



UPM's commitment: sustainable forestry

UPM ensures that all the wood used for its products comes from sustainably managed forests.

The idea of sustainability is to ensure a better quality of life for everyone, now and in future. The report of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development in Rio de Janeiro in 1992 stated that:

“Forest resources and forest lands should be sustainably managed to meet the social, economic, ecological, cultural and spiritual needs of present and future generations.”

While the basic idea may be simple, the definition is broad and the task is challenging. As a major wood user and one of the world's largest forest owners and managers, UPM takes its responsibility for meeting this challenge seriously. It is important for UPM to ensure that all the wood used in production processes comes from sustainable sources. In order to do so, UPM has developed and implemented a variety of policies and tools.

- Environmental Policy
- Forest certification guidelines
- Signatory to ICC Business Charter for Sustainable Development
- Applying best forestry practices
- Forest certification
- Tracing systems for monitoring the origin of wood

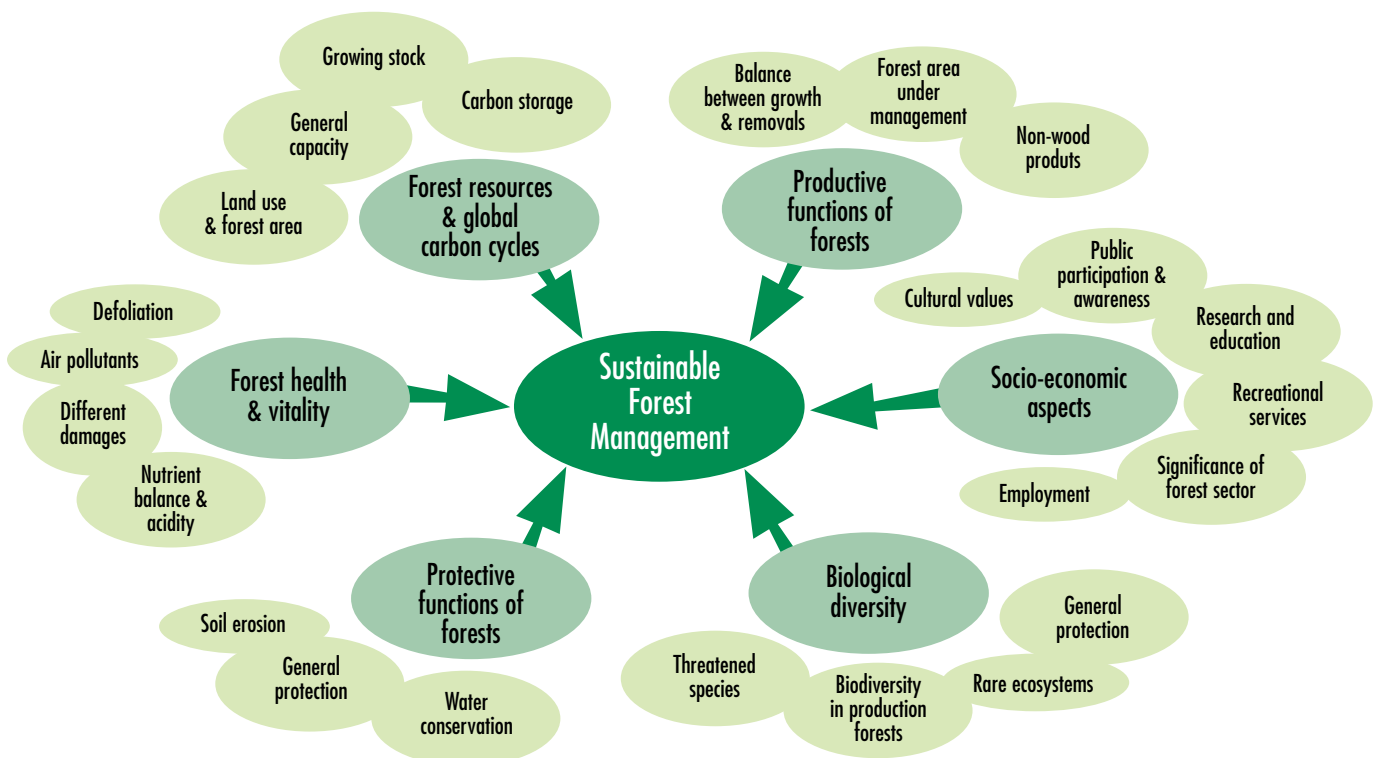


UPM's sustainable forestry practices are third-party audited in a number of ways:

- ISO 9001 and ISO 14001 management systems
- Forest certification audits against the criteria and indicators for the sustainable forestry standard in each country
- Chain of Custody from forest to customer
- Tracing system to monitor the origin of wood
- Field checks made by forestry authorities and other organisations to ensure that UPM adheres with nationally or locally agreed legislation, regulations and best forestry practice guidelines

UPM also carries out its own checks to be sure that its suppliers are operating according to the policies and forestry practices required by UPM.

Criteria and example indicators for sustainable forest management in Europe



Source: Ministerial Conference on the Protection of Forests in Europe

