

Sustainable Forestry Practices

For this internet-based activity, follow the various links as outlined on this page and answer the questions that follow them.

<http://www.fsc.org/about-fsc.html>

In a few sentences, describe the purpose of the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC).

<http://www.fsc.org/types-of-certification0.html>

1. Describe the types of certification the FSC provides. How do you think this certification could influence the demand for “certified” wood products versus non-certified wood products?
2. What is COC certification?

http://www.fsc.org/fileadmin/web-data/public/document_center/publications/Fact_Sheets/Forest-Stewardship-Council-Fact-Sheet-EN.pdf

3. List the 10 basic principles on forest stewardship the FSC supports.
4. In your view, rank the top three principles in order of importance and explain why you chose the three you did.
5. What is the importance of independent certification of wood products?
6. Do you think independent, third-party certification of wood products would influence your decision in purchasing wood products or working with businesses that use wood products?
7. Do you think sustainable wood product certification would have much impact on the general public’s purchasing habits? Why or why not?

<http://www.fsc.org/1956.html>

8. How did the FSC certification of wood products from Honduras influence economic growth and worker safety?
9. How does FSC certification contribute to sustainability in the Honduras case study?

10. If a company utilizes only certified wood products; is it making a financial mistake, or a shrewd business move? Explain.
11. How might FSC certification of forest products benefit threatened and endangered species in areas that have been subject to unregulated logging or illegal logging activities?
12. Do you think there should be requirements for certification of wood products that are imported into the United States? Why or why not?