

#### **Ecuador**

FSC® and Forest Economy

July 2022





**Population** 18'058,218



GDP per capita
US\$ 5,600



**GDP Forest Sector** 2,8%



**Forest Area** 11,5 million ha



Productive Forest Area 12,800 ha



**Certified Forest Area**64,345 ha



Certificates

FM: 7 CoC: 22



**Certificates**CW: 1



Ecosystem
Services Claims

# Forest Management Area (FM) and Number of Chain of Custody Certificates (CoC) 2013 – 2022





Data as of July 2022.

#### **Key Market Drivers**



Packaging and pallets for export (FSC certified cartons for fruit export).



FSC-certified products demanded by the market: wooden sticks and plywood boards.



FSC-certified printing for government and private clients.



Synergies with international and national buyers to generate responsible business.

#### **Key Accounts**









### **FSC Ecuador**

The working group on Voluntary Forest Certification (CFV) in Ecuador was promoted and coordinated by Fundación Natura in 1994. As of 1998, the group involved a more significant number of actors linked to the forestry sector and disseminated the CFV under the FSC Principles and Criteria.

CEFOVE is the Working Group on Voluntary Forest Certification, recognized by the Ministry of the Environment in 2002 and, since 2004, the initiative accredited by FSC International as FSC Ecuador. CEFOVE brings together several of the main actors in the forestry sector, committed to good forest management and voluntary forest certification under the FSC system. Its membership includes vital environmental, social, and economic players.

**Our vision**: By 2024, CEFOVE will be an organization that contributes at the national level to promote forest conservation.

**Our mission**: Promote actions aimed at conservation and sustainable forest management in Ecuador with a focus on economic, environmental, and social sustainability.

The projects that CEFOVE is executing are: sustainable forest management in the Ecuadorian Amazon with indigenous communities in agreement with the Ministry of the Environment; CO-Labora: with financing from GIZ, FSC Ecuador, and FSC Germany, seek to strengthen the FSC cardboard recycling chain to improve the livelihoods of grassroots recyclers in the banana sector. Finally, with financing from FSC International, two projects are executed: Forest PPP: a mechanism for accelerating public-private partnerships to expand the FSC-certified forest area in Ecuador, and the consolidation of the portfolio of key accounts in Ecuador.



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