



## Principle 7: Management Planning

**The Organization\*** shall have a *management plan\** consistent with its policies and *objectives\** and proportionate to *scale, intensity and risks\** of its management activities. The management plan shall be implemented and kept up to date based on monitoring information in order to promote *adaptive management\**. The associated planning and procedural documentation shall be sufficient to guide staff, inform affected *stakeholders\** and interested *stakeholders\** and to justify management decisions.

- 7.1 *The Organization\** shall, proportionate to *scale, intensity and risk\** of its management activities, set policies (visions and values) and *objectives\** for management, which are environmentally sound, socially beneficial and economically viable. Summaries of these policies and objectives shall be incorporated into the *management plan\**, and publicized.
- 7.2 *The Organization\** shall have and implement a *management plan\** for the *Management Unit\** which is fully consistent with the policies and *objectives\** as established according to Criterion 7.1. The management plan shall describe the natural resources that exist in the Management Unit and explain how the plan will meet the FSC certification requirements. The management plan shall cover forest management planning and social management planning proportionate to *scale, intensity and risk\** of the planned activities.
- 7.3 The *management plan\** shall include verifiable targets by which progress towards each of the prescribed management *objectives\** can be assessed.
- 7.4 The Organization shall update and revise periodically the management planning and procedural documentation to incorporate the results of monitoring and evaluation, *stakeholder engagement\** or new scientific and technical information, as well as to respond to changing environmental, social and economic circumstances.
- 7.5 *The Organization\** shall make *publicly available\** a summary of the *management plan\** free of charge. Excluding confidential information, other relevant components of the management plan shall be made available to *affected stakeholders\** on request, and at cost of reproduction and handling.
- 7.6 *The Organization\** shall, proportionate to *scale, intensity and risk\** of management activities, proactively and transparently engage *affected stakeholders\** in its management planning and monitoring processes, and shall engage *interested stakeholders\** on request.