

Who can join?

Small and community woodland owners across the UK.



Definitions:

Small or low-intensity managed forests (SLIMF). Under FSC UK guidelines, 'a forest is considered 'small' if it is 500 hectares or smaller in size, and timber harvesting is under 20% of the mean annual increment and annual harvest is under 5,000 cubic'ⁱ.

Community ownership is defined as local people having control over the asset (woodland). This may be complete control with outright ownership or under a long-term lease/legal agreement/contract.

What is a mean annual increment?

Mean Annual Increment is simply the average amount of wood a tree or forest grows each year over its entire life. To find this average, you take the total size of the tree (either its volume or its weight) and divide it by its current age.

ⁱ FSC UK (n.d.) Small or low intensity managed forests (SLIMF). Available at: <https://uk.fsc.org/forest-management-certification/small-or-low-intensity-managed-forests> (Accessed: 2 August 2026)