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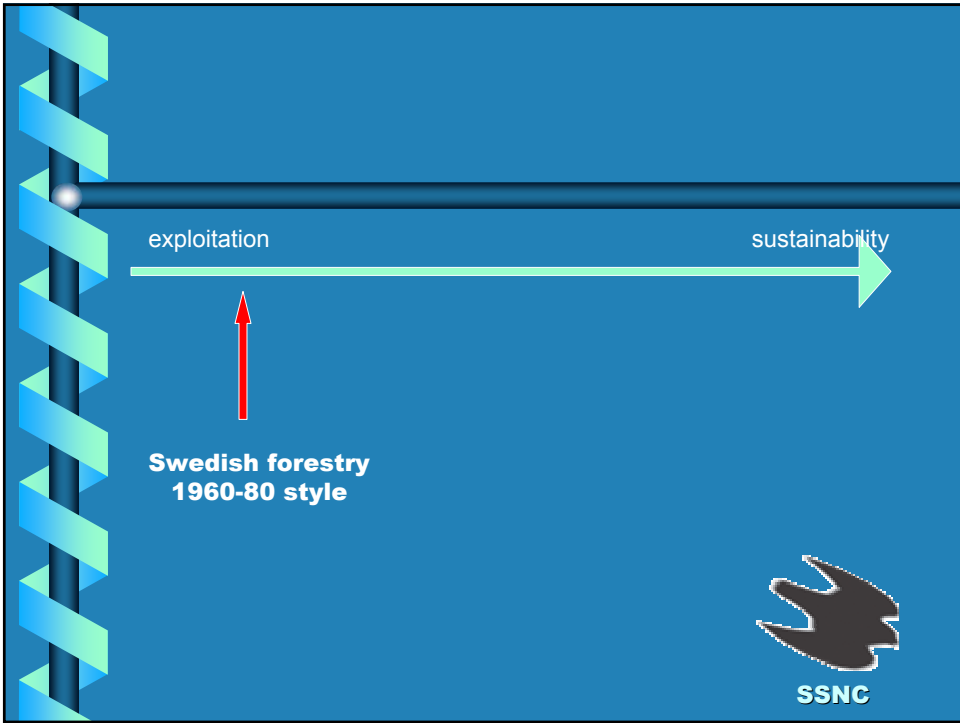
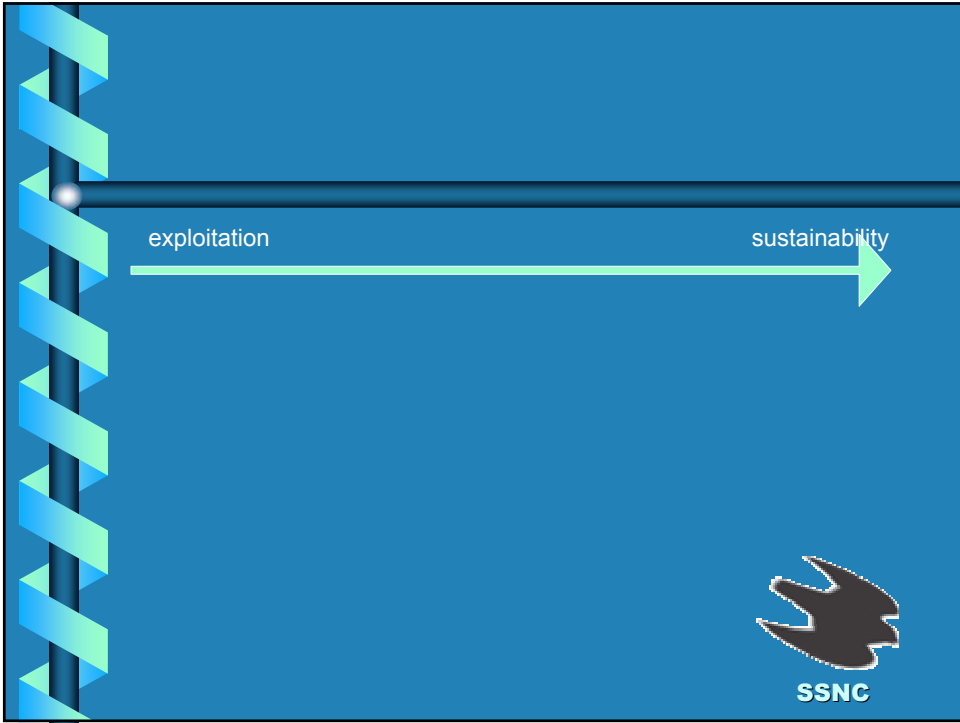


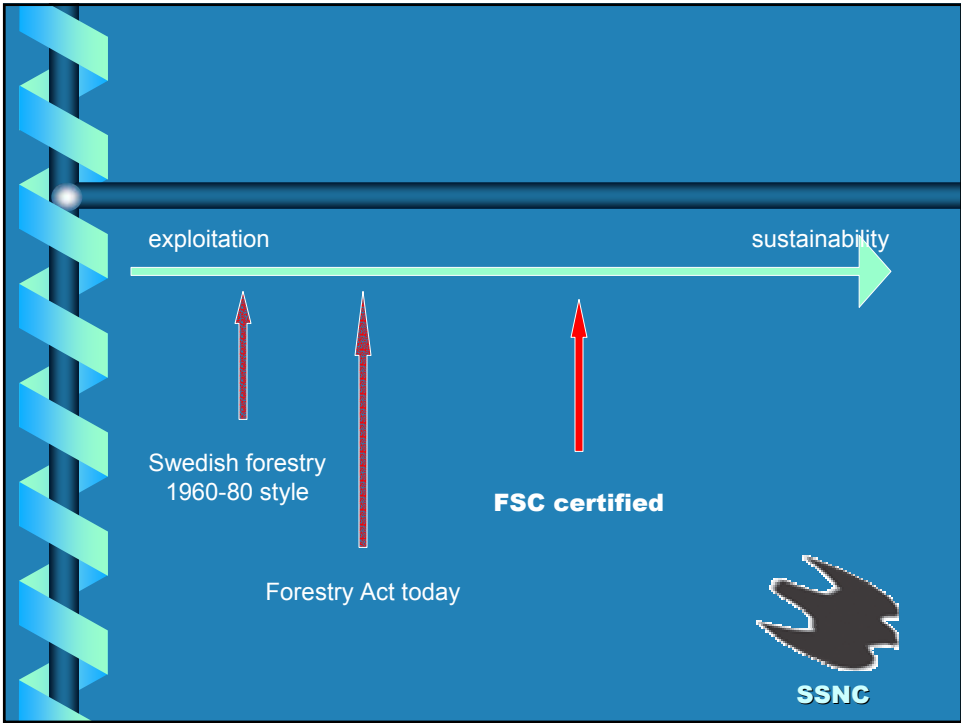
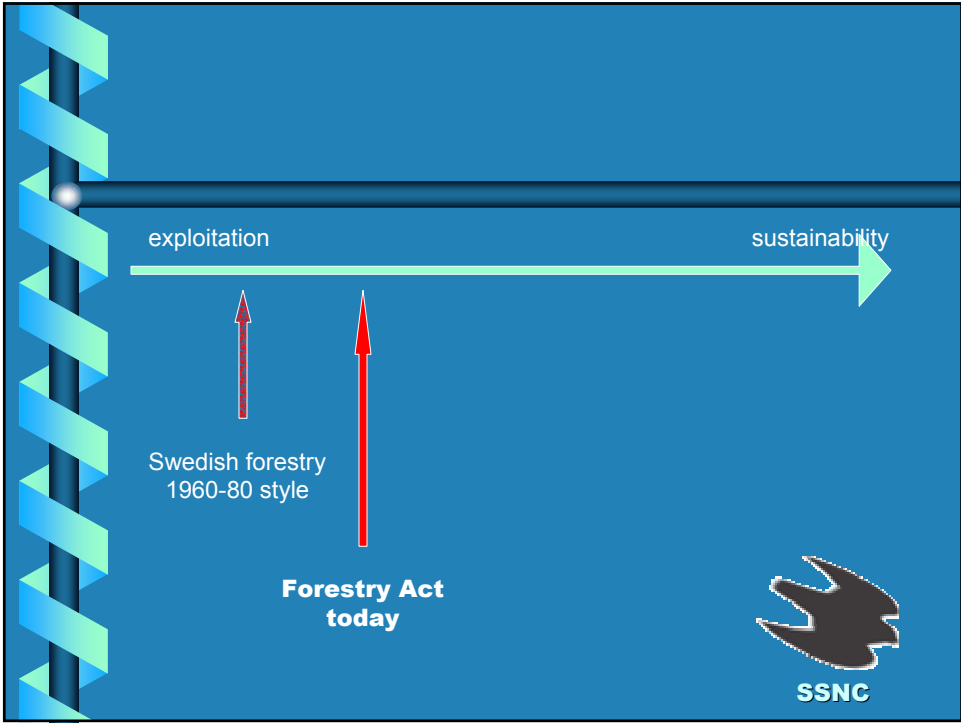
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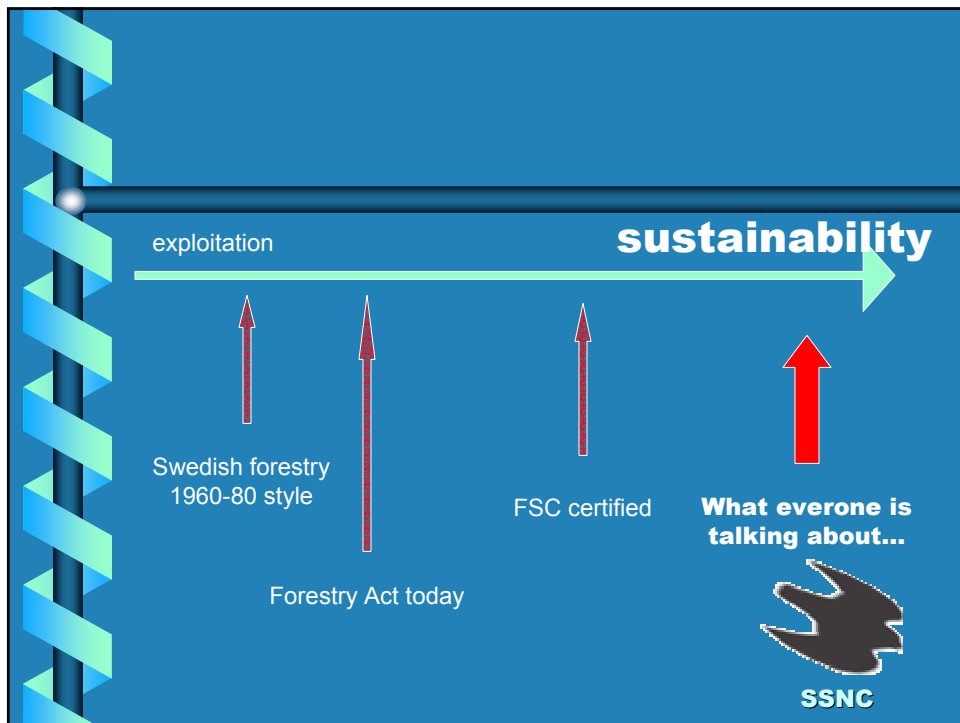
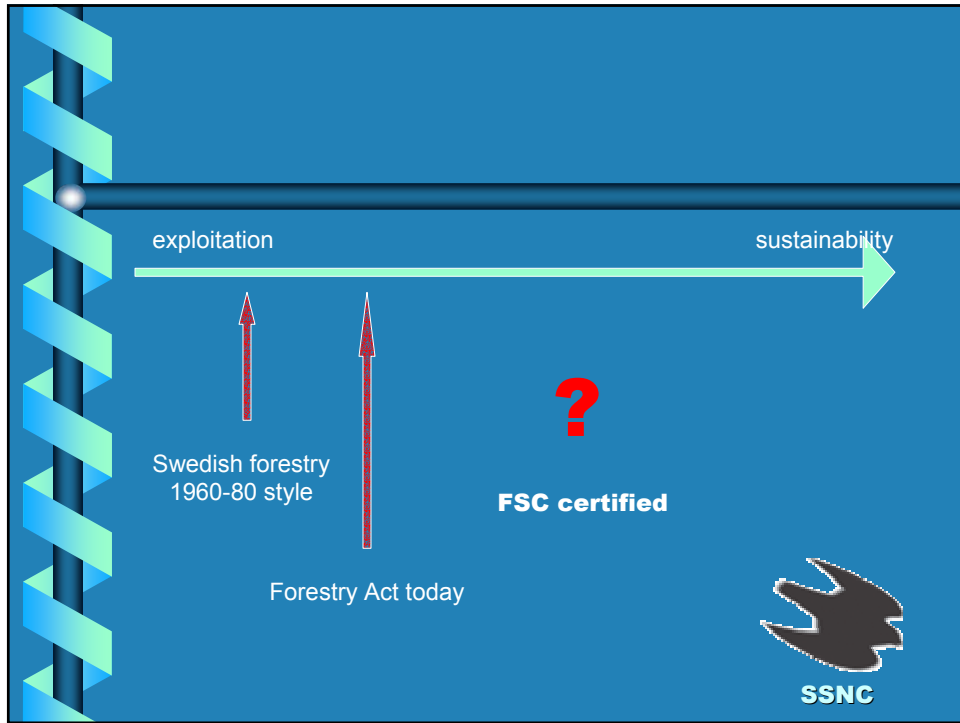
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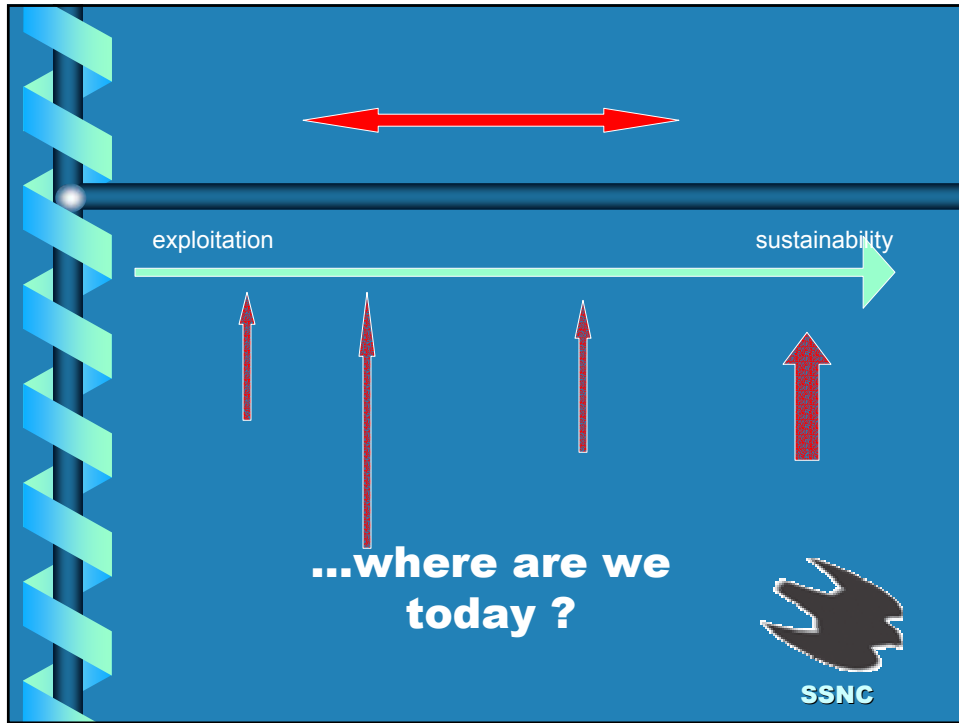
**”Forests in Sweden - severe
problems and possible solutions”**

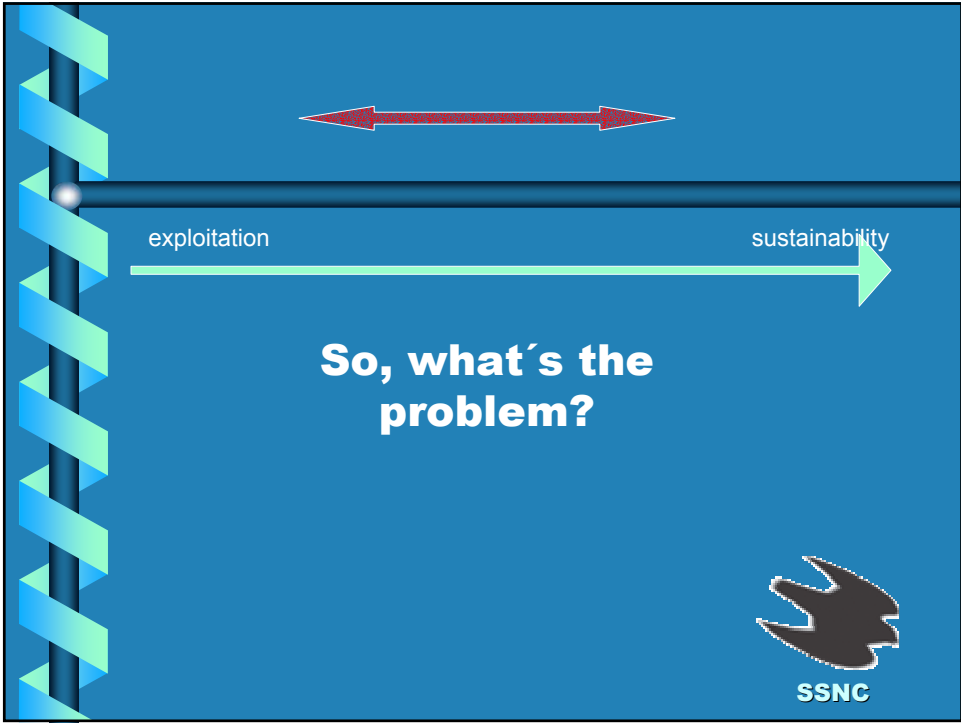












What the problem is...

Still only a tiny part of the Swedish forest is protected:

Total in Sweden ~ 4 %
- below mountain forest region ~ 1 %



What the problem is...

The biodiversity crises continues



What the problem is...

Forest dwelling species on the official Red Lists:

2101

(total number of forest species in Sweden appr. 20 000)



What the problem is...

There are increasing reports from SSNC local groups: old growth forest and other HCVF are being clearcut

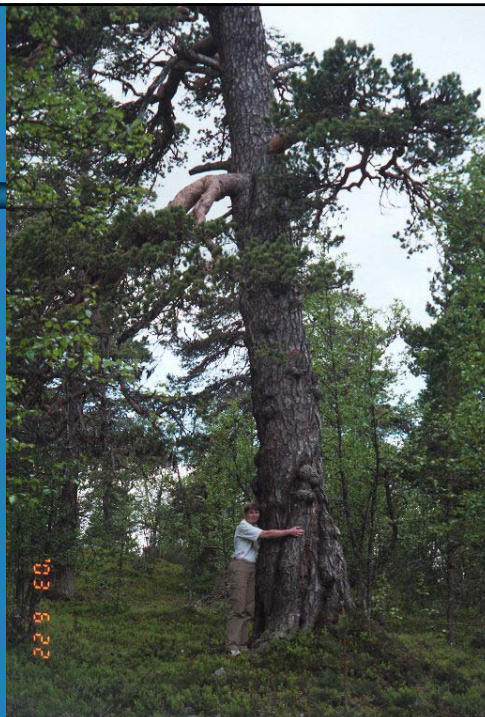
More than 400 recent examples, some of them are presented at SSNC's web site

<http://www.snf.se>



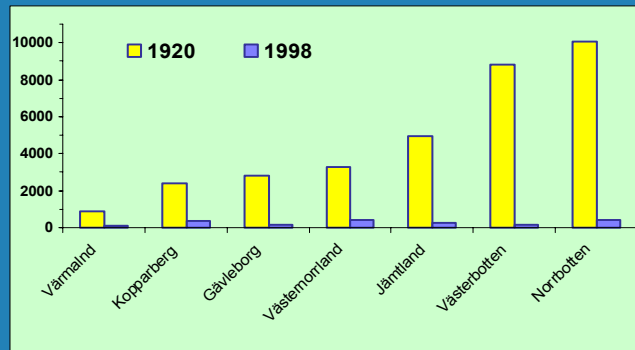
What the problem is...

The amount of old growth forest and other old forest of high conservation value (HCVF) is small and continuously decreasing

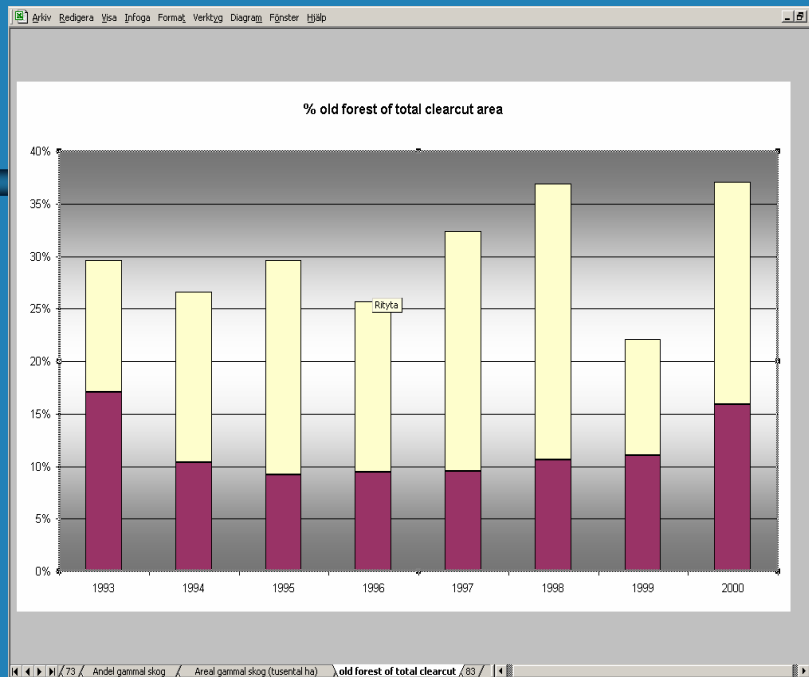


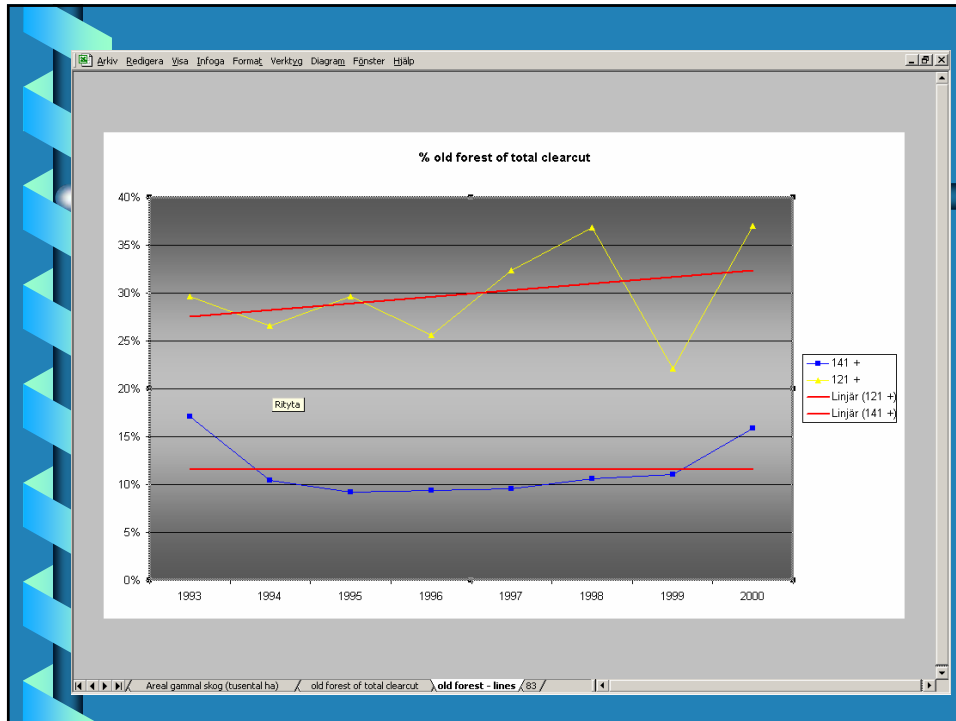
What the problem is...

Number of old trees (160+) per 10 000 ha



From Lars Östlund, Olle Zackrisson och Greger Hörnberg 2002





FSC certification – a possible solution?

- ✓ The Swedish FSC-standard was agreed upon 1997
- ✓ Today more than 40 % of the forest land is FSC-certified
- ✓ Standard (current and revision draft) and other documents on FSC in Sweden are available at

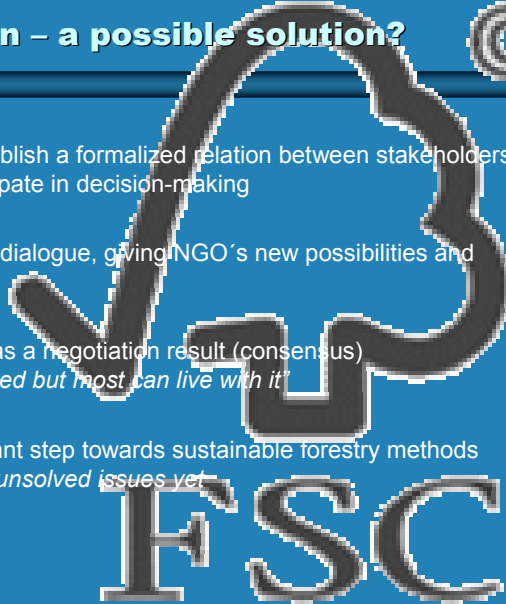
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FSC certification – a possible solution?



- ✓ New platform that establish a formalized relation between stakeholders, allowing them to participate in decision-making
- ✓ Innovative solution for dialogue, giving NGO's new possibilities and responsibilities
- ✓ Creates the standard as a negotiation result (consensus)
"No one is 100% satisfied but most can live with it"
- ✓ Represents an important step towards sustainable forestry methods
- but there are several unsolved issues yet



Urgent needs:

- ✓ **More nature reserves in all parts of Sweden and in all biotope types!**
- ✓ **Further improvement of forestry performance, e.g. the FSC standard!**
- ✓ **Stop logging old growth forest!**



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