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FSC is...



an

independent,
non-governmental,
not for profit,
multi-stakeholder

organization.



FSC was established to...



promote

environmentally appropriate,
socially beneficial and
economically viable

management of the world's
forests.



FSC does so through...



- **Setting standards** that reflect agreed principles for responsible forest management,
- An **accreditation/certification system** that monitors adherence to FSC standards
- A **product labelling system** that rewards responsible forest managers

Together: A market driven mechanism to improve forest management worldwide



A short History...



Founded in 1993

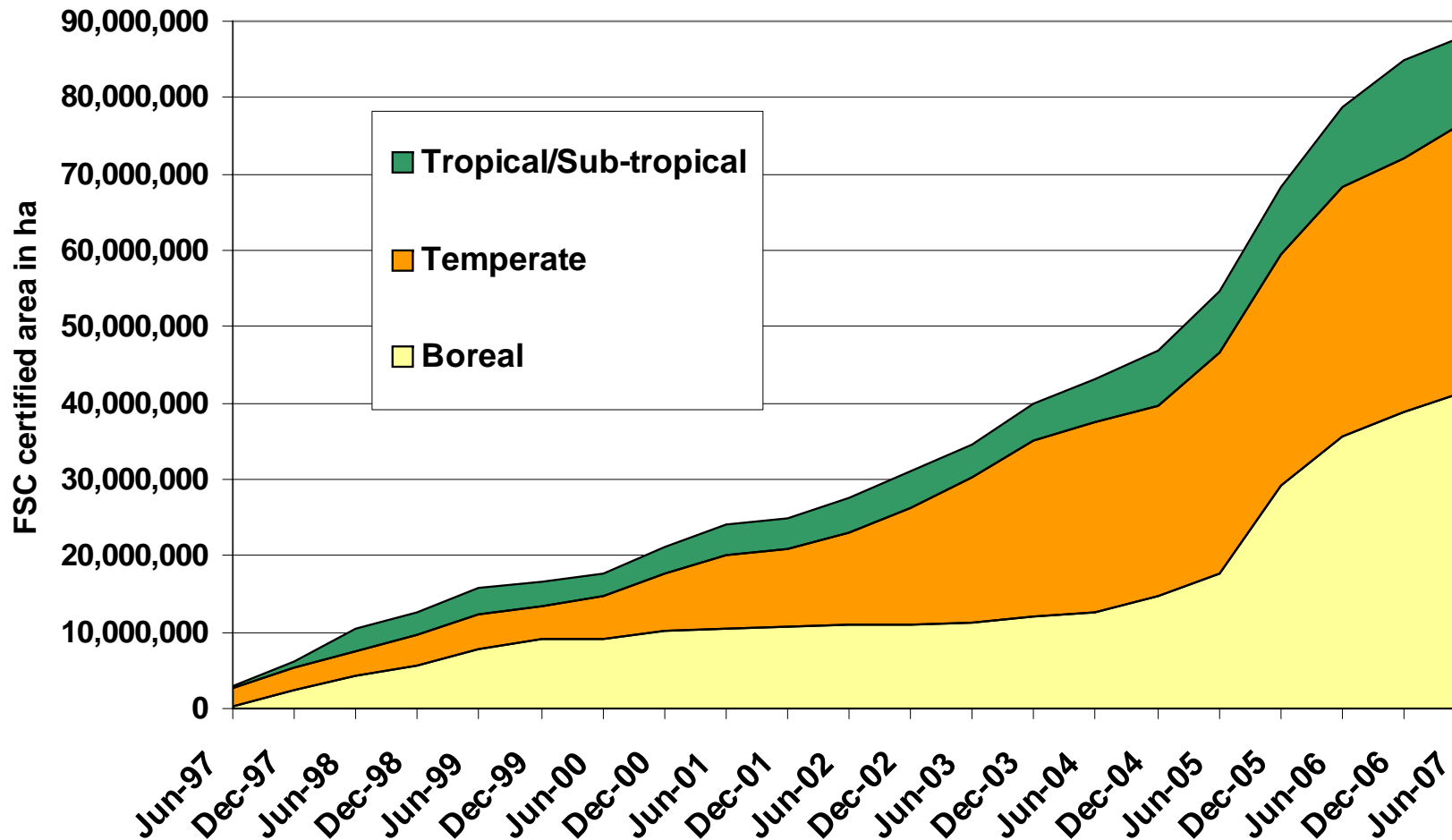
in the wake of the UN Conference on Sustainable Development in 1992

by concerned

business representatives,
social groups and
environmental organizations.



Rate of increase of FSC endorsed forest over time (Jun '97 – Jun '07)



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FSC and HCV-Network



- **FSC developed HCV concept** as part of the FSC Principles and Criteria, which include many additional issues

these issues need to be considered when using the HCV concept outside of forest certification

- **FSC a member of HCV - Network Steering Committee**



FSC P&C...



1. Compliance with laws FSC Principles
2. Tenure, use rights and responsibilities
3. Indigenous people's rights
4. Community relations and worker's rights
5. Benefits from the forests
6. Environmental impact
7. Management plan
8. Monitoring and assessment
9. Maintenance of High Conservation Value Forests (HCVFs)
10. Plantations



FSC Principle 9



Maintenance of high conservation value forests: Management activities in high conservation value forests shall maintain or enhance the attributes which define such forests. Decisions regarding HCVPs shall always be in the context of a precautionary approach.



Next Steps...



- Clear definition and development of safeguards ASAP
- Ensure that HCV Assessments are not used to endorse conversion of natural habitats



Thank You!

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