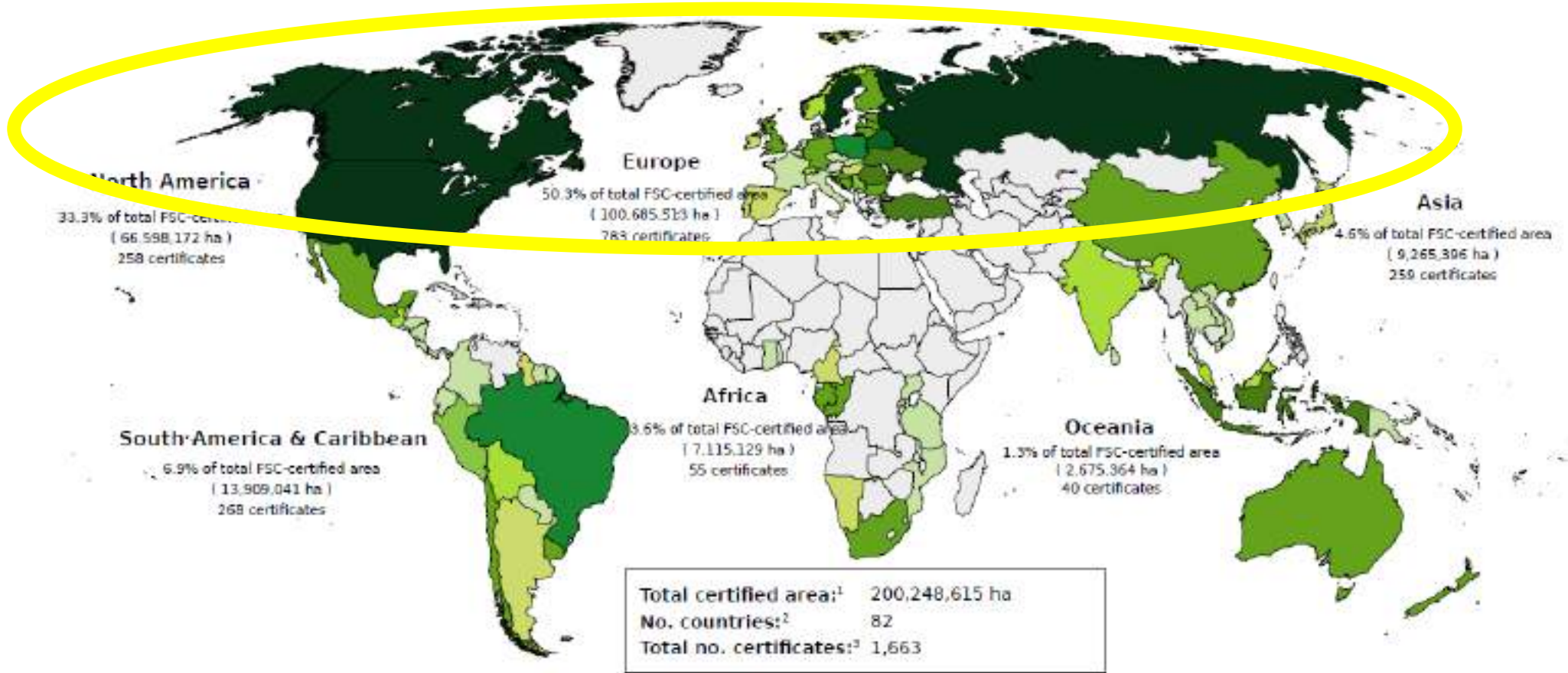
SUSTAINABLE AFRICAN FOREST ASSURANCE SCHEME

PROVIDING

LOCALLY RELEVANT
INTERNATIONALLY
RECOGNISED FOREST
CERTIFICATION FOR
SOUTHERN AFRICA

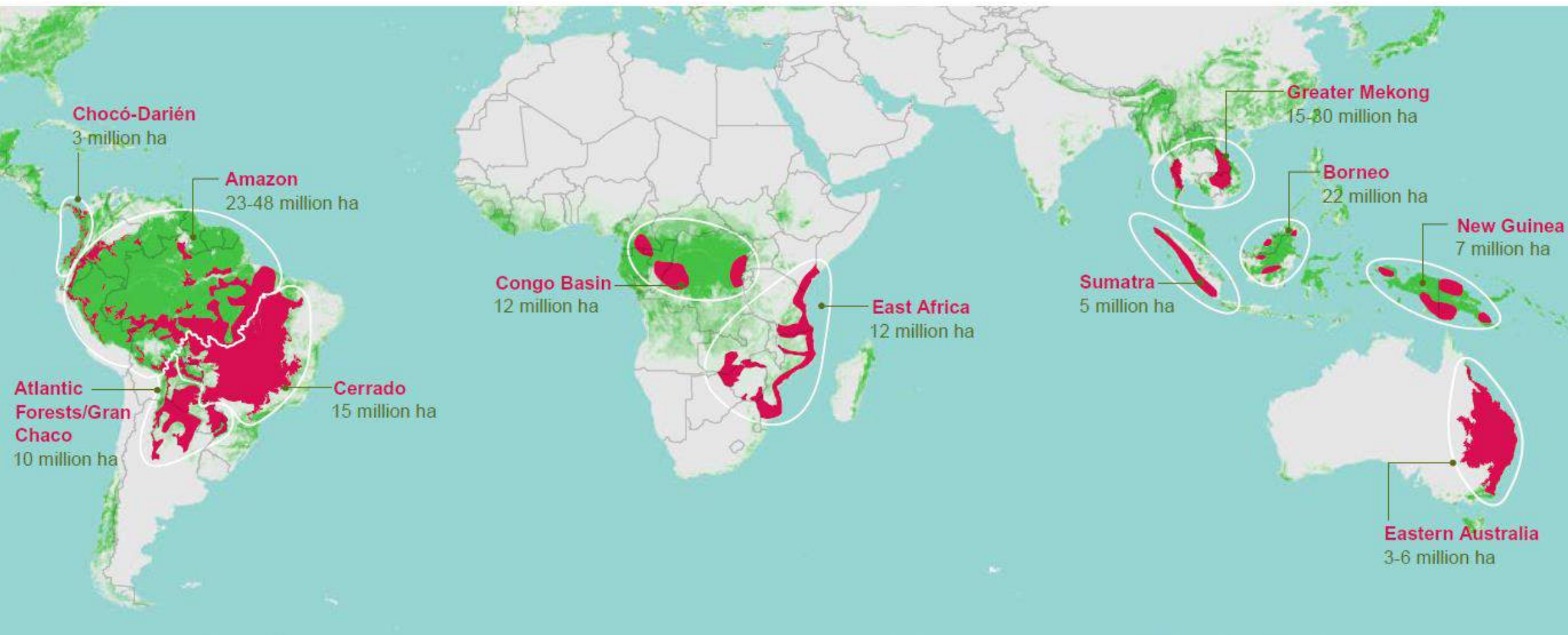


Global FSC-certified forest area



Based on numbers from FSC International - Core Business Systems
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WHERE ARE THE DEFORESTATION FRONTS?



The 11 deforestation fronts, with projected losses, 2010-2030 [WWF Living Forests Report 2015]

FOREST AREAS CERTIFIED BY REGION

REGION	CERTIFIED AREA (PEFC AND FSC)* (millions ha)	% of global certified area	Total Forest Area** (millions ha)	% of total forest area certified * (millions ha)
North America	235.6	45.4	679.0	34.7
Europe incl. russia	215.7	41.5	1005.0	21.5
Latin America and Caribbean	20.7	4.0	890.4	2.3
Asia	25	4.8	592.0	4.2
Oceania	14.6	2.8	191.0	7.6
Africa	7.7	1.5	674.0	1.1
TOTAL	511.6			
Dual	86			
TOTAL	425.6		4031.4	10.6

* PEFC and FSC websites 2019 data

** FAO Global Forest Resources Assesment 2010



What is certification?

From forest management to end user



Chain of Custody certification

Sustainable Forest Management certification



PEFC:

- Over 20 000 Chain of Custody certifications in 70 countries
- Over 330 Million hectares.
- 55 member countries



Ensuring:

- from well managed forests
- legality
- traceability



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GOVERNANCE AND PROMOTION OF
PEFC IN SOUTHERN AFRICA

FOREST MANAGEMENT CERTIFICATION

Administration of PEFC South Africa
Promotion of FM Certification
Development of regional certification

CHAIN OF CUSTODY CERTIFICATION

Promotion of COC certification
Trademark integrity

COMMUNITY LABEL

Promotion of community grown wood
Growing community partnerships
Supporting community development



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INNOVATION

STAYING AT THE CUTTING EDGE OF
SUSTAINABILITY CHALLENGES

**GHG REPORTING AND
ACCOUNTING**
BIODIVERSITY REPORTING
**LANDSCAPE APPROACH TO
CERTIFICATION**
**INVASIVE PLANTS FOR
ECOLOGICAL BENEFITS**



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DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT

**THE COMMUNITY LABEL
PARTNERSHIPS WITH
DEVELOPMENT
ORGANISATIONS SUCH AS
FAO, USAID, UNDP**

**Sustainable Agriculture &
Forestry development in
Africa**



SAFAS TRAINING

DEVELOPING SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE

CERTIFICATION

Forest management Certification
Chain of custody
Auditing

SUSTAINABLE FOREST MANAGEMENT

Water stewardship & delineation
Alien Invasive Plant control
Biodiversity & conservation
Community relations
Carbon accounting

SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

Health and safety, chain saw
operators, pesticide use, business
skills



SAFAS – Forest management support

SAFAS supports responsible wood production and sustainable land use in Africa by staying at the cutting edge of sustainability challenges and providing solutions:

Providing PEFC certification that is effective and affordable to all growers.

- ✓ **Effective** in being a powerful incentive for sustainable forest management
- ✓ **Effective** in providing access to markets
- ✓ **Affordable** to timber growers of all scales



Providing tools and information to timber growers to meet sustainability challenges

- ✓ A simple cost effective system for **carbon reporting** and accounting.
- ✓ Providing powerful and effective tools to **reporting on biodiversity**
- ✓ Providing systems for **small-scale timber growers to access markets**
- ✓ Providing **training** on certification and key sustainability challenges





THE SOUTHERN AFRICAN CONTEXT

Factors driving certification

1. For exporters there is an increasing demand by the global market for certification and **BEYOND**.
2. For local markets in inter-Africa trade there is an increasing drive to demonstrate sustainability.
3. Smaller operations in the **developing world** continue to struggle with certification.
4. Economic pressures and accelerating technology is spawning new markets.
5. These new markets are mostly open for any globally recognised certification system (for example China, India to ask for PEFC or FSC)
6. PEFC is now in firmly in South Africa with Sappi, Mondi, NCT, TWK and others certified. (60% of the industry)
7. Eswatini committed to PEFC by 2024.
8. Increasing production costs places pressure for certification to deliver more in terms of SFM.
9. Dual certification (FSC and PEFC) is the new approach.

SAFAS MISSION: TO MAKE FOREST CERTIFICATION ACCESSIBLE TO ALL SCALES OF FORESTRY AND MORE EFFECTIVE AS A TOOL FOR SUSTAINABLE FOREST MANAGEMENT

PEFC's Bottom-Up Approach



- Aligned with national law and regulations
- Addresses local conditions (biodiversity, culture)



International Compliance

- Verification of compliance with international requirements

- Provides mutual recognition, access to global markets

**Endorsement
by PEFC**



What makes SAFAS - PEFC different?

- SAFAS aims to ensure that certification requirements reflect real **sustainability at site level**.
- This is achieved through a site-level risk assessment approach as performed by the Value Based Platform.
- PEFC is open to this approach because it is locally developed
- SAFAS has the policies necessary to accommodate this approach.
- SAFAS will train CBs and forest managers.
- SAFAS has a focus on socio-economic development



HOW DOES THIS WORK IN PRACTICE?

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Regional Certification Scheme for SADC countries

Global Certification systems must be playing a **foundational role** in developing countries.

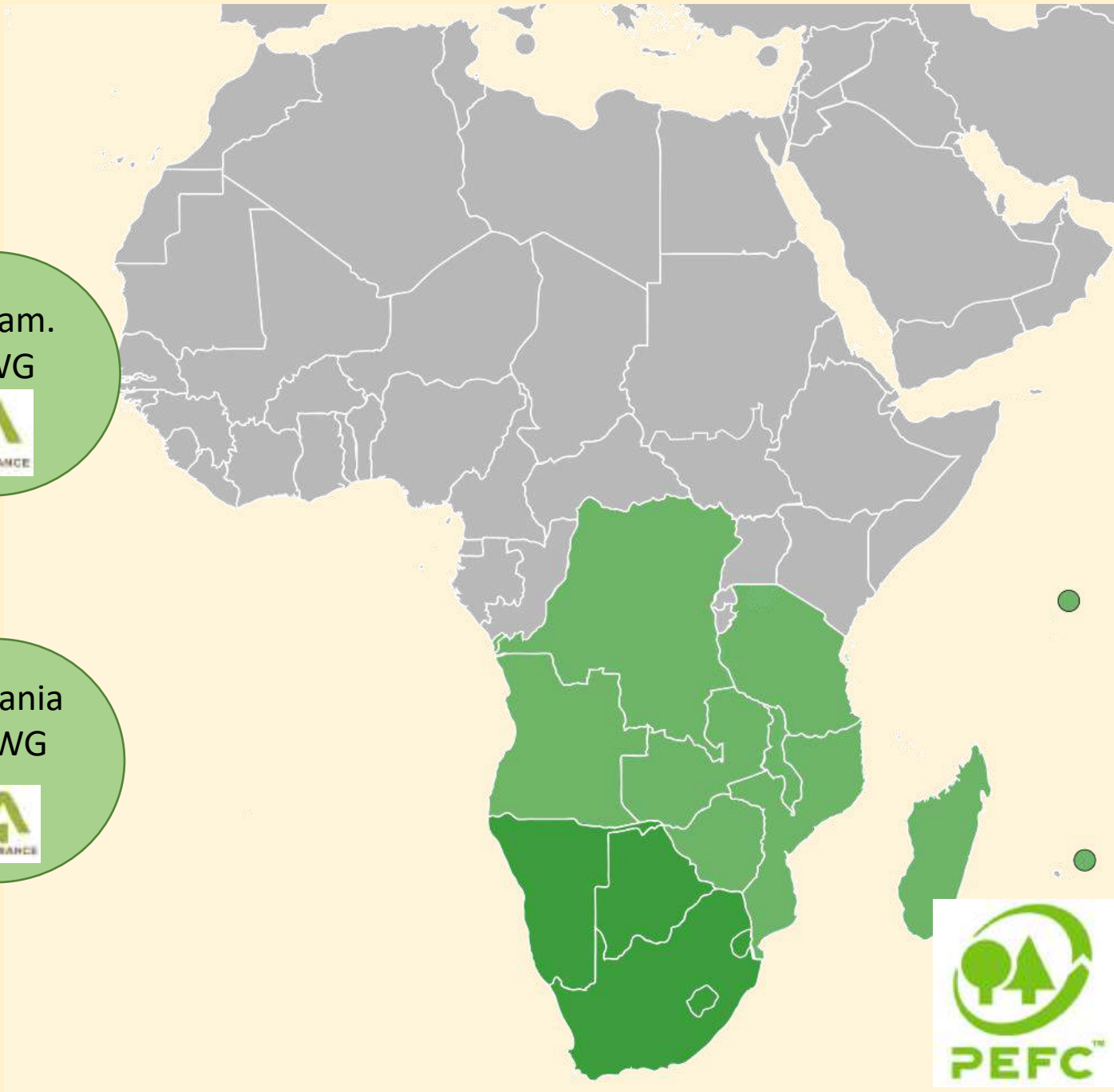
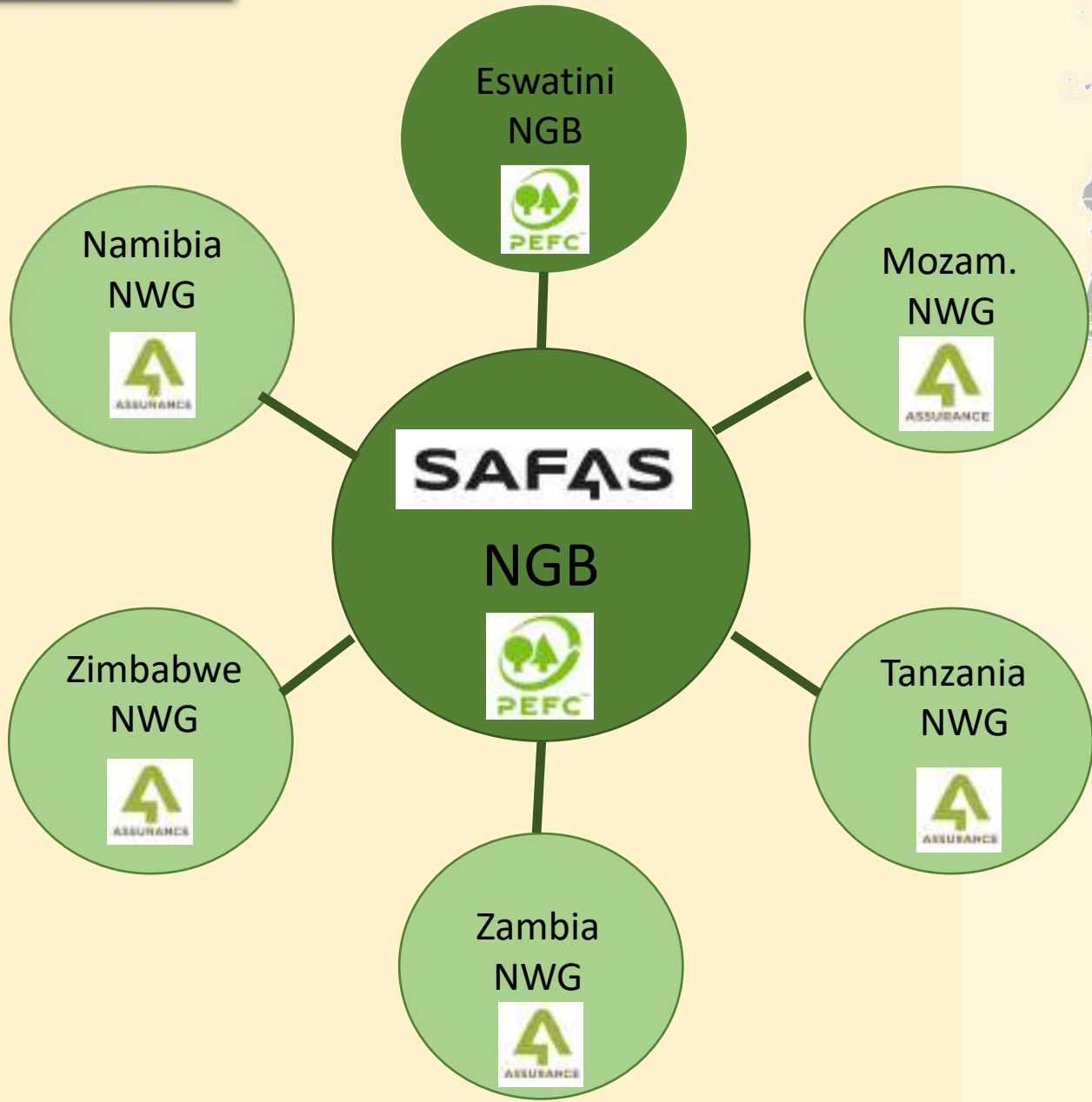
SAFAS will develop a Regional standard that can include participating countries. The base policies will be the same and the specific details of different forest types can be added on.

SAFAS to establish a **network of SADC countries** linked by the goal of improving sustainable forest management.

SAFAS as a central point to disseminate information to support sustainable forest management practice.

The countries will be at difference stages of certification readiness and have **differing needs**.





Forest Certification in Namibia – Take Stock

- ✓ There are 6 FM/COC certificates in Namibia and a total of about **1.6 million hectares certified**.
- ✓ All focussed on the **Charcoal/Firewood sector**
- ✓ **Global demand for bioenergy is skyrocketing. All exports must be certified**
- ✓ **Huge potential area available for charcoal/fire wood production.**
- ✓ Interest in PEFC has been shown from some **furniture exporters.**



Aspects to explore

- ✓ What are the sustainability issues facing charcoal production in Namibia?
- ✓ What are issues facing certification of Savanna in Namibia?
- ✓ What are the sustainability issues facing hardwood production?
- ✓ What are issues facing certification of woodlands and forest in the north and n?
- ✓ What is the potential for certification to assist with the protection of the forests in Namibia?
- ✓ How would the SAFAS approach with PEFC deal with these issues?



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Managing plantation forest carbon

2022/2023



- ✓ A simple cost effective carbon accounting and reporting tool
- ✓ Applicable at all scales of forestry
- ✓ Adaptable to all forest types

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LANDSCAPE CERTIFICATION PROGRAMME

SANBI
South African National Biodiversity Institute

2022/23

VALUE BASED
VBP

SAFAS is establishing *The Landscape Certification Programme* that will be available to all timber growers at cost.

- ✓ SAFAS has the mission to ensure that all timber growers in Southern Africa have **fair access to certification**.
- ✓ The goal is for **small-scale timber growers** and those communal land to have free certification.
- ✓ The LCP uses the fact that **site and socio-economic factors** define, to a large extent, the risks and opportunities that forestry operations face.
- ✓ **The Value Based Platform** is a web-based platform for integrating data from a range of sources. This helps forest managers to **identify and prioritise the key risks**.
- ✓ The LCP used the Value Based Platform to provide all the documentation, supporting information.



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THE COMMUNITY LABEL



2022/23

VBP



The goal of the community label is to incentivise forestry organisations to become more involved in helping to address the key economic risk factors in South Africa, hereby helping to make rural communities flourish.

- ✓ An estimated 25,000 timber growers living in Tribal Authorities make a **substantial contribution South Africa's timber industry.**
- ✓ **Rural poverty in South Africa** is extreme and exceptional amongst middle income countries.
- ✓ Currently many **forestry organisations are committed** to providing markets and extension support to communities.
- ✓ At SAFAS we believe the key to growing and deepening this involvement lies in **community partnerships** with forestry organisations.
- ✓ SAFAS promotes the concept of the forestry organisation being **part of the greater community.**