

APES Forestry Practices Harvesting and Sustainable Forestry Practices Internet Activity

Directions: Follow the various links as outlined on this page and answer the questions.

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

Describe in a few sentences the purpose of the Forest Stewardship Council.

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

1. Describe the types of certification the FCS provides. How do you think this certification will influence the demand for “certified” wood products vs. 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

Be sure to read over the entire pdf file so you can answer the questions!

3. List the 10 basic principles or forest stewardship FCS supports.
4. Rank the top three principles in order of importance in your view, and explain why you chose the three principles you did.
5. In your opinion, do you think independent, 3rd party, certification of forest products would influence **your** decision to purchase wood based products of any kind?
6. Do you think sustainable wood product certification would have much impact on the general public’s purchasing habits? Why or why not?
7. What’s the importance of independent certification?
8. Watch the video about FCS certification in Honduras <http://www.fsc.org/1956.html>
9. How did the FCS certification of wood products from Honduras influence the economic growth and worker safety?
10. How does FSC certification contribute to sustainability in the Honduras case study?
11. In your mind, would a company that utilizes only certified products be making a big financial mistake, or a shrewd business move in light of more emphasis on “green” products?
12. 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?
13. Do you think there should be requirements for “certification” of wood products that are imported into the United States? Why or why not?