

THE GUYANA NATIONAL FOREST CERTIFICATION SYSTEM - PEFC ENDORSEMENT



The Guyana National Forest Certification System achieved Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC) endorsement on 21 March 2024.

- **Guyana has a robust wood tracking system.** Guyana started developing a national certification system to continue its work on protecting the forests by promoting sustainable forest management through certification.
- **PEFC in Guyana will support forest-dependent livelihoods and local communities.** Apart from individual certification, Guyana is introducing the group certification model, enabling small community associations and indigenous communities to achieve forest management certification to demonstrate sustainability.
- **The PEFC Certification for Guyana has been building on stakeholder involvement and their participation.** Guyana formed a national working group involving representations for women, youths, indigenous peoples, environmental groups and forest owners to sit at the same table to decide on how the process will work for forest certification in Guyana.
- **PEFC is the world's leading forest certification system.**
- **Certification issued in Guyana under PEFC will cover timber products as well as non-timber products.**
- Governments around the world are putting in place legislation designed to support the trade of legal timber and to deny the entry of illegally-produced wood products into the marketplace. This includes the EU Deforestation Regulation (EUDR), the U.S. Lacey Act, and the Australian Illegal Logging Prohibition Regulation. PEFC Certification in Guyana is designed to demonstrate compliance with such legislative requirements.



Guyana forest cover

87%

Guyana forest size

18 mil Ha

Annual average deforestation rate

0.036 %

3rd party audits

Passed all audits from 2012- 2022



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