



GUYANA FORESTRY COMMISSION



PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

PUBLIC REVIEW AND FEEDBACK ON THE DRAFT GUYANA NATIONAL STANDARD ON SUSTAINABLE FOREST MANAGEMENT (GNSSFM)

The Guyana Forestry Commission, as the standardising body; and the National Standard Setting Working Group, as the technical working group, have now developed and approved the first draft of the Guyana National Standard for Sustainable Forest Management (GNSSFM). The standard is part of the national initiative to establish a national forest and timber products chain of custody and forest management certification scheme for Guyana.

The GNSSFM and the Guyana National Forest Certification Scheme (GNFCS) are being developed based on the Program for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC) systems' key benchmark standards and guidelines. When finalised, the GNSSFM and the other standard documents, including the GNFCS will be submitted to the PEFC for review and endorsement.

The initiative, which aims to further enhance Guyana's efforts to continually improve the sustainable management of the nation's valuable forest resources, also builds on Guyana's work on the Voluntary Partnership Agreement (VPA) with the European Union. The GNFCS will also support Guyana's Low Carbon Development Strategy (LCDS 2030) and the Monitoring Reporting and Verification System (MRVS Phase 3).

In line with the PEFC's requirements, the Standardising Body and the National Standard Setting Working Group provide the draft GNSSFM for public review and comment.

A copy of the document is available electronically at the GFC's website: <https://forestry.gov.gy>.

Hard copies of the draft standard are also available on request from the Guyana Forestry Commission by emailing guyanaforestrypec@gmail.com.

The public is hereby invited to share any relevant input on the draft GNSSFM via electronic mail at guyanaforestrypec@gmail.com from Wednesday, June 15, 2022 to Saturday, August 13, 2022.

Written submissions can also be sent to the Commissioner of Forests, Mr. Edward Goberdhan, or Assistant Commissioner of Forests, Ms. Basmatee Mohabeer (GFC Head Office, 1 Water Street, Kingston, Georgetown).

Public consultations' outcomes will be published, including how the Standardising Body and the National Standard Setting Working Group have incorporated them in the draft GNSSFM.