

## Appendix H: Forest Certification

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American Tree Farm System

<http://www.treefarmssystem.org/>

The American Tree Farm System® (ATFS), a program of the American Forest Foundation, is committed to sustaining forests, watershed and healthy habitats through the power of private stewardship. Information on special events, landowner assistance, conservation projects, tree farm merchandise, and more.

Forest Certification Resource Center

<http://www.certifiedwood.org/>

On-line global database of Forest Products Council certificates. Comparison of certification alternatives.

Forest Stewardship Council

<http://www.fscus.org/>

Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) is a non-profit organization devoted to encouraging the responsible management of the world's forests. FSC sets high standards that ensure forestry is practiced in an environmentally responsible, socially beneficial, and economically viable way. Information on certification, standards and policies, buying and selling, and more.

Smartwood

<http://www.smartwood.org/>

SmartWood's purpose is to improve forest management by providing economic incentives to businesses that practice responsible forestry. SmartWood is a program of the Rainforest Alliance, a global nonprofit conservation organization.

Sustainable Forestry Initiative

<http://www.aboutsfi.org/about.asp>

The Sustainable Forestry Initiative program provides a standard of environmental principles, objectives and performance measures that integrates the growing and harvesting of trees with the protection of wildlife, plants, soil and water quality and other conservation goals.

Meridian Institute

Comparative Analysis of the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) and Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI). 2001. <http://www.merid.org/comparison/>

At the request of The Home Depot Company (THD), the U.S. Forest Stewardship Council (FSC), and the Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI) of the American Forest & Paper Association (AF&PA) Meridian staff convened and facilitated a panel of experts to produce a comparative analysis of the FSC and SFI programs, across several subject areas, including origins, objectives, governance, standards, public involvement, accreditation, funding and the use of program logos and product labels.