



# Eastern Ontario Model Forest

## Forest Certification Pilot Project

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# Outline

Canadian Model Forest Program  
Eastern Ontario Model Forest  
Forest Certification Systems  
Forest Stewardship Council  
EOMF Forest Certification Pilot Project



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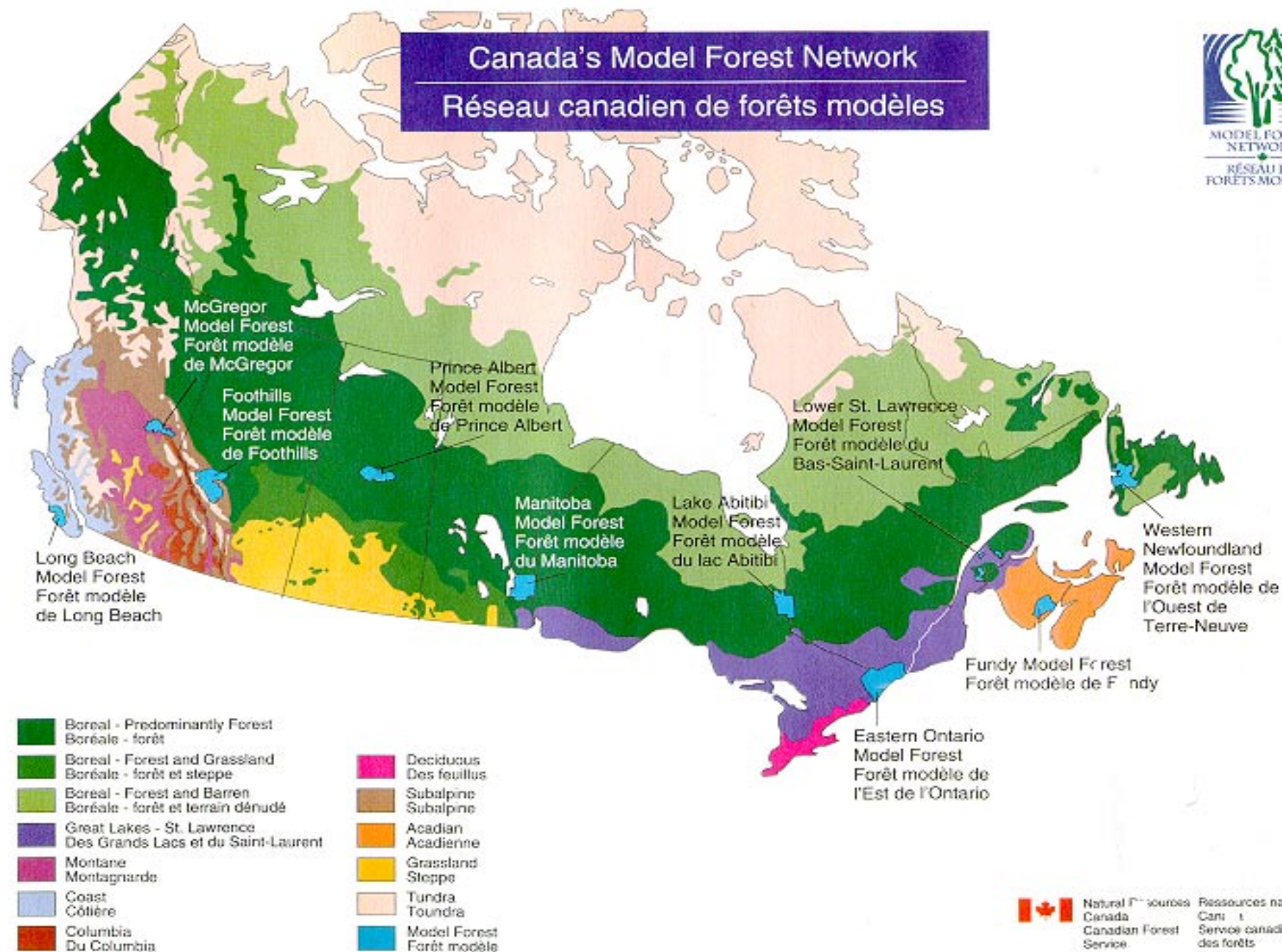
# Canadian Model Forest Program

- | **Formed in 1992 by the CFS**
- | **Network of 11 Model Forests**
- | **Member of an International Network**
- | **Model Forests Serve as a Demonstration to Achieve SFM**
- | **International Destination - Canadian Forest Management**





# Canada's Model Forest Network Réseau canadien de forêts modèles



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# Eastern Ontario Model Forest

**1.5 million hectares**

**88% of forests are privately owned**

**Home to over 1 million people**

**Represents the Great Lakes - St. Lawrence Forest Region**

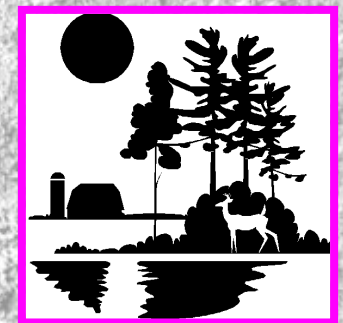
**34 % Forest cover - Hardwood Dominant**

**25% of Ontario's Maple Syrup Production in EOMF**

**60 "Demonstration Forests"**

**Fragmented Landscape**

**"A Forest for Seven Generations"**







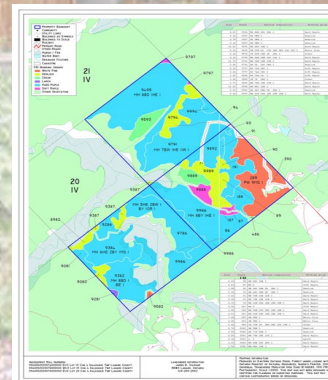
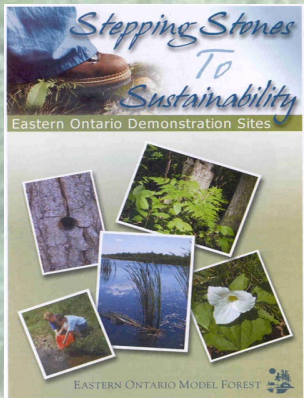
# EOMF Vision

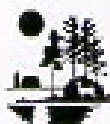
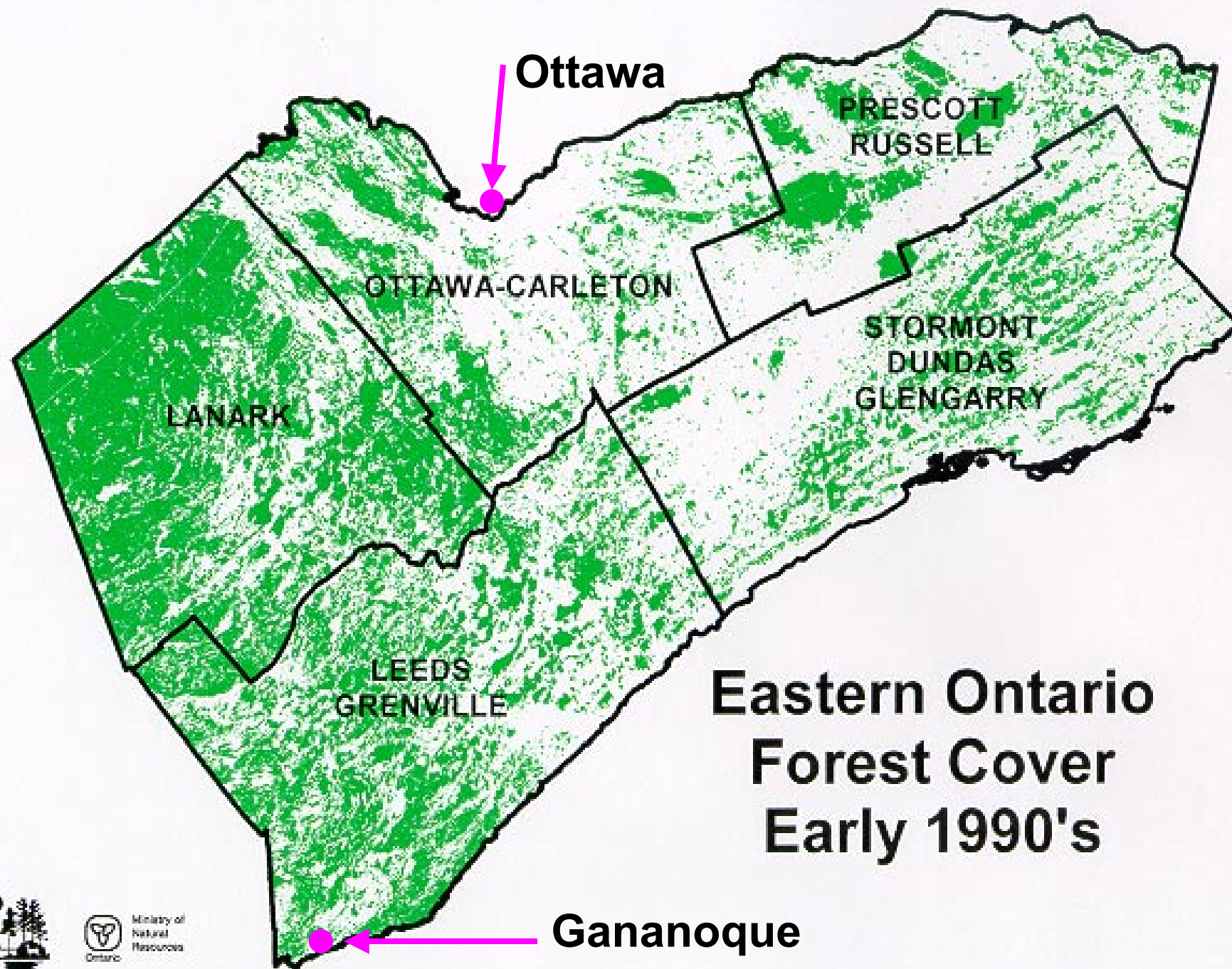
- *Our vision of forests for seven generations is a mosaic of healthy forest ecosystems within a landscape of rural and urban areas throughout eastern Ontario, providing long term economic, social and spiritual benefits, while ensuring a healthy environment that is valued by all.*



# EOMF Projects

- \***Demonstration Forests (60)**
- \***Bog to Bog Initiative**
- \***Private Land Forest Certification**
- \***Mapping & Information Services**
- \***Ice Storm Research**
- \***Criteria & Indicators**
- \***State of the Forest Reporting**





Ministry of  
Natural  
Resources  
Ontario



# **What is Forest Certification?**

- **Provides 3rd-party verification that forest management practices comply with established standards**
- **A voluntary, market based program to give consumers choice**
- **Recognizes good forest management**



# **Why Forest Certification in the EOMF**

- **Landowner and Partner Interest in Forest Certification**
- **No existing organizations in place Co-ops, marketing boards**
- **Mandate of the Model Forest Program – Learn & Transfer**
- **Certification Working Group – Broad Representation**







## 3 Elements Of Forest Certification

- A Credible Forest Certification System
- Accredited Third Party Certifier
- Forest Management Standard



# Certification Systems for Forestry in Canada

- Forest Stewardship Council (FSC)
- Canadian Standards Association (CSA)
- Sustainable Forest Initiative (SFI)
- *Pan Canadian System (in Progress)*
- International Standards Organization (ISO)





# Forest Stewardship Council

- Formed in 1993 in response to consumers' concerns
- International, non-profit, NGO
- Has certified 700 forests in 54 countries
- Has draft Standards in place for the GLSL region



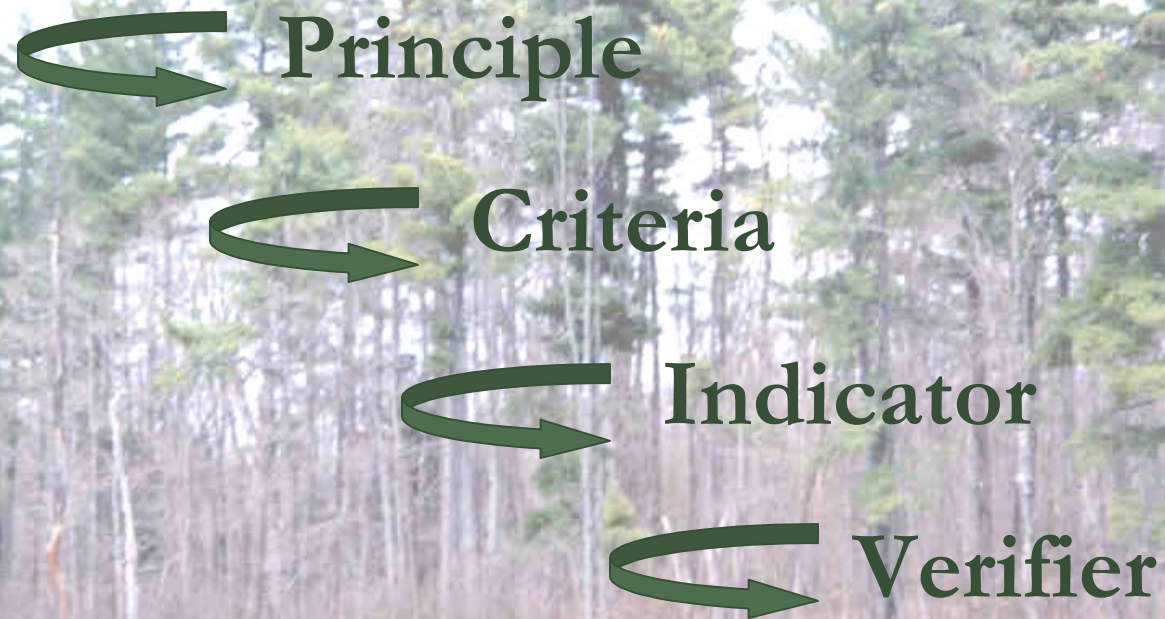
# FSC Principles & Criteria

1. Meet all applicable laws
2. Have legally established rights
3. Respect Indigenous Peoples rights
4. Maintain community well-being
5. Conserve economic resources
6. Protect biological diversity
7. A written management plan
8. Regular monitoring
9. Maintain high conservation value forests
10. Manage plantations to reduce pressures on natural forests





# Principle to Verifier





# Principle to Verifier - Example

Principle #2

Tenure and use Rights and Responsibilities

Criteria #2

Evidence of long-term forest rights to land (title, lease agreement)

Indicator #2

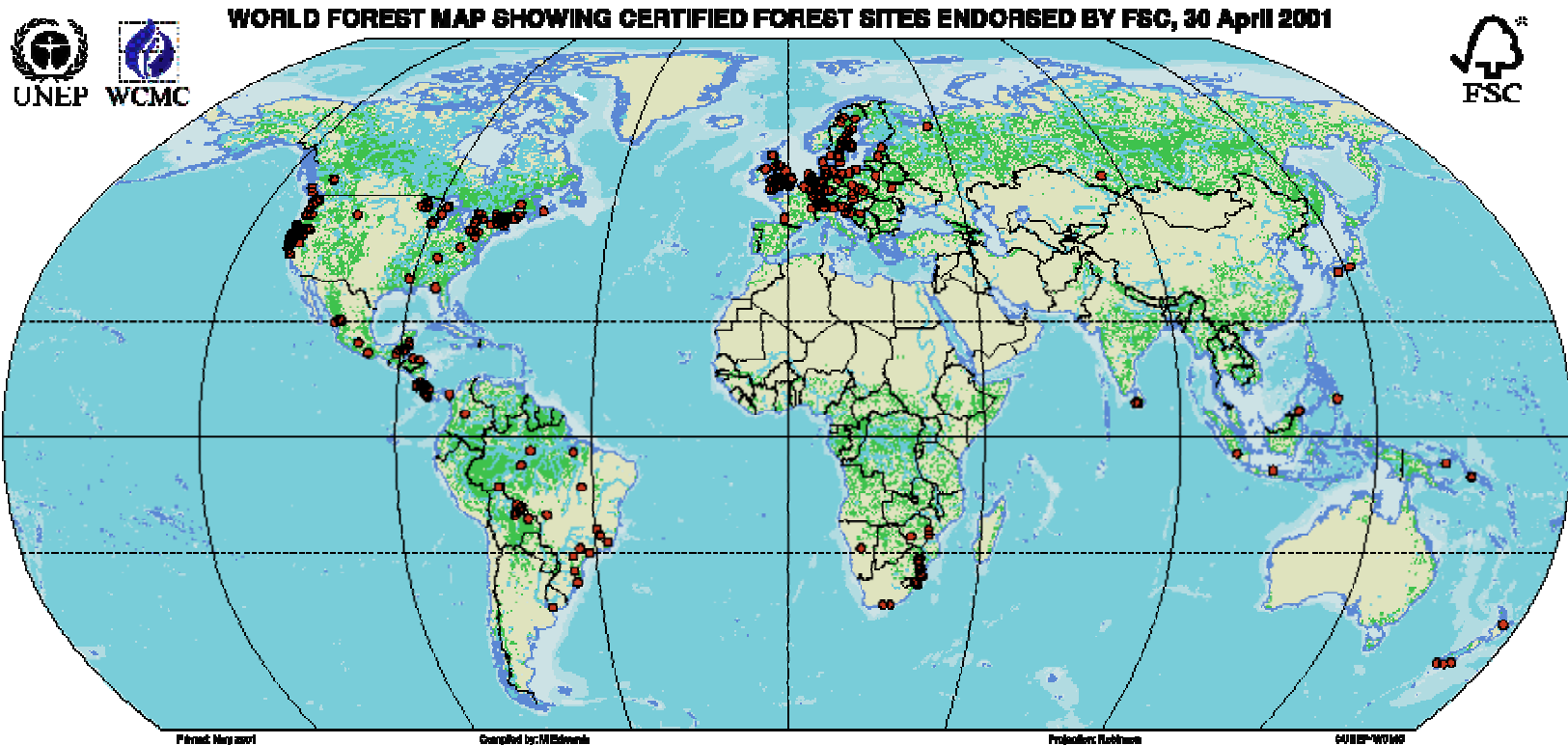
Boundary lines are established and delineated

Verifier #2

Properties are marked or signed. Accepted boundary lines with neighbors.



# No. of hectares of FSC forest worldwide



**Total FSC Certified Forest 34,637,263 September 2003**

Sweden      11 138 298 ha

Poland      6 806 160 ha

USA      4 939 850 ha

Canada      3 035 553 ha

## Great Lakes St. Lawrence Forest Region





# **The Great Lakes St. Lawrence Forest Region** **FSC Regional Standards**

**March 2001 Draft**

## **Who**

- Foresters
- Biologists
- First Nations
- Industry
- Environmental Groups
- Landowners
- Loggers

## **What**

- Covers all 10 FSC Principles and Criteria
- Species at Risk List in GLSL Region
- Rare/Uncommon Tree Species List
- Riparian Buffer – AOC

### First Nations Communities List

- Legislation List Relevant to Managing the GLSL Forests
- Silvicultural Performance Indicators
  - Selection
  - Shelterwood
  - Clear Cutting



# EOMF Forest Certification Project

## **Purpose:**

**To test feasibility of group FSC forest certification for owners of small woodlots**



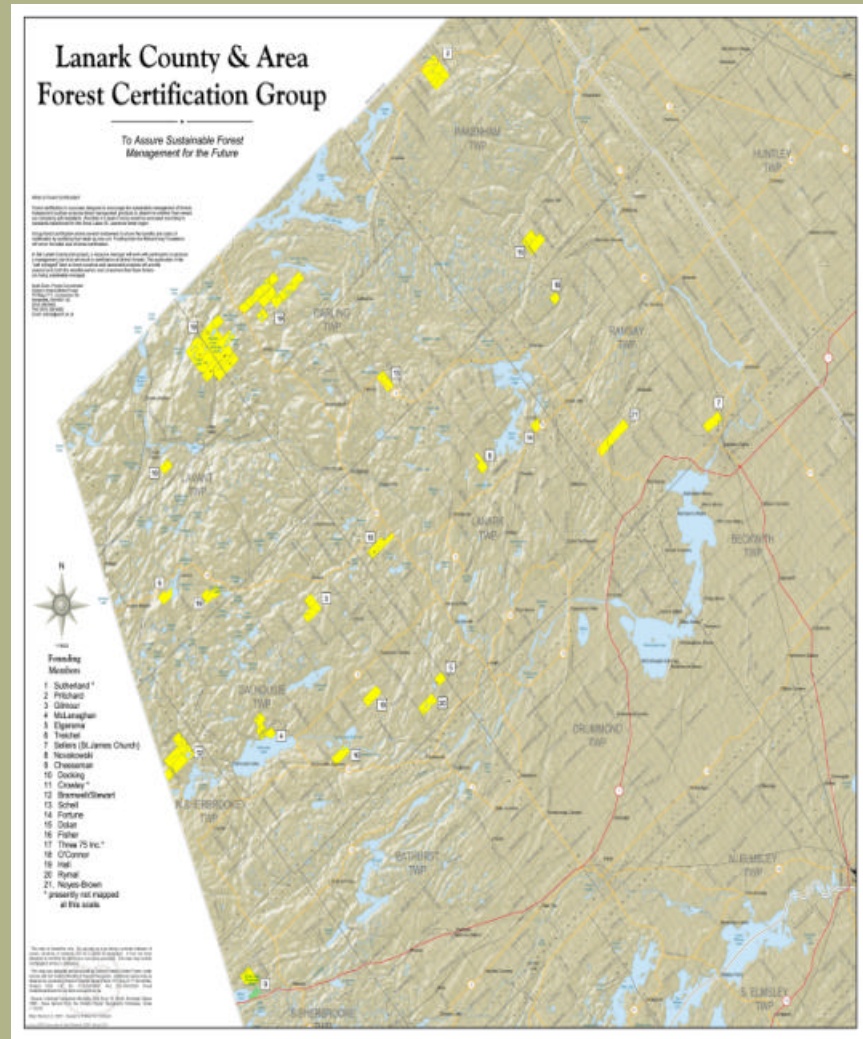
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**Joint EOMF and FSC Canada project  
Will be the first of its kind in Canada**



# Eastern Ontario Certified Forest Owners Group

## 11,500 acres represented through 30 landowners



- Farm Woodlot Owners
- Sawmill Operators
- Absent Landowners
- Cottage Owners
- Organized Groups
- Maple Syrup Producers