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# Sustainable forest management and environmental balance

## Magnifica Comunità di Fiemme Italy

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## Introduction:

### **Magnifica Comunita Di Fiemme Azienda Segazione Legnami Spa**

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## Company's Description:

Magnifica Comunità di Fiemme was first recognized in an 1111 A.D. document, it has thus already celebrated its 900th years of chronicled history. The protection of natural environment and a responsible forest and estate management have ever since been its watchwords. Magnifica Comunità di Fiemme is the main forest owner in Italy certified under PEFC standards, and it was the first owner to obtain both PEFC and FSC certificates. It also owns 19.569 hectares of certified estate and is up to today the main owner in Italy certified according to FSC scheme. Its forests reach out for 14.323 hectares: 11.150 are productive forests and 3.173 are protection woods. The remaining 5.246 hectares are middle-high mountain pastures or not productive land.

## Sub-sectors affected:

- X Sawed and sanded (A 1st Wood processing)
- X Board manufacturing (1st Wood processing)

## Implementation Process:

An increased awareness towards products and their environmental balance are the result of a progressive knowledge. The first standards were set by the UN Conference on Environment and Development (Rio de Janeiro, June 3-14 1992) and resulted into the first standards for sustainable development. In 1993 the first

international NGO - Forest Stewardship Council (FSC)- was established. This board drew up an international certification scheme, developing standards and criteria for an adequate forest management.

In the meantime, PEFC Program for Endorsement of Forest Certifications schemes was set. PEFC program is different from FSC standards, but it does not conflict with them. Both certificates have a five years term-time; their renewal undergoes an in-depth surveillance visit and the on-going compliance with the standards must be verified all through the validity period.

### **Initiated practices:**

In 1996 Magnifica Comunità di Fiemme undertook a certification process according to FSC standards. A prior self-evaluation was carried out with the help of prof. Pettenella from Padua University; in June 1996 Oxford S.G.S. Forestry Qualifier Program committed Preliminary Project 6077 about MCF forest management certification. The rigorous assessment task ended on September 3rd, 1997 and certificate n. 755/6077/0071 was issued for a five years term-time. In 2002 the certificate was confirmed.

### **Results:**

FSC certificate was issued on July 28 2008 with number SGS-FM/COC-000071. Magnifica Comunità di Fiemme was the first forest owner in Italy and in the Alps to undertake the certification process according to FSC standards. PEFC certificate was issued on May 23, 2008 with number IT08/0490. In 2007 Magnifica Comunità di Fiemme appointed SGS Italy in order to obtain both certificates (FSC and PEFC) for its forest management and its chain of custody. Once again it was the first forest owner to reach this goal.

### **Recommendations:**

The company is one of the members of the consortium "Il legno di Fiemme" which was born to create, in addition to the preservation of forests of the Fiemme valley, a kind of certification that could represent a guarantee of quality.

### **Conclusions:**

A historical forest doubly certified.

### More information:

Magnifica Comunità di Fiemme also achieved chain-of-custody PEFC and FSC certificates, which vouch for the traceability of certified timber in all stages of production. Chain-of-custody certificates were also issued for Magnifica Comunità di Fiemme – Azienda Segagione Legnami S.p.A., the industrial company which belongs to Magnifica Comunità di Fiemme and which processes over 30.000 per year of certified timber and produces boards and FJ boards and panels.

### Keywords:

- X Forest
- X Processes