



Principle 3: Indigenous Peoples' Rights

The Organization* shall identify and uphold* indigenous peoples* legal and customary rights* of ownership, use and management of land, territories and resources affected by management activities.

- 3.1 *The Organization** shall identify the *indigenous peoples** that exist within the *Management Unit** or are affected by management activities. The Organization shall then, through *engagement** with these indigenous peoples, identify their rights of *tenure**, their rights of access to and use of forest resources and *ecosystem services**, their *customary rights** and legal rights and obligations, that apply within the Management Unit. The Organization shall also identify areas where these rights are contested.
- 3.2 *The Organization** shall recognize and *uphold** the legal and *customary rights** of *indigenous peoples** to maintain control over management activities within or related to the *Management Unit** to the extent necessary to protect their rights, resources and lands and territories. Delegation by indigenous peoples of control over management activities to third parties requires *Free, Prior and Informed Consent**.
- 3.3 In the event of delegation of control over management activities, a binding agreement between *The Organization** and the *indigenous peoples** shall be concluded through *Free, Prior and Informed Consent**. The agreement shall define its duration, provisions for renegotiation, renewal, termination, economic conditions and other terms and conditions. The agreement shall make provision for monitoring by indigenous peoples of *The Organization's* compliance with its terms and conditions.
- 3.4 *The Organization** shall recognize and *uphold** the rights, customs and culture of *indigenous peoples** as defined in the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (2007) and ILO Convention 169 (1989).
- 3.5 *The Organization**, through *engagement** with *indigenous peoples**, shall identify sites which are of special cultural, ecological, economic, religious or spiritual significance and for which these indigenous peoples hold legal or *customary rights**. These sites shall be recognized by *The Organization* and their management, and/or protection shall be agreed through engagement with these indigenous peoples.
- 3.6 *The Organization** shall *uphold** the right of *indigenous peoples** to protect and utilize their traditional knowledge and shall compensate indigenous peoples for the utilization of such knowledge and their *intellectual property**. A binding agreement as per Criterion 3.3 shall be concluded between *The Organization* and the indigenous peoples for such utilization through *Free, Prior and Informed Consent** before utilization takes place and shall be consistent with the protection of intellectual property rights.