

OPTIONAL MODULES

SECTION 13





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SFI Inc. has developed a process for *SFI* to address emerging issues and new opportunities through modules. These include opportunities around small land certification, Indigenous land certification, community land certification, urban forestry certification, as well as modules for species at risk. Optional modules are developed by *SFI Inc.* and approved by the *SFI Inc.* Board of Directors. These modules will provide implementation assistance using case studies or optional certification requirements to address specific issues of benefit to *SFI*. Any modules developed prior to the next standard review process will be added in this section.

[SFI SMALL LANDS GROUP CERTIFICATION MODULE](#)

The *Sustainable Forestry Initiative* (SFI) and American Forest Foundation (AFF) collaboratively developed a small lands module that is based on the foundation of the *SFI 2022 Fiber Sourcing Standard* and incorporates the AFF Standards of Sustainability for Forest Management under the American Tree Farm System (“AFF Standards”). Lands certified through this module in the United States will be certified under the American Tree Farm System (ATFS) with the resultant fiber counted as *certified forest content* under the *SFI 2022 Chain-of-Custody Standard*. Lands certified in Canada to the *SFI Small Lands Group Certification Module* will be “SFI certified” and the resultant fiber also *certified forest content* under the *SFI 2022 Chain-of-Custody Standard*.

Due to the interdependence of the *SFI 2022 Fiber Sourcing Standard*, AFF 2021 Standards, and this *SFI Small Lands Group Certification Module*, revision to any of these standards will trigger a collaborative review and potential revision to the module as needed to ensure consistency and continual improvement.

[SFI INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AND FAMILIES MODULE](#)

The *SFI Indigenous Peoples and Families Module* (the module) applies to individual *small-scale forest properties* or *forest licenses* and to groups of small-scale forests co-operating for the purposes of obtaining *sustainable forest management* certification.

The module offers the managers of small-scale public forests, including those within the jurisdiction of Indigenous governments, and owners of small-scale private forests the opportunity to participate individually or within a *group certification organization*, to benefit from the economies of scale afforded by working with a group of small-scale forest owners and managers of forest licenses.

[SFI 2022 FIBER SOURCING STANDARD WITH SUPPLEMENTAL REQUIREMENTS TO SUPPORT EUDR COMPLIANCE MODULE](#)

This module applies to *Operators* or *Traders* as defined by the *European Union Deforestation Regulation (EUDR)*, and any *Certified Organization* that is a supplier to the operator and trader and needs to demonstrate compliance to the due diligence requirements of the EUDR.