



Forest Management Certification Reassessment of Lindsay and Dixon Limited in Tuatapere, Southland, New Zealand 30 August 2023

Introduction - Preferred by Nature is conducting forest management and chain of custody certification reassessment of the Lindsay & Dixon Ltd located in Tuatapere, Southland, New Zealand. The reassessment will be implemented from 16 to 20 October 2023.

Scope of the Certification Reassessment – The forest management certification Reassessment will assess the environmental, silvicultural, and socioeconomic aspects of the forest managed by Lindsay & Dixon Ltd, using the NEPCON Interim Standard for Assessing Forest Management in New Zealand (August 2012); NEPCON Chain-of-Custody Standard for Forest Management Enterprises (12 September 2019), Chain of Custody Certification (FSC-STD-40-004 V3-1) and Requirements for use of the FSC® Trademarks by Certificate Holders (FSC-STD-50-001 V2-1). To obtain a copy of the applicable guidelines or to make comments about these standards, please contact Preferred by Nature by telephone, FAX, email or website listed below. Please note that the standard may be modified to take account of stakeholder comments. Preferred by Nature is accredited by the Forest Stewardship Council™ (FSC®). and this reassessment process must follow procedures which have been approved.

The forest under evaluation contains areas either identified as High Conservation Value Forests or where high conservation values, as defined by the FSC, are likely found. Preferred by Nature evaluates the identification, management and protection of these High Conservation Values and solicits related comments from stakeholders.

Reassessment Team Composition – The reassessment team will be led by Mr. Graeme Gillies from New Zealand.

Reassessment Steps and Schedule – Following is a short description of the certification process and a tentative agenda:

- ◆ Reassessment organization – Preferred by Nature team will assemble in Tuatapere, Southland, New Zealand on 15 October 2023.
- ◆ Field assessments – The team will visit sites managed by Lindsay & Dixon Ltd from 16 to 20 October 2023.
- ◆ Stakeholder consultation – Throughout the fieldwork, the team will contact local stakeholders regarding Lindsay & Dixon Ltd Forest management in villages surrounding the forest area. This will include private interviews and discussions, and public stakeholder meetings.
- ◆ Final assessment briefing – Prior to departure the team will meet with the managers and other parties to finalize their data collection and present preliminary findings.
- ◆ Draft report production – The reassessment team will produce a confidential draft report that will be circulated for comment to Lindsay & Dixon Ltd. This must be done before the first week of November.
- ◆ Certification decision – Upon receipt of comments on the draft report from Lindsay & Dixon Ltd Forest managers and other general stakeholder comments, Preferred by Nature will reach a certification decision. Barring unforeseen obstacles, this should occur before November 2023.



Your Input Sought – As a part of the forest certification reassessment process, we invite stakeholders to offer comment and feedback on Lindsay & Dixon Ltd Forest management in relation to conformance with the requirements of the forest management standard referenced above as well as comments on the FME's management and protection of High Conservation Values within the forest under evaluation. We welcome input, either public or confidential, in whatever form is easiest and most secure for you. Your input will be valuable at any stage of the reassessment process, but we would prefer to receive your comments either prior to the reassessment, during the reassessment, so that we can take them into consideration in reaching a recertification decision. Your options for communicating your observations to us are as follows.

1. Meet with a Preferred by Nature reassessment team member during or shortly after the fieldwork.
2. Call and give comments to Mr. Pratama Bagus Kurniaji, Preferred by Nature staff person responsible for coordinating this certification reassessment. If He is not in the office, please give your comments to either Mr. Ho Van Cu.
3. Submit written comments by mail, FAX or email to pkurniaji@preferredbynature.org. Unless you request otherwise, these comments will be kept confidential and are solely for the purposes of assessing Lindsay & Dixon Ltd.

The source of any information provided will be kept confidential available to only to FSC and Preferred by Nature staff.

Stakeholders who may wish to dispute any aspect of the forest certification process or decision can access Preferred by Nature's Dispute Resolution Policy at <https://preferredbynature.org/>

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