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## **Web Information – More user friendly**

Responding to user demand the PEFC Council, the world's global umbrella for the development and mutual recognition of forest certification schemes, has launched an improved user-friendly web database.

“In addition to finding information on individual certificates and logo licenses etc, users can now obtain whole lists of forest management or chain of custody certificates or logo users by country, type of certificate as well as other general criteria.” said Ben Gunneberg, PEFC Council Secretary General.

“Due to the rapid increase in forest management and chain of custody certificates being issued, the database is being updated at the beginning of each month and now contains more than 5500 records of PEFC certificate holders and logo users.”

He added “We are continually analyzing the needs and requirements of users including industry and the general public to further develop our website and we welcome all feedback from users to help us improve our service.”

Check out the revised database on <http://www.pefc.org> and click on “PEFC statistics”

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## Editors Notes

Forest certification is a process to provide an assurance mechanism to purchasers of wood and paper products that the wood used in the products comes from sustainably managed forest. Sustainably managed forest are those whose management implements performance standards based on internationally agreed environmental, social and economical requirements.

PEFC is a framework for the mutual recognition of credible national or regional forest certification schemes which have been developed to meet internationally recognised requirements for sustainable forest management. Since its launch in 1999, PEFC has become the largest forest certification umbrella organisation covering national schemes from all over the world, delivering hundreds of millions of tonnes of wood to the processing industry and then onto the market place from tens of millions of hectares of certified forests. PEFC has strong grass roots support from many stakeholders including the forestry sector, governments, trade associations, trade unions and non-governmental organisations.

To date, the PEFC Council has endorsed 13 schemes (out of the 26 member schemes) which account for over 46 million hectares of certified sustainably managed forests.

Schemes already endorsed by PEFC:

Schemes Endorsed by PEFC	Hectares Certified
Austrian Forest Certification Scheme	3.924 000
Belgian Forest Certification Scheme	
Czech Forest Certification Scheme	1.809 012
Danish Forest Certification Scheme	
Finnish Forest Certification Scheme	21.910 000
French Forest Certification Scheme	890 706
German Forest Certification Scheme	6.273 658
Latvian Forest Certification Scheme	17 295
Norwegian LFS Certification Scheme	9.352 000
Spanish Forest Certification Scheme	86 679
Swedish Forest Certification Scheme	2.272 905
Swiss Q Label Holz Scheme	64 572
UK Certification Scheme for SFM	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>46.600 829</b>

Forest certification schemes from the following countries recently joined the PEFC Council, at its General Assembly, as candidate schemes for development and assessment against the PEFC Council requirements:

- Australia
- Brazil
- Chile
- Estonia
- Lithuania (effective as of registration of the joining organisation as a legal entity)
- Luxembourg
- Malaysia
- Slovak Republic

When joining the PEFC Council, the national organisations commit themselves to implement the PEFC requirements set out by the rules of the PEFC Council. The members are responsible for initiating and directing the implementation of their PEFC-compatible national schemes.