

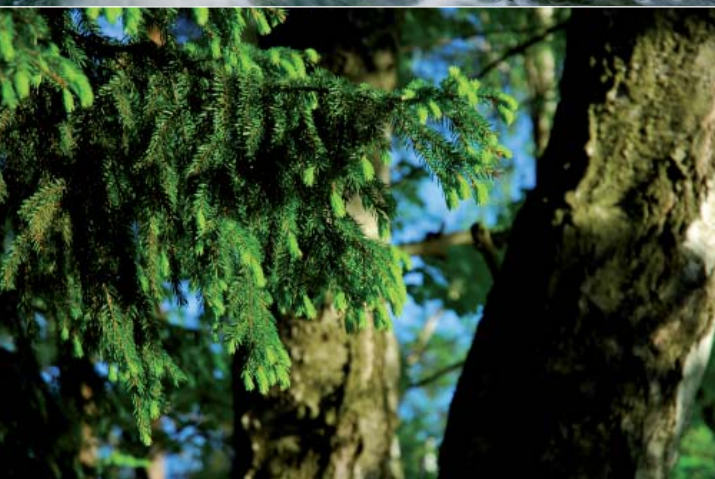


**Environmental policy**

Sveaskog's environmental policy includes using at least 20% of productive forest land to promote environmental consideration and nature conservation.

Environmental objectives and targets are drawn up for each forest region since natural values vary in the different forest landscapes. This is achieved by developing ecoparks, forming new nature reserves and by continued compliance with the Swedish Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) standards in all the company's forests.

Development of Sveaskog's ecoparks is one way of assuming responsibility for the unique forest landscape on the company's land. Ecoparks will comprise at least 5% of productive forest land where the extent and design of forestry will be determined by the special natural and cultural values of the area.



## **Sveaskog's environmental policy**

Sveaskog will set an example in the development of the sustainable use of the forest's various natural resources and work towards the realisation of Sweden's adopted environmental objectives. This includes maintaining the long-term production capacity of the forest, limiting the negative impact on water systems and protecting valuable cultural environments. The biodiversity of the forest landscape will be preserved and opportunities will be provided for people to enjoy the natural environment to the fullest extent.

## **Ecoparks**

Sveaskog will develop at least 5% of its productive forest land as prioritised landscape for nature conservation and recreational outdoor pursuits, ecoparks, in which forestry yield requirements will be adapted to specific nature conservation and cultural values.

## **Nature reserves**

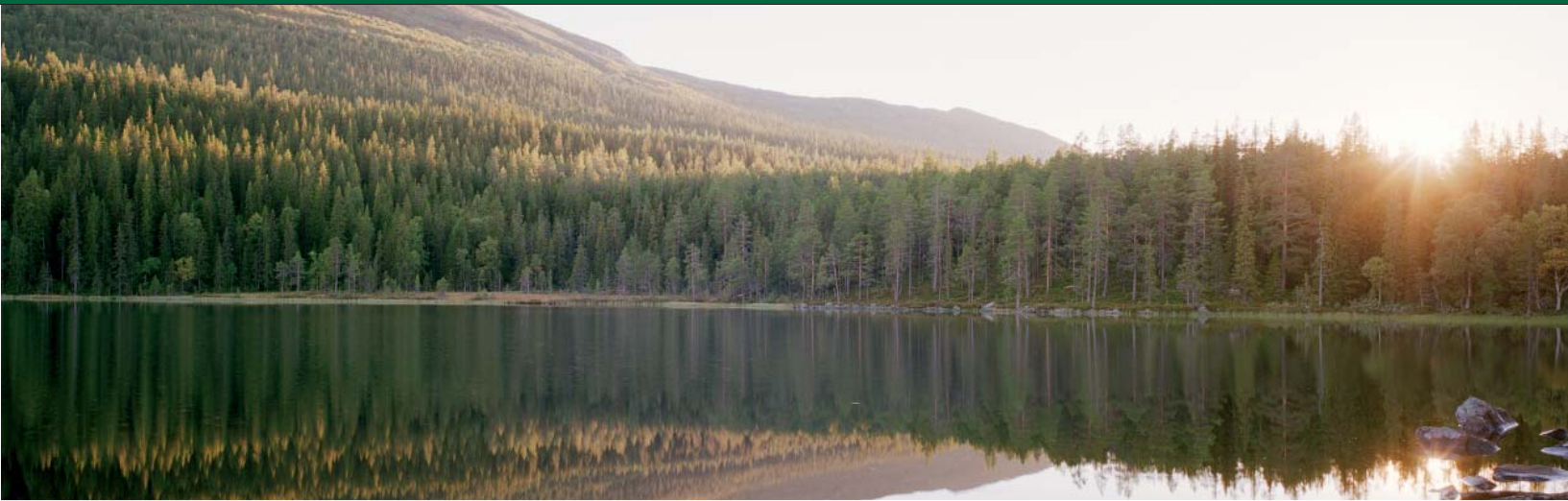
Together the relevant local authorities, Sveaskog will improve the efficiency of the formation of nature reserves on its own land and provide replacement land when nature reserves are formed on land owned by others. Sveaskog will have the necessary expertise and resources to manage its own nature reserves.

## **FSC\*-certified forestry**

All Sveaskog's forest holdings are certified in accordance with FSC\* standards in Sweden.

## **Nature conservation and consideration in each forest region**

Sveaskog uses with nature conservation at different levels, from the preservation of individual trees and areas deserving special consideration during felling, to setting aside large areas of the landscape. With our ecoparks and nature reserves, combined with consideration within FSC-certified forestry, the long-term objective is to achieve nature conservation areas covering 20% of productive forest land in each forest region. High natural values are prioritised in this work. The level of ambition for individual landscapes in each region varies considerably, depending on the starting point and natural



values. The sub-montane forest (above the so-called nature conservation divide or border for sub-montane forests) forms a separate region which is handled in a separate policy.

## **Environmental management system and training**

Compliance with current legislation is a minimum standard for all our environmental work. Operations must have environmental certification and the environmental management system plays a key role in the achievement of continual improvements. Employees and contractors are provided with relevant training to enable them to assume active environmental responsibility in their daily work.

## **Economising with resources and waste minimisation**

All our operations are characterised by economic use of resources using renewable resources as much as is reasonably possible, recycling residual products and minimising the volume of waste.

## **Environmentally benign processes**

Sveaskog will ensure that its processes and emissions are environmentally benign. This means that technology to increase closed systems and improve cleaning methods is applied as much as possible.

## **Transparency and co-operation**

Environmental measures carried out and their effect on the environment are followed up and reported openly. Sveaskog is a natural partner for research and development on forestry and nature conservation issues and has developed a dialogue with environmental organisations and other stakeholders.

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certification number: SGS-COC-0110.

FSC is an independent international organisation for certification of responsible forestry. The aim is that the forest should be managed in a responsible manner that is socially beneficial, environmentally appropriate and economically viable. FSC's logo on products represents independent certification of forestry and product manufacture according to FSC rules.





Sveaskog co-operates with WWF for promote conservation and sustainable management of the world's forests.

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