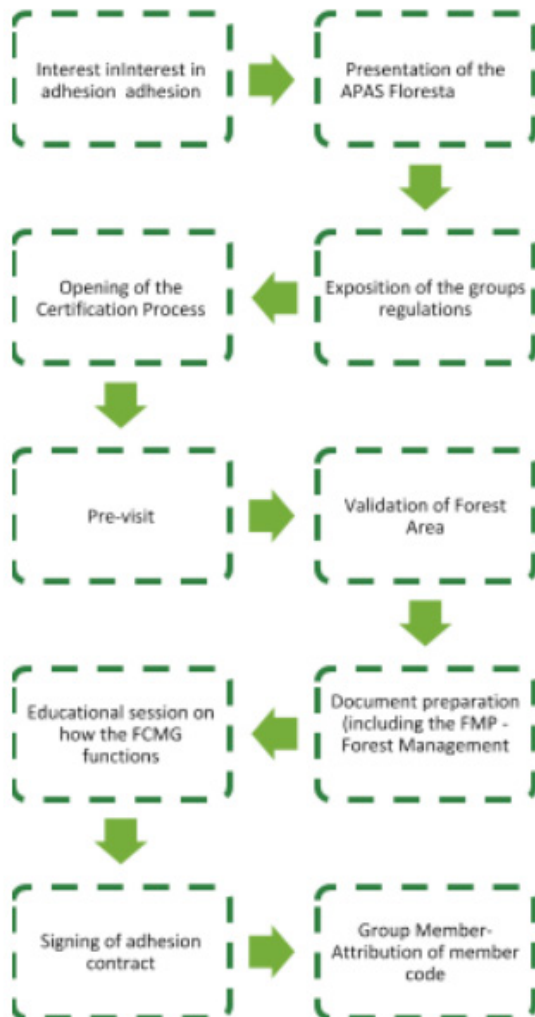


GGFC Membership Requirements



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CERTIFICATION OF THE MANAGEMENT FOR RESPONSIBLE FORESTS

This is a process that promotes the management of the forest in order to uphold or improve the economic and environmental productivity, becoming socially viable, without undermining future resources. This process allows for an external entity to verify that the forest is managed in a sustainable form, according to previously defined criteria. .



CERTIFICATION BENEFITS OF FOREST MANAGEMENT

- Increase in appreciation of market value for resulting products
- Better forest management through improved planning, and specialized support.
- Increase commercial competitiveness (growing demand for certified products)
- Higher qualification for workers to meet certification requirements



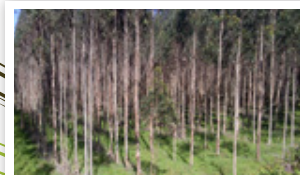
FORESTRY CERTIFICATION MANAGEMENT GROUP OF APAS FLORESTA (GGFC)

Created in 2007, the GGFC of APAS Floresta is founded from a group of volunteered FSC (Forest Stewardship Council) certified forest owners.

All forest owners or forest manager can participate and integrate their forest areas in APAS Floresta's GGFC.



With the adhesion to the GGFC, the forest owner or forest manager assumes the long term forest management commitment, guaranteeing compliance with all current legal legislation. Commits to implementing environmentally responsible practices, in order to safeguard natural resources, insuring that all workers have the necessary safety standards (protection, formation, IPE)



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ADHESION REQUIREMENTS FOR APAS FLORESTA FCMG

- Compliance with all current legislation.
- Proof of ownership or its management.
- Existence of a Forest Management Plan or an equivalent document, only if in compliance with the certification parameters and current legislation.
- Regularized situation with the national tax authority and the Social security (Businesses and existence of workers).
- List of lands intended for certification.
- Not having destroyed natural areas within the property since 1994.
- Pre-visit to the property intended for certification process.
- Prior knowledge of how the group functions.

