FSC® FOREST MANAGEMENT AUDITOR COURSE
22 - 24 FEBRUARY 2027, COLOMBO, SRI LANAKA

Course objectives

1. Understand specific requirements regarding the implementation of the FSC normative framework and guidance relating to forest management certification.
2. Develop skills relating to certification of forest management to FSC standards , including controlled wood, trademark use and other relevant standards.

Course type: This is a blended course. Objective 1, above, will be achieved through e-learning, while objective 2 will be achieved through face-to-face training. E-learning and face-to face training in English.

Who should participate: Trainee and qualified FSC auditors, industry representatives responsible for FSC forest management and consultants.

Course duration: 6 days (48 hours), consisting of an online course (approximately 24 hours, face-to-face course 3 days (24 hours)

Certificate: Upon successful completion of the course, each participant will receive an ASTRAcademy certificate.

Recognition: ASTRAcademy is an approved FSC Training Provider. The ASTRAcademy training programme for FSC auditors is approved by the FSC accreditation body, Assurance Services International (ASI).

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Part 1: E-learning on ASTRA platform

Trainees will enrol on the e-learning platform on the ASTRAcademy website. Alternatively, trainees can also register by sending an e-mail to info@astracademy.net

After successful registration, trainees will receive a user name and password, and will login into the ASTRAcademy e-learning platform. Trainees receive also a link where they can download all background documentation relating to the course. Trainees are expected to study the background documentation before taking the individual course modules.

The **online training program** consists of various courses, modules and quizzes. This includes presentations with voice recording, covering all FSC FM requirements, including the **FSC Regulatory Module/EUDR** and the correct use of the FSC Trademarks.

Part 2: Face-to-face (F-2-F) course

The face to face course (24 hours- 3 days) is aimed at developing skills relating to auditing against FSC FM standards, using the knowledge acquired through the online course. The F-2-F course includes:

1. Group discussions about the content of the FSC FM normative framework, as presented in the online course. Clarification of concepts and standard elements (whenever required by the group, at the beginning of each exercise).
2. Group discussions, exercises, case studies, workshops and role plays:
   - FSC and ISO standards; The core values of the FSC system
   - Systems and performance approach to FM certification.
   - Workshop: Benefits of forest certification
   - Perspectives on forest certification
   - Working towards certification
   - Indigenous peoples' rights
   - Social and environmental impacts
   - Training needs relating to forest management and its certification
   - High Conservation Value Forests and the role of auditors
   - Identifying stakeholders in FM certification
   - Stakeholder analysis and consultation in FM certification
   - Auditing work; relating findings to standard elements
   - Selecting sites for the field audit.
   - Compiling the audit documentation and the FM certification report
   - Raising Corrective Action Requests
   - Controlled Forest Management
   - Audit planning; follow up on CARs
   - The correct use of the FSC Trademarks, the auditor's role.
3. Course evaluation. The F-2-F course will end with a test. The overall evaluation of each trainee will take into account the following:
   - The result of the online quizzes
   - The result of the F-2-F course
   - Active & meaningful participation during the F-2-F course.