WHAT IS THE SFI FOREST PARTNERS PROGRAM? The SFI Forest Partners Program is designed to flexibly meet the needs of forest managers, to help them certify to the SFI Small-Scale Module for Indigenous Peoples, Families and Communities by providing financial and in-kind support for audit readiness.

WHAT BENEFITS ARE AVAILABLE THROUGH SFI FOREST PARTNERS PROGRAM? Benefits can include, but are not limited to:

- Providing a paid consultant to conduct an initial certification gap assessment;
- Providing document templates for the audit evidence manual;
- Providing technical assistance for training and readiness review to ensure a successful certification process;
- Providing publicity and recognition to the participating Nation or organization; and,
- Waiving the first year’s SFI, Inc. dues.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR SFI FOREST PARTNERS PROGRAM FUNDING? Indigenous Nations or their business entities who own or manage forestlands under 20,000 hectares are eligible to access SFI Forest Partners Program funding.

HOW TO ACCESS THE SFI FOREST PARTNERS PROGRAM: Contact Paul Robitaille, SFI’s Manager of Indigenous and Youth Relations, for more information (Paul.Robitaille@sfiprogram.org).

WHAT THE SFI FOREST PARTNERS PROGRAM DOES NOT FUND: The SFI Forest Partners Program does not fund costs associated with SFI Certification Audits. This measure ensures transparency and independence for third-party certification auditors.

The SFI Small-Scale Module for Indigenous Peoples, Families and Communities enables all communities to access the many benefits of forest certification. The Module provides economies of scale for forests under 20,000 hectares while maintaining all the rigour of the SFI 2015-2019 Forest Management Standard.