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Empowering Asia Pacific Economies to Safeguard Forests through Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC)

Purpose: Information

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and Associated Trade Meeting
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Empowering Asia Pacific Economies to Safeguard Forests through PEFC Certification

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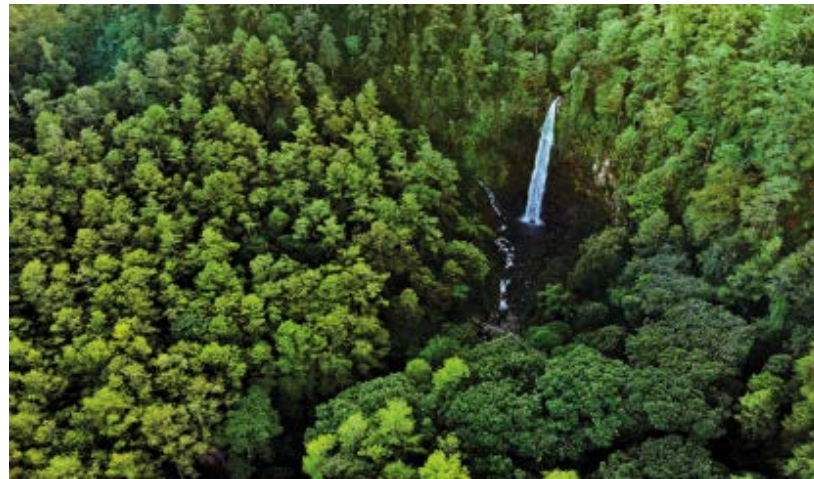
PEFC is an NGO dedicated to forests and their values to the planet and people

1

Balancing social, environmental and economic sustainability

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Inspiring and helping people, companies and communities to reach their sustainability goals



PEFC's DNA – A System Rooted in Smallholders

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The diversity of forests means one size does not fit all when it comes to forest certification.

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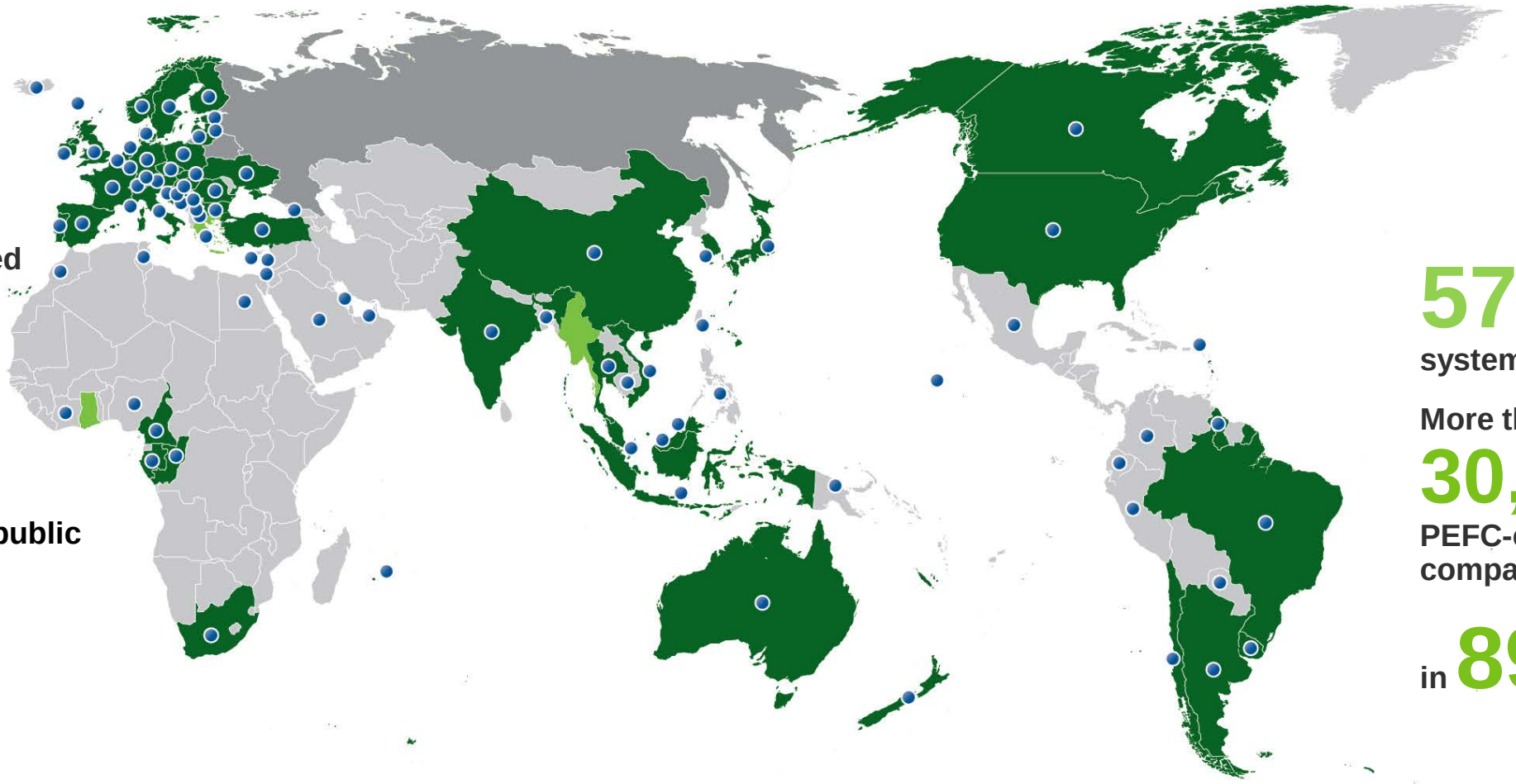
The PEFC System – Global Reach, Local Impact



Over **293** million
hectares PEFC-certified

= **71%** of global
certified forests

30x the size of Republic
of Korea



57 Domestic
systems

More than
30,600
PEFC-certified
companies

in **89** economies



PEFC members with
endorsed systems



PEFC members progressing
toward endorsement



*Russia
& Belarus*

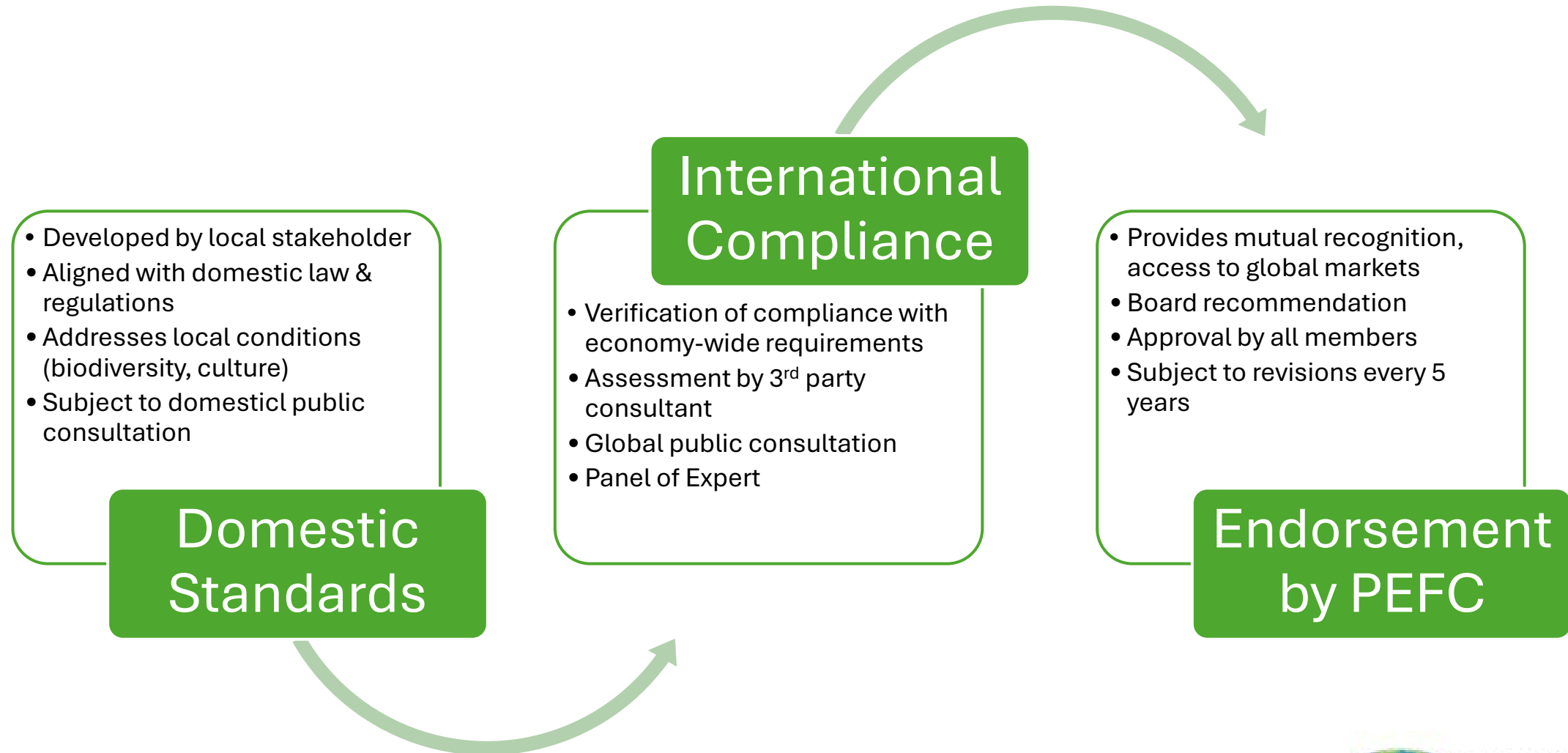


Economies where **chain of custody**
certificates have been issued



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PEFC Bottom up approach



PEFC caring for forests locally & globally

KFCC – PEFC member in the Republic of Korea



01

Strengthening the competitiveness of forest farm houses

- 1 Enhancing management capabilities of foresters
- 2 Ensuring clean forest products get high value-added
- 3 Revitalizing the co-prosperity and economy of mountain villages

02

Expanding the growth engine of the forestry industry

- 4 Supporting the growth of promising wood and building stone companies
- 5 Promoting practical use of forest science and technology
- 6 Strengthening wood products quality and safety management

03

Enhancing the future value of forest

- 7 Strengthening control system for diseases and insects
- 8 Leading the digital innovation of the forest sector
- 9 Spreading sustainable forest management and contributing to carbon reduction

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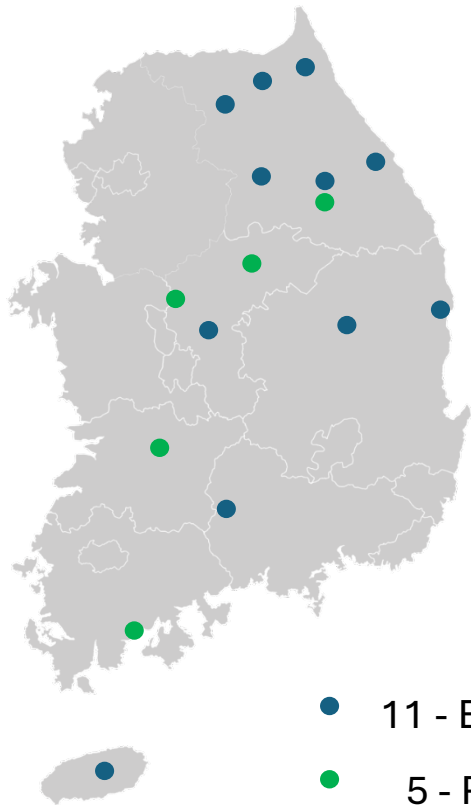
Realization of management innovation based on social values

- 10 Creating green Jobs in the forest sector
- 11 Internalizing ethical and safety management
- 12 Improving the effectiveness as an institute close to the people

KFCC Impact on Forests in Korea



Sustainable Forest Management



Over **700,000** hectares
KFCC / PEFC-certified
at 16 locations

= **11%** of
certified forests in Korea

- 11 - Economy Forests
- 5 - Private Forests

Chain of Custody

Broad sector impact



Paper & Print



Sanitary & Diaper



Credit Card



Cutlery



Wood Products



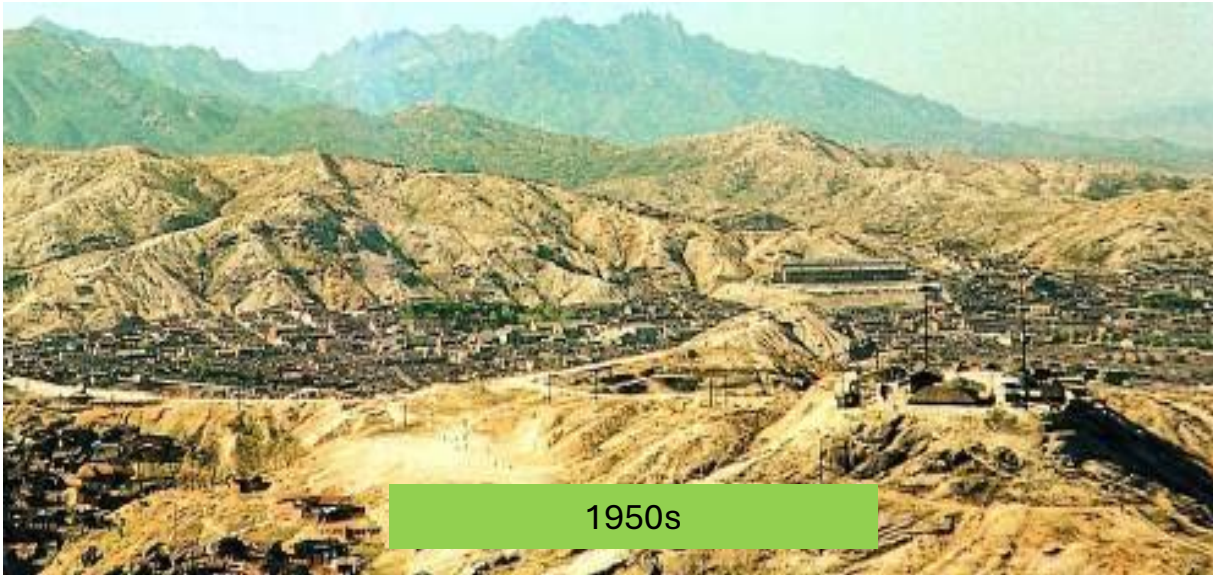
Cork Floor



Clothings



Building Materials



1950s



1990s~2020s



1960s – 1980s



Sustainable Forest value chain

Strengthening Forest Certification Through PEFC's Core and Supporting Standards



Sustainable forest management
certification



Chain of custody
certification

PROVIDES

- Healthy forests ecosystems (e.g., biodiversity, carbon)
- Healthy workers (e.g., safety, training)
- Healthy communities (e.g., indigenous people rights)
- Healthy local economy (e.g., jobs, income)

- Assurance of origin from sustainably managed forests
- Legal compliance
- Independently audited traceability from forests to consumers
- Covering requirements on health, safety and labour issues



PEFC EUDR DDS Module



PEFC Sustainable Forest Management standard / TOF

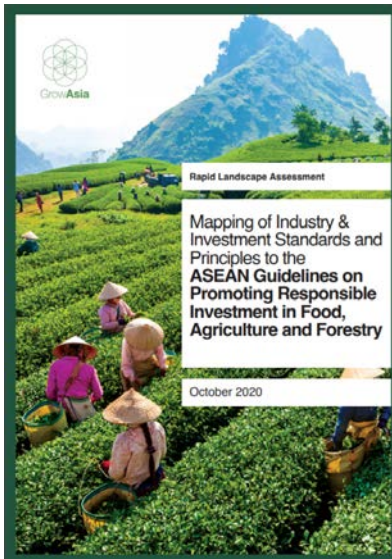


PEFC Group Forest standard



PEFC RED III

Third-Party Verified and Recognized in ESG Frameworks



6. Programme for Endorsement of Forest Certification



95% Overall Match

Highest ranking against the ASEAN RAI:
95% due to regional approach

ESG Frameworks



PEFC International																		
Score	Sustainable Forest Management (SFM)									Chain of Custody (CoC)			Development, Application and Management (DAM)					PEM*
	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	P7	P8	P9	P1	P2	P3	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P1
2																		
1																		
0																		

Full scores from TPAC (Dutch procurement) 2020

Sources: [TPAC 2020](#); [ASEAN RAI 2020](#)



THANK YOU!