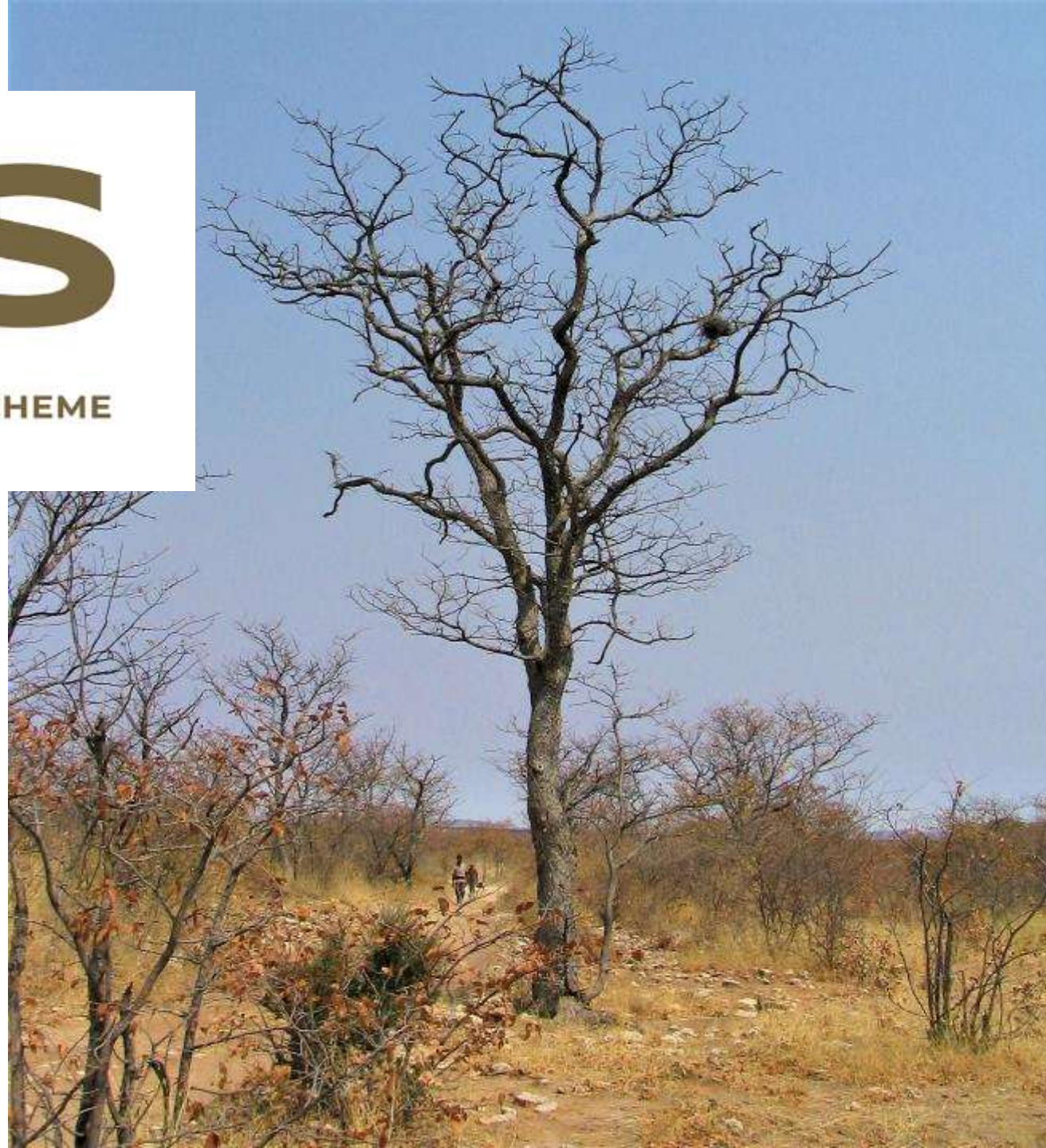


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SUSTAINABLE AFRICAN FOREST ASSURANCE SCHEME

SUPPORTING SUSTAINABLE
FOREST MANAGEMENT
THROUGH CERTIFICATION IN
AFRICA

PART II



THE SOUTHERN AFRICAN CONTEXT

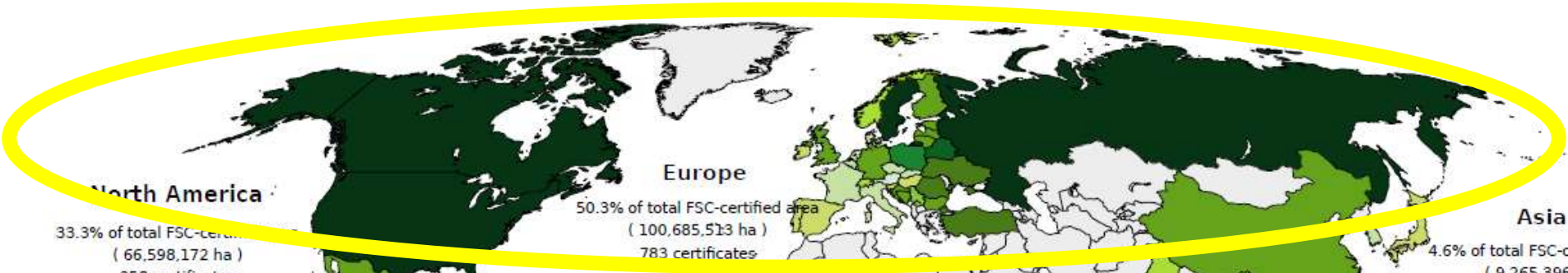
Factors driving certification

1. For exporters there is an increasing demand by the global market for certification and **BEYOND**.
2. Smaller operations in the **developing world** continue to struggle with certification.
3. Economic pressures and accelerating technology is spawning new markets.
4. These new markets are mostly open for any globally recognised certification system (for example China, India to ask for PEFC or FSC)
5. PEFC is now in firmly in South Africa with Sappi, Mondi and NCT certified. (75% of the industry by end of 2023)
6. Increasing production costs places pressure for certification to deliver more in terms of SFM.
7. 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



Global FSC-certified forest area



North America
33.3% of total FSC-certified area
(66,598,172 ha)
258 certificates

Europe
50.3% of total FSC-certified area
(100,685,513 ha)
783 certificates

Asia
4.6% of total FSC-certified area
(9,265,396 ha)
259 certificates

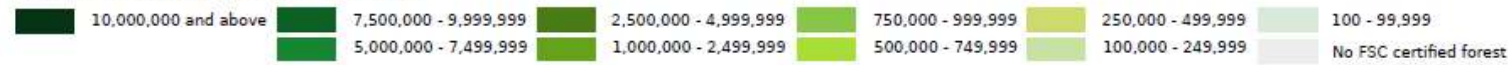
South America & Caribbean
6.9% of total FSC-certified area
(13,909,041 ha)
268 certificates

Africa
3.6% of total FSC-certified area
(7,115,129 ha)
55 certificates

Oceania
1.3% of total FSC-certified area
(2,675,364 ha)
40 certificates

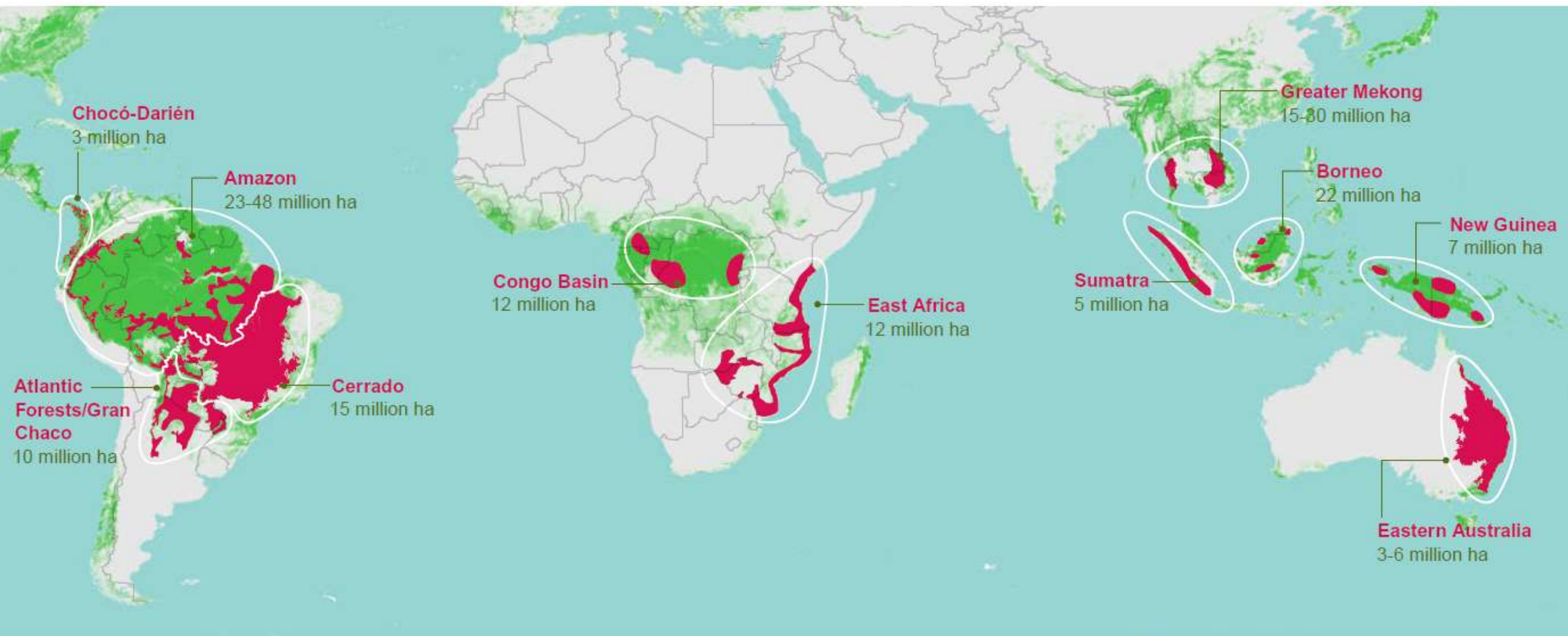
Total certified area:¹ 200,248,615 ha
No. countries:² 82
Total no. certificates:³ 1,663

Total FSC-certified forest area in ha



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 *
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



Regional Certification Scheme for SADC countries

Global Certification systems must be playing a **foundational role** in countries where lack of information, governance or support is preventing them from being sustainable and eventually certified.

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. I.e. they may not be exporting timber to potential certification markets but have other requirements to demonstrate sustainable forest management.

Opportunities for cooperation with FSC?

PEFC funding the feasibility study and outreach process.



Certification in Namibia

Currently, the **Namibian Charcoal Association** is promoting the production of Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) certified charcoal among its members.

There are 5 FM/COC certificates in Namibia and a total of about **1.6 million hectares certified**.

The greatest potential for expanding certification in Namibia is in the **charcoal sector**.

Interest in PEFC from high quality **furniture exporters**.

SAFAS looking to set up a **working group** in Namibia



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LANDSCAPE CERTIFICATION PROGRAMME

SANBI
Biodiversity for Life
South African National Biodiversity Institute

2022/23

SUSTAINABLE
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



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.**

SAFAS OPERATIONAL DIVISIONS

<p>SAFAS NGB GOVERNANCE AND PROMOTION OF PEFC IN SOUTHERN AFRICA</p> <p>FOREST MANAGEMENT CERTIFICATION Administration of PEFC South Africa Promotion of FM Certification Development of regional certification</p> <p>CHAIN OF CUSTODY CERTIFICATION Promotion of COC certification Trademark integrity</p> <p>COMMUNITY LABEL Promotion of community grown wood Growing community partnerships Supporting community development</p> 	<p>SAFAS LCP LANDSCAPE CERTIFICATION PROGRAMME</p> <p>Affordable certification Reducing administration effort Easy monitoring and reporting Effective certification Access for smallholders</p> 	<p>SAFDEV DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT</p> <p>PARTNERSHIPS WITH DEVELOPMENT ORGANISATIONS SUCH AS FAO, USAID, UNDP</p> <p>Sustainable Agriculture & Forestry development in Africa</p> 	<p>SAFAS TRAINING DEVELOPING SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE</p> <p>CERTIFICATION Forest management Certification Chain of custody Auditing</p> <p>SUSTAINABLE FOREST MANAGEMENT Water stewardship & delineation Alien Invasive Plant control Biodiversity & conservation Community relations Carbon accounting</p> <p>SKILLS DEVELOPMENT Health and safety, chain saw operators, pesticide use, business skills</p> 
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THE LANDSCAPE CERTIFICATION PROGRAMME

- ***brings** down the cost of certification
- ***reduces** the administration effort
- ***provides** vital information and data to improve management
- ***lets the manager** get on with the business of forestry
- ***supports** and informs natural resource stewardship engagement
- ***facilitates** communication between stakeholders

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