

The following is the full text of the FSC US Board of Directors decisions in July 2016 related to Controlled Wood, including some additional elements not specifically related to risk assessment development requirements.

TOPIC: Decisions to follow up on discussions with the FSC US board and stakeholders

DECISION(S): The board appreciated the engaging and constructive discussions with the FSC US board and stakeholders and confirmed its will to work towards the following results:

- Ensure that options for radical new approaches to smallholder and community certification are developed and tested in the FSC system
- Ensure that the SIR guidelines are used as a basis for enabling standard development groups to create local relevancy in their national standards

Further, the board reconfirms FSC's commitment to finalizing the CNRA/NRA process by the end of 2017. The board will monitor progress in this process, mandates the FSC International secretariat to make this happen as needed and encourages the NRA working groups to commit fully to the process and to work with FSC International on it.

The board requests the secretariat to take the action needed to meet the following intentions:

Until CNRAs/NRAs are in place, for those countries that are in that process the current system of company risk assessments will continue. To avoid confusion, the "Simplified risk assessment" will be eliminated from the controlled wood standards. "Extended risk assessments" will not be introduced in countries with a CNRA/NRA process in place, but will still be the tool to be used for risk assessments in countries without a CNRA/NRA process, according to currently agreed timelines.

As tools to speed up the CNRA/NRA process, the board requests the FSC International secretariat to ensure the following:

- a) Allow flexibility for NRA working groups to determine nationally relevant control measures, as is already provided in the CWE standard,
- b) Facilitate the efforts of NRA working groups by clarifying the sequencing, and set dates, for Secretariat to finalize concepts and definitions essential for solving the related issues (IFL, ICL, FPIC, ILO, HCV, etc.), in order to complete or review the NRAs,
- c) Engage with SDGs to make NRA/CNRA work proceed expeditiously, and take the lead to overcome barriers when national processes are stalled,
- d) When national stakeholder consensus is in place, enable implementation of the agreed categories of NRAs even if some elements/indicators within a given category are still outstanding.

The board will be updated at each board meeting on the status of completion of the CNRA/NRA processes. Between board meetings the secretariat will alert the board immediately in case of serious problems with the CNRA/NRA process.

The board requests the secretariat to work with the Board Strategic Planning Committee to ensure the Controlled Wood Strategy process moves fast enough to have a decision in front of the next GA.