

## FSC Forest Management Audit

### Public Summary Report

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| Audit Conducted By                | Bureau Veritas Certification Holding SAS<br>Le Triangle de l'Arche 8, Cours du Triangle,<br><br>La Défense Cedex<br><br>CS 90096 92937<br>France<br><br><a href="https://certification.bureauveritas.com/wood-scheme-certification-documents-and-standards">https://certification.bureauveritas.com/wood-scheme-certification-documents-and-standards</a> |
| Contact Person                    | Krzysztof Wypij   |
| Report last updated on            | 21 December 2022  |
| Certificate Holder                | Sydved AB<br>Barnarpsgatan 39F<br><br>Jönköping<br><br>553 33<br>Sweden<br><a href="http://www.sydved.se">www.sydved.se</a>   |
| Contact Person                    | Niklas Fogdestam  |
| Certified Forest Areas            | Southern Sweden   |
| FSC certificate registration code | BV-FM/COC-015573  |
| Certificate issue date            | 10 November 2019  |
| Certificate expiry date           | 09 November 2024  |
| Audit Sequence                    | Surveillance 3  |

This forest has been certified by Bureau Veritas Certification Holding SAS as meeting the requirements of FSC national forest standard FSC-STD-SWE-03-2019 EN.

## Certificate Holder and Certification Body Details

| Question  | Inputs  | Units | Validation |
|---|---|-------|------------|
| <b>Certificate Holder</b>                                 |   |       |            |
| 1.01 Certificate holder name *                            | Sydved AB   |       | OK         |
| 1.02.1 Street Address *                                   | Barnarpsgatan 39F   |       | OK         |
| 1.02.2 Address Line 2                                     |   |       |            |
| 1.02.3 City *   | Jönköping   |       | OK         |
| 1.02.4 State or Province                                  |   |       |            |
| 1.02.5 Postal Code  | 553 33  |       | OK         |
| 1.03 Country *  | Sweden  |       | OK         |
| 1.04 Contact person full name *                           | Niklas Fogdestam  |       | OK         |
| 1.05 Email *  | niklas.fogdestam@sydved.se  |       | OK         |
| 1.06 Telephone  | +46 70 5588 221   |       | OK         |
| 1.07 Website *  | www.sydved.se   |       | OK         |
| <b>Certificate Parameters</b>                             |   |       |            |
| 1.08 FSC license code *                                   | FSC-C015573   |       | OK         |
| 1.09 Certificate code *                                   | BV-FM/COC-015573  |       | OK         |
| 1.10 Former certificate code (if any)                     | DNV-FM/COC-000048   |       | OK         |
| 1.11 Certificate type *                                   | FM/COC  |       | OK         |
| 1.12 Group certificate *                                  | Yes   |       | OK         |
| 1.13.1 Initial certification date *                       | 2008-07-24  |       | OK         |
| 1.13.2 Most recent certification date *                   | 2019-11-10  |       | OK         |
| 1.13.3 Certificate expiry date *                          | 2024-11-09  |       | OK         |
| 1.14 Total number of MUs in the scope of certificate *    | 5   |       | OK         |
| 1.15 Total area certified *                               | 212737,00   | ha    | OK         |
| 1.16 Change of scope since previous audit *               | Yes   |       | OK         |
| 1.16.1 Nature of scope change                             | Change of area and addition of members  |       | OK         |
| 1.17 Ecosystem services (ES) in the scope *               | No  |       | OK         |
| 1.25 Name and/or location of the certified forest area(s) | Southern Sweden   |       | OK         |
| <b>Certification Body</b>                                 |   |       |            |
| 1.18 Certification body name *                            | Bureau Veritas Certification Holding SAS  |       | OK         |
| 1.19.1 Street Address *                                   | Le Triangle de l'Arche 8, Cours du Triangle,  |       | OK         |
| 1.19.2 Address Line 2                                     |   |       |            |
| 1.19.3 City *   | La Défense Cedex  |       | OK         |
| 1.19.4 State  |   |       |            |
| 1.19.5 Postal Code  | CS 90096 92937  |       | OK         |
| 1.20 Country *  | France  |       | OK         |
| 1.21 Contact person full name *                           | Krzysztof Wypij   |       | OK         |
| 1.22 Email *  | krzysztof.wypij@bureauveritas.com   |       | OK         |
| 1.23 Telephone  | +48 691 104 484   |       | OK         |
| 1.24 Website *  | <a href="https://certification.bureauveritas.com/wood-scheme-certification-documents-and-standards">https://certification.bureauveritas.com/wood-scheme-certification-documents-and-standards</a> |       | OK         |

## evaluation process

| Question  | Inputs  | Units | Validation |
|---|---|-------|------------|
| <b>Audit Parameters</b>   |   |       |            |
| 2.01 Audit type *   | Surveillance  |       | OK         |
| 2.01.1 Audit sequence   | Surveillance 3  |       | OK         |
| 2.02 Audit start date *   | 2022-10-03  |       | OK         |
| 2.16 First stakeholder consultation date for this audit   | 2022-02-21  |       | OK         |
| 2.03 Audit finish date *  | 2022-10-13  |       | OK         |
| 2.04 Total person days *  | 14,0  |       | OK         |
| 2.05 Date of report *   | 2022-12-21  |       | OK         |
| 2.06 Total area under evaluation *  | 212737,0  | ha    | OK         |
| <b>Normative Documents</b>  |   |       |            |
| <b>2.07 Evaluated international normative document(s)</b>   |   |       |            |
| 2.07.1 Trademark standard FSC-STD-50-001 *  | Yes   |       | OK         |
| 2.07.2 Group standard FSC-STD-30-005 *  | Yes   |       | OK         |
| 2.07.3 CoC standard FSC-STD-40-004 *  | No  |       | OK         |
| 2.07.4 ES procedure FSC-PRO-30-006 *  | No  |       | OK         |
| 2.07.5 Excision Policy FSC-POL-20-003 *   | No  |       | OK         |
| 2.07.6 Pesticides Policy FSC-POL-30-001 *   | No  |       | OK         |
| 2.07.7 Applicable NTFP Standard *   | No  |       | OK         |
| 2.07.8 CIP FSC PRO 30-011 *   | No  |       | OK         |
| 2.08 Code(s) of NFSS or INS used *  | FSC-STD-SWE-03-2019 EN  |       | OK         |
| 2.09 Web link to the standard used  | <a href="https://se.fsc.org/download-box.1373.htm">https://se.fsc.org/download-box.1373.htm</a> |       | OK         |
| 2.10 If applicable, the adaptation process of CB interim standard   |   |       |            |
| <b>2.17 Means of stakeholder engagement</b>   |   |       |            |
| 2.17.1 Face to face meetings  | Yes   |       | OK         |
| 2.17.2 Virtual meetings   | No  |       | OK         |
| 2.17.3 Contacted by phone   | No  |       | OK         |
| 2.17.4 Email, or letter   | Yes   |       | OK         |
| 2.17.5 Notice published in the national and/or local press  | No  |       | OK         |
| 2.17.6 Notice published on relevant websites  | No  |       | OK         |
| 2.17.7 Local radio announcements  | No  |       | OK         |
| 2.17.8 Local customary notice boards  | No  |       | OK         |
| 2.17.9 Social media broadcast   | No  |       | OK         |
| 2.17.10 Other, please specify Your input here   |   |       |            |
| <b>2.18 Stakeholder groups engaged in audit</b>   |   |       |            |
| 2.18.1 Economic interests   | Yes   |       | OK         |
| 2.18.2 Social interests   | Yes   |       | OK         |
| 2.18.3 Environmental interests  | Yes   |       | OK         |
| 2.18.4 FSC-accredited certification bodies active in the country  | Yes   |       | OK         |
| 2.18.5 National and state forest agencies   | No  |       | OK         |
| 2.18.6 Experts with expertise in controlled wood categories   | No  |       | OK         |
| 2.18.7 Research institutions and universities   | No  |       | OK         |
| 2.18.8 FSC regional offices, FSC network partners, registered standard development groups and NRA working groups in the region  | Yes   |       | OK         |
| 2.18.9 Forest workers, contractors  | Yes   |       | OK         |
| 2.18.10 Local communities, residents  | Yes   |       | OK         |
| 2.18.11 FME personnel   | Yes   |       | OK         |
| 2.18.12 Indigenous Peoples  | No  |       | OK         |
| 2.18.13 Other, please specify Your input here   |   |       |            |
| <b>Certification Decision</b>   |   |       |            |
| <b>2.20 Conditions (corrections of minor non-conformities) or pre-conditions (corrections of major non-conformities) associated with the certification decision</b>   |   |       |            |
| 2.20.1 No specific condition *  | No  |       | OK         |
| 2.20.2 Correction of minor NCRs issued within required timelines *  | Yes   |       | OK         |
| 2.20.3 Correction of major NCRs issued within required timelines *  | No  |       | OK         |
| 2.20.4 Correction of the pre-conditions to certification identified *   | No  |       | OK         |
| 2.20.5 Other  |   |       |            |
| <b>2.21 Lead auditor opinion</b>  |   |       |            |
| 2.21.1 The certificate holder's system of management, if implemented as described, is capable of ensuring that all of the requirements of the applicable standard(s) are met over the whole forest area covered by the scope of the evaluation. *         | Yes   |       | OK         |
| 2.21.2 The certificate holder has demonstrated, subject to correction of the identified non-conformities, that the described system of management is being implemented consistently over the whole forest area covered by the scope of the certificate. * | Yes   |       | OK         |

## evaluation process

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| <b>2.22 Auditor recommendation for the certificate holder's management system and performance</b>   |  |       |            |
| 2.22.1 A certificate can only be issued/reissued/maintained when all identified Major CARs are closed *   | No   |       | OK         |
| 2.22.2 The FM system of the evaluated enterprise does not comply with the provisions and standards of FSC. Due to the number of identified major non-compliances the auditors recommend the immediate suspension of the certificate * | No   |       | OK         |
| <b>2.23 Certification decision *</b>  |  |       |            |
|   | Maintain   |       | OK         |
| 2.24 Decision detail  | The Bureau Veritas Certification decides that the FSC FM group certificate of Sydved remains valid. The identified minor non-conformities shall be closed within the deadlines defined in the section 14 of this report. |       | OK         |
| 2.25 Decision date *  | 2023-04-27   |       | OK         |
| 2.26 Decision making entity *   | FSC FM HUB of Bureau Veritas Certification   |       | OK         |

# Personnel / audit team - Data on this sheet is confidential

| 3.01 Name * | 3.02 Role * | Person Days                  |                | Expertise       |                |                  |                    |                  | 3.06 Auditor UAN<br>(enter 0 if none) * | 3.07 Profile |
|-------------|-------------|------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------|---|--------------|
|             |             | 3.03 Prep / pre-evaluation * | 3.04 On-site * | 3.05.1 Forestry | 3.05.2 Ecology | 3.05.3 Sociology | 3.05.4 Environment | 3.05.5 Economics |   |              |













# Audit itinerary

|                           |            |                     |                 | Type of Site   |               |                      |                |                       |                               |                           |   |                      |                     |                                |              |                          |                        |                          |                                    |                               |            |    |
|---------------------------|------------|---------------------|-----------------|--|---------------|----------------------|----------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|---|----------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------|--------------|--------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------|----|
| 4.01 Audit Itinerary Item | 4.02 Hours | 4.03 MUs or members | 4.04 Activities | 4.05 Site detail   | 4.06.1 Office | 4.06.2 Seed orchards | 4.06.3 Nursery | 4.06.4 Protected area | 4.06.5 Production forest area | 4.06.6 Workers' amenities | 4.06.7 Areas used by local communities and Indigenous Peoples | 4.06.8 Water courses | 4.06.9 Forest roads | 4.06.10 Chemical storage sites | 4.06.11 HCYS | 4.06.12 Monitoring sites | 4.06.13 Logging trails | 4.06.14 Restoration area | 4.06.15 Pesticide application area | 4.06.16 Other, please specify | Validation |    |
|                           |            | #1                  | Field audit     | Finalised thinning. Done 2021. 53-year old pine stand. Precommercial thinning of the understory has been carried out prior to thinning. A significant part of the broadleaves have been removed during the pre-commercial thinning. Some of them for no obvious reason. All in all there is sufficiently broadleaves left after the harvesting but some of the smaller trees could have been left as they did not disturb the main stems. Pre-commercial thinning had also been made on a rocky small hill that in the end had not been thinned. This part could have been left unmanaged. |               |                      |                |                       | Yes                           |                           |   |                      |                     |                                |              |                          |                        |                          |                                    |                               |            | OK |
|                           |            | #2                  | Field audit     | The thinning in general as well as high stumps OK.   |               |                      |                |                       |                               |                           |   |                      |                     |                                |              |                          |                        |                          |                                    |                               |            | OK |
|                           |            | #3                  | Field audit     | 33 year old pine stand. Thinned in 2021. Looks OK. Sufficient share of broadleaves left.   |               |                      |                |                       | Yes                           |                           |   |                      |                     |                                |              |                          |                        |                          |                                    |                               |            | OK |
|                           |            | #4                  | Field audit     | Pre-commercial thinning made in set aside area. Stand with very varying structure. The part closest to the road is dominated by large pine and oak and a spruce understory. The spruce and broadleaf has been thinned.   |               |                      |                |                       | Yes                           |                           |   |                      |                     |                                |              |                          |                        |                          |                                    |                               |            | OK |
|                           |            | #5                  | Field audit     | The central part of the stand consists of dense young spruce and some older broadleaf. This part has been left unmanaged.  |               |                      |                |                       | Yes                           |                           |   |                      |                     |                                |              |                          |                        |                          |                                    |                               |            | OK |
|                           |            | #6                  | Field audit     | The third part of the stand is more moist and consists of uneven aged spruce and broadleaves with quite a lot of dead wood.  |               |                      |                |                       | Yes                           |                           |   |                      |                     |                                |              |                          |                        |                          |                                    |                               |            | OK |
|                           |            | #7                  | Field audit     | The whole stand is OK as set aside area.   |               |                      |                |                       | Yes                           |                           |   |                      |                     |                                |              |                          |                        |                          |                                    |                               |            | OK |
|                           |            | #8                  | Field audit     | Pre-commercial thinning conducted in 2021. Spruce and pine dominated young stand. The pine has been severely grazed by moose. Some of the dryer parts have almost no pine left due to the grazing.   |               |                      |                |                       | Yes                           |                           |   |                      |                     |                                |              |                          |                        |                          |                                    |                               |            | OK |
|                           |            | #9                  | Field audit     | Broadleaves have been left in the more moist areas.  |               |                      |                |                       | Yes                           |                           |   |                      |                     |                                |              |                          |                        |                          |                                    |                               |            | OK |
|                           |            | #10                 | Field audit     | Finalised final felling 2022. Very small logging. The spruce has been damaged by bark beetle. Only the spruce has been removed, large pine and birch has been left.  |               |                      |                |                       | Yes                           |                           |   |                      |                     |                                |              |                          |                        |                          |                                    |                               |            | OK |
| 2022-10-12                | 8,00       | X #1                |                 | Recently finalised large thinning in pine dominated stand with small hills. Groundwater area.  |               |                      |                |                       | Yes                           |                           |   |                      |                     |                                |              |                          |                        |                          |                                    |                               |            | OK |
|                           |            | #2                  |                 | Good example of well made crossing over small creek.   |               |                      |                |                       | Yes                           |                           |   |                      |                     |                                |              |                          |                        |                          |                                    |                               |            | OK |
|                           |            | #3                  |                 | Recently thinned older pine stand. Looks Ok  |               |                      |                |                       | Yes                           |                           |   |                      |                     |                                |              |                          |                        |                          |                                    |                               |            | OK |

# Audit itinerary

|                           |            |                     |                 | Type of Site  |               |                      |                |                       |                               |                           |   |                      |                     |                                |              |                          |                        |                          |                                    |                               |            |  |    |
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|                           |            |                     |                 | Ongoing final felling. Spruce dominated stand damaged by bark beetle. Harvesting ready, forwarding still ongoing. Sydveds own instructions are that open areas may be maximum 1 hectare. Almost all nature protection is concentrated to the lower part of the moist slope in the centre of the site. Collection of tops and branches (Grot) will be done. The dried small watercourse in the centre of the harvesting site has not been demarked during the planning of the site and no trees have been left to mark the watercourse. The watercourse has been crossed app 6 times during a 200 meters length. No measures have been taken to protect the watercourse (which was dry at the time of the logging). Non-conformity |               |                      |                |                       | Yes                           |                           |   |                      |                     |                                |              |                          |                        |                          |                                    |                               |            |  | OK |
|                           |            | #4                  |                 |   |               |                      |                |                       |                               |                           |   |                      |                     |                                |              |                          |                        |                          |                                    |                               |            |  | OK |
|                           |            |                     |                 | Finalised final felling of 58 year old spruce. Stand damaged by bark beetle. Exemption from Skogsstyrelsen. Nature conservation and high stumps OK  |               |                      |                |                       | Yes                           |                           |   |                      |                     |                                |              |                          |                        |                          |                                    |                               |            |  | OK |
|                           |            | #5                  |                 |   |               |                      |                |                       |                               |                           |   |                      |                     |                                |              |                          |                        |                          |                                    |                               |            |  | OK |
|                           |            |                     |                 | Finalised final felling of small stand. Mostly spruce and some pine and birch. Nature conservation concentrated to the edges of the site.   |               |                      |                |                       | Yes                           |                           |   |                      |                     |                                |              |                          |                        |                          |                                    |                               |            |  | OK |
|                           |            | #6                  |                 |   |               |                      |                |                       |                               |                           |   |                      |                     |                                |              |                          |                        |                          |                                    |                               |            |  | OK |
|                           |            |                     |                 | Thinned young pine stand. High biodiversity trees from the previous final felling are present on the stand.   |               |                      |                |                       | Yes                           |                           |   |                      |                     |                                |              |                          |                        |                          |                                    |                               |            |  | OK |
|                           |            | #7                  |                 |   |               |                      |                |                       |                               |                           |   |                      |                     |                                |              |                          |                        |                          |                                    |                               |            |  | OK |
|                           |            |                     |                 | Old pine stand (PG). Will probably be harvested within the coming 5 years.  |               |                      |                |                       | Yes                           |                           |   |                      |                     |                                |              |                          |                        |                          |                                    |                               |            |  | OK |
|                           |            | #8                  |                 |   |               |                      |                |                       |                               |                           |   |                      |                     |                                |              |                          |                        |                          |                                    |                               |            |  | OK |
|                           |            |                     |                 | Final felling made Feb-Apr 2022. Partly damaged by bark beetle. Nature conservation mainly concentrated to moist area. Looks good.  |               |                      |                |                       | Yes                           |                           |   |                      |                     |                                |              |                          |                        |                          |                                    |                               |            |  | OK |
|                           |            | X #1                |                 |   |               |                      |                |                       |                               |                           |   |                      |                     |                                |              |                          |                        |                          |                                    |                               |            |  | OK |
|                           |            |                     |                 | Small logging of bark beetle damaged spruce and pine stand. All spruce has been removed. Archaeological remains marked with so called cultural stumps.  |               |                      |                |                       | Yes                           |                           |   |                      |                     |                                |              |                          |                        |                          |                                    |                               |            |  | OK |
|                           |            | #2                  |                 |   |               |                      |                |                       |                               |                           |   |                      |                     |                                |              |                          |                        |                          |                                    |                               |            |  | OK |



## Forest management enterprise information

| Question   | Inputs  | Units |
|--|---|-------|
| <b>Forest Area</b>   |   |       |
| 5.02 Brief description of any area of forest over which the certificate holder has some responsibility, whether as owner (including shared or partial ownership), manager, consultant or other responsibility) which the certificate holder has chosen to exclude from the scope of the certificate, together with an explanation of the reason. | N/A   |       |
| <b>5.03 Area of forest owned/managed but excluded from MUs in the scope of certification</b>   |   |       |
| 5.03.1 According to FSC-POL-20-003 *   | 0   | ha    |
| 5.03.2 Other reasons *   | 0   | ha    |
| <b>5.19 Environmental safeguards relevant to forest operations</b>   |   |       |
| 5.19.1 buffer zone *   | Yes   |       |
| 5.19.2 chemical use control *  | No  |       |
| 5.19.3 conservation area set aside *   | Yes   |       |
| 5.19.4 erosion control *   | Yes   |       |
| 5.19.5 other, please specify   |   |       |
| 5.20 Description of environmental safeguards   |   |       |
| <b>5.23 Species selection and rationale</b>  |   |       |
| 5.23.1 fast growing *  | Yes   |       |
| 5.23.2 pest & disease resistant *  | No  |       |
| 5.23.3 climate change *  | Yes   |       |
| 5.23.4 other, please specify   |   |       |
| 5.25 Main changes in forest management implemented to comply with requirements for FSC certification   |   |       |
| 5.26 Main strengths and weaknesses with respect to the overall conformity with the Forest Stewardship Standard used for the evaluation   | The group is well organized and has local and trained RMU responsible staff that count for the FSC compliance of the forest owner. Internal audits are executed in a good and extensive manner that give reliability to the system and the findings are followed up systematically. A weakness is that in Sweden forest owners sell wood to other FSC groups and in that case the logging is done by another group, but responsible is still the committed Group manager. The possibility to control the process is in such a system problematic. |       |
| <b>Group Management</b>  |   |       |
| 5.27 Total number of group members *   | 2 625   |       |
| 5.28 Group members located in more than one country  | Yes   |       |
| 5.29 Maximum manageable number of group members  | 3 000   |       |
| 5.30 Number of members sampled annually by group entity  | 75  |       |
| <b>5.31 Sampling system implemented by the group entity</b>  |   |       |
| 5.31.1 stratified sampling   | No  |       |
| 5.31.2 cluster sampling  | Yes   |       |
| 5.31.3 random sampling   | Yes   |       |
| 5.31.4 systematic sampling   | Yes   |       |
| 5.31.5 other, please specify   |   |       |
| 5.32 Group entity's sampling system employed to select MUs for evaluation, and its implementation  | The RMU:s are all sampled each year. The sample is calculated per size class, risk based and how much time ago the forest owner was audited last time.  |       |
| <b>5.33 Responsibilities for implementation of the applicable standard(s) in the group</b>   |   |       |
| 5.33.1 Management planning   | Both  |       |
| 5.33.2 Forest protection   | Both  |       |
| 5.33.3 Silviculture  | Both  |       |
| 5.33.4 Harvesting  | Both  |       |
| 5.33.5 Sales & marketing   | Both  |       |
| 5.33.6 Use of trademark  | Group Manager   |       |
| 5.33.7 Stakeholder engagement  | Both  |       |

## st management enterprise information

| Question  | Inputs   | Units |
|---|--|-------|
| 5.33.8 Training   | Group Manager  |       |
| 5.33.9 Ecosystem services impacts   | Group Manager  |       |
| 5.34 Elaboration of responsibilities of group entity, members and contractors, include ecosystem services if applicable | The group manager is responsible for triaining, informing land owners of requirements and changes, for internal audits, for keeping up to date the forest managmeent plans of the landowners and for compliance of all management activities and for reporting internally and externally, for stakeholder engagement and answering to stakeholders in case needed. |       |



# Group members

| 6.01 Group member name * | 6.02 Public contact * | 6.03 Address * | 6.04 Email (if available) | 6.05 Sub-code (if applicable) | 6.06 Certified area | 6.06.1 Units | 6.07 SLIMF only MUs | Validation |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|----------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|--------------|---------------------|------------|
|--------------------------|-----------------------|----------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|--------------|---------------------|------------|

# Management Units - Data on

Area Units: ha

| 7.01 MU name *                  | 7.02 Forest zone * | 7.03 SLIMF type * | 7.04 Tenure-ownership * | 7.05 Tenure-management * | 7.06 Centroid Latitude * | 7.07 Centroid Longitude * | 7.08 Total production forest area * | 7.09 Total non-production forest area * | 7.10 Total area of MU * | 7.20 Group Member Managing * |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>Number of Valid Entries:</b> |                    |                   |                         |                          |                          |                           | <b>210 633,00</b>                   | <b>2 104,00</b>                         | <b>212 737,00</b>       |                              |
|                                 |                    |                   |                         |                          | <b>Area Totals</b>       |                           |                                     |   |                         |                              |

# Main commercial timber species included in scope of the certificate - Data on this sheet

| 8.01 Species *  | 8.02 Product code *   | 8.03 Trade name  | 8.04 Harvest planned in current calendar year * | 8.05 Remarks | 8.06 Sold with FSC Claim in previous calendar year * |
|---|-----------------------|------------------|---|--------------|--|
| Picea abies   | W1.1 Roundwood (logs) | Norwegian spruce |   |              |  |
| Acer platanoides  | W1.1 Roundwood (logs) | Maple            |   |              |  |
| Alnus glutinosa   | W1.1 Roundwood (logs) | Alder            |   |              |  |
| Fagus sylvatica L.                                      | W1.1 Roundwood (logs) | Beech            |   |              |  |
| Betula spp.   | W1.1 Roundwood (logs) | Birch            |   |              |  |
| Fraxinus excelsior                                      | W1.1 Roundwood (logs) | Ash              |   |              |  |
| Larix spp.  | W1.1 Roundwood (logs) | Larch            |   |              |  |
| Picea sitchensis  | W1.1 Roundwood (logs) | Silver Spruce    |   |              |  |
| Pinus sylvestris  | W1.1 Roundwood (logs) | Scots Pine       |   |              |  |
| Populus tremula   | W1.1 Roundwood (logs) | Aspen            |   |              |  |
| Pseudotsuga menziesii                                   | W1.1 Roundwood (logs) | Douglas Fir      |   |              |  |
| Quercus robur   | W1.1 Roundwood (logs) | Oak              |   |              |  |
| Tilia cordata Mill. = Winterlinde (Syn.: T. parvifolia) | W1.1 Roundwood (logs) | Lime             |   |              |  |
| Ulmus glabra  | W1.1 Roundwood (logs) | Elm              |   |              |  |
| Picea abies   | W1.2 Fuel wood        | Norwegian spruce |   |              |  |
| Acer platanoides  | W1.2 Fuel wood        | Maple            |   |              |  |
| Alnus glutinosa   | W1.2 Fuel wood        | Alder            |   |              |  |
| Fagus sylvatica L.                                      | W1.2 Fuel wood        | Beech            |   |              |  |
| Betula spp.   | W1.2 Fuel wood        | Birch            |   |              |  |
| Fraxinus excelsior                                      | W1.2 Fuel wood        | Ash              |   |              |  |
| Larix spp.  | W1.2 Fuel wood        | Larch            |   |              |  |
| Picea sitchensis  | W1.2 Fuel wood        | Silver Spruce    |   |              |  |
| Pinus sylvestris  | W1.2 Fuel wood        | Scots Pine       |   |              |  |
| Populus tremula   | W1.2 Fuel wood        | Aspen            |   |              |  |
| Pseudotsuga menziesii                                   | W1.2 Fuel wood        | Douglas Fir      |   |              |  |
| Quercus robur   | W1.2 Fuel wood        | Oak              |   |              |  |
| Tilia cordata Mill. = Winterlinde (Syn.: T. parvifolia) | W1.2 Fuel wood        | Lime             |   |              |  |
| Ulmus glabra  | W1.2 Fuel wood        | Elm              |   |              |  |
| Picea abies   | W1.3 Twigs            | Norwegian spruce |   |              |  |
| Acer platanoides  | W1.3 Twigs            | Maple            |   |              |  |
| Alnus glutinosa   | W1.3 Twigs            | Alder            |   |              |  |
| Fagus sylvatica L.                                      | W1.3 Twigs            | Beech            |   |              |  |
| Betula spp.   | W1.3 Twigs            | Birch            |   |              |  |
| Fraxinus excelsior                                      | W1.3 Twigs            | Ash              |   |              |  |
| Larix spp.  | W1.3 Twigs            | Larch            |   |              |  |

# Main commercial timber species included in scope of the certificate - Data on this sheet

| 8.01 Species *  | 8.02 Product code * | 8.03 Trade name | 8.04 Harvest planned in current calendar year * | 8.05 Remarks | 8.06 Sold with FSC Claim in previous calendar year * |
|---|---------------------|-----------------|---|--------------|--|
| Picea sitchensis  | W1.3 Twigs          | Silver Spruce   |   |              |  |
| Pinus sylvestris  | W1.3 Twigs          | Scots Pine      |   |              |  |
| Populus tremula   | W1.3 Twigs          | Aspen           |   |              |  |
| Pseudotsuga menziesii                                   | W1.3 Twigs          | Doglas Fir      |   |              |  |
| Quercus robur   | W1.3 Twigs          | Oak             |   |              |  |
| Tilia cordata Mill. = Winterlinde (Syn.: T. parvifolia) | W1.3 Twigs          | Lime            |   |              |  |
| Ulmus glabra  | W1.3 Twigs          | Elm             |   |              |  |
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# NTFP - non-timber forest products - Data on this sheet is confidential

| 9.01 Species * | 9.02 Product code of NTFP * | 9.03 Trade name | 9.04 Current annual harvest | 9.04.1 Units |
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# Pesticide use since previous audit/year - Data on this sheet is confidential

Pesticide Restrictions Data Last Updated

31.03.2021

| 10.01 Active ingredient * | 10.02 Restriction | 10.03 Applied area * | 10.03.1 Units * | 10.04 Reason for use * | 10.05 Quantity of ingredient * | 10.05.1 Units * | 10.06 Summary of ESRA * |
|---------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|-----------------|------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|
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## Stakeholder comment(s) - Data on this sheet is confidential

| 12.01 Stakeholder group | 12.02 Stakeholder description | 12.03 Stakeholder's comment  | 12.04 Notified before audit? | 12.05 Interviewed during this audit? | 12.06 CB's follow up                  | Validation |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------|--|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------|
| Social interests        | Forest workers                | The co-operation with Sydved is good. All workers are trained in FSC FM requirements. All interviewees were well aware of relevant procedures and requirements.  | No                           | Yes                                  | Positive feedback forwarded to Sydved | OK         |
| Economic interests      | Forest owners                 | Sydved is well considering and balancing both economic, environmental and social interests of the forest owners. Many good examples of enhancing nature and cultural values seen, e.g. building of wetland/ lake for birds and fish that is a great asset for recreation, hunting and for nature care. | Yes                          | Yes                                  | Positive feedback forwarded to Sydved | OK         |

## Complaint(s) received - Data on this sheet is confidential

| 13.01 Received date * | 13.02 First received by * | 13.03 Complainant * | 13.04 Complaint detail * | 13.05 Open/Closed * | 13.06 Actions * | 13.07 Close date * |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
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## Nonconformities/Observations raised - Data on this sheet is confidential

| 14.01 Unique Finding number * | 14.02 CB Non-conformity Ref | 14.03 Issue date * | 14.04 Due date * | 14.05 Close date * | 14.06 Grading * | 14.07 Open / Closed * | 14.08 Standard * | 14.09 Clause * | 14.10 Requirement *   | 14.11 Description of audit finding *   | 14.12 Corrective action taken by the auditee  | 14.13 CB's review of corrective actions   | Validation |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|------------------|----------------|---|--|---|---|------------|
| 1                             |                             | 2021-08-30         | 2022-09-08       | 2022-09-07         | Minor           | Closed                | NFSS             | 10.11.1        | Tops and branches of spruce, pine and birch can be extracted where the impacts on the productivity of the soil are limited, provided that at least 20 % of the tops and branches are retained.  | <p>On two visited logging sites it was concluded that too much wood residues had been removed.</p> <p>At member xxx, site Skirö: wood residues carefully taken out to the road in the second thinning of a pine stands, very little or no tops and branches left in the stand.</p> <p>At member xxx, site Källberg. It is doubtful whether enough tops and branches remained on site in the finalized final felling visited.</p>   | The responsible buyers have emphasized the importance of leaving at least 20% of the residues in discussions with the forest owners. In the normal cases and according to instructions, Sydved's machine operators use the tops and branches to drive on and avoid driving damages. Sydved's assessment is that we usually leave significantly more than 20% of the tops and branches. The issue has been raised in both Summary of natural value follow-ups, and in the Membership letter sent to FSC certified members of the group.  | The auditors examined compartments where energy wood had been taken out from the forest and all sites complied with the requirements. Tops and branches where left in sufficient amount on the site.  | OK         |
| 2                             |                             | 2021-08-30         | 2022-09-08       | 2022-09-07         | Minor           | Closed                | NFSS             | 4.5.2          | Engagement is carried out for areas identified in 4.5.1, in a timely manner, before the commencement of planned management activities   | <p>The engagements with neighbors and local stakeholders have not been properly documented and communicated within the organization and with the land owners in a couple of examples seen.</p> <p>Collaboration with a neighbor had been undone in practice before final felling. Attempts to contact had anyhow been made.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Landowner xxx, estate Ebbarp 1: 5, # 2</li> <li>- xxx, estate Stora Våring.</li> </ul> <p>Also good examples of consultations with stakeholders and neighbors seen in the audit for other sampled group members and FMUs.</p>   | In instruction "General consideration", Sydved has described it as following: "Show consideration for other interests such as hunting, berry and mushroom picking, outdoor life, orientation and more when planning and implementation of measures in the forest. When harvesting in important areas for recreation and local housing, consultation with the interests concerned must be made and reasonable consideration to those concerned. It is often appreciated by the public if you inform about what will happen in the forest". The wood purchasers have the opportunity to document consultations in the system SKIA or in the Planning Directive. In internal audit 2022 focus was on social values, how they have been identified and described in the forest management plans. Social values have also been better described in the new certification agreements. | Many good examples of consultation with neighbours where noted in the audit and documentation was available. The NC can be closed.  | OK         |
| 3                             |                             | 2021-08-30         | 2022-09-08       | 2022-09-07         | Minor           | Closed                | NFSS             | 6.2.1          | A conservation value assessment is conducted and documented as part of the site planning, generally when the ground is free from snow cover, prior to regeneration felling, final thinning and forest road construction   | <p>Conservation value assessments are not always done prior to regeneration felling, final thinning and forest road construction. There is a possibility to perform it and a tool in place but in practice if there are clear values or the forest is very trivial, the CVA documentation is not always found.</p> <p>This is considered a minor nonconformity because the standard is still under implementation in the organization and there are no evident cases where this lack would have lead to logging of valuable habitats. The question is more about lacking formal procedure in those cases where the organization has not identified the need for conservation value assessment.</p> <p>Evidence of site visited in audit where values were not documented but values also were not found:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- xxx 1:4 # 105, Åminne 3:2 # 214</li> </ul> <p>Evidence of protected sites where values were present but CVA had not been made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- xxx 2:8, # 92, 94</li> </ul> | In the spring of 2022, Sydved has trained all buyers and area managers in SYN Conservation Value Assessment and PanCert's Conservation Value Assessment form is in use now. Sydved has also hired a forester student from Germany who is testing PanCert's model for active measures in NS stands (stands where measures are designed to enhance values).   | At least ten different buyers where interviewed during the audit. All of them showed knowledge of the new CVA tool. If there is not a fresh forest management plan, the CVA must be done and if any nature values are found it must also be done. The tool was tested and is functioning well and gives correct result for the decision making concerning valuable sites. | OK         |
| 2022-C015573-1                |                             | 2022-11-21         | 2023-11-20       |                    | Minor           | Open                  | NFSS             | 1.3.1.         | Management activities are carried out in compliance with applicable laws and regulations (Annex 1).   | Applicable regulations have not been followed during soil preparation in an ancient remains area. Decision from Skogsstyrelsen 20-04-2022. Internal NC in system SKIA 20042022 recorded. Soil preparation has taken place in the area of ancient remains. The authority decision states that you must drive 50 meters from this specific grave, but soil preparation had been done 10 meters away. Fine issued.  |   |   | OK         |
| 2022-C015573-2                |                             | 2022-11-21         | 2023-11-20       |                    | Minor           | Open                  | NFSS             | 4.6.2.         | There is a documented and publicly available general description of how The Organization handles opinions and complaints.   | There was no complaint procedure on the website. This was a complaint from a stakeholder. After correction there is a procedure, but the word complaint was not mentioned in it.<br><a href="https://www.sydved.se/aga-och-bruka-skog/balans-produktion-och-miljo/certifikat-och-rapporter">https://www.sydved.se/aga-och-bruka-skog/balans-produktion-och-miljo/certifikat-och-rapporter</a>  |   |   | OK         |
| 2022-C015573-3                |                             | 2022-11-21         | 2023-11-20       |                    | Minor           | Open                  | NFSS             | 4.6.1.         | 4.6.1 Inquiries, opinions and complaints are handled systematically and in a credible way in relation to the stakeholder. DIRECTIVES 4.6.1: The management of inquiries, opinions and complaints is adapted in proportion to scale, intensity and risk. A systematic and credible management of complaints includes:<br>a) publicly available contact details for conveying inquiries, opinions and complaints to The Organization,<br>b) confirmation of receipt and information about how and when the matter will be handled,<br>c) that planned and implemented measures are communicated,<br>d) that an internal timeframe is in place for handling and implementing b and c,<br>e) that the communication method is adapted to the stakeholder. | Stakeholder comment "Logging A74213-2021 Runtorp 1:4". The stakeholder has not received a response within 2 months in accordance with Sydved's "Communication Procedure".  |   |   | OK         |

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| 2022-C015573-4                |                             | 2022-11-21         | 2023-11-20       |                    | Minor           | Open                  | NFSS             | 7.5.1.         | <p>A summary of the management plan, including maps and excluding confidential information, is made publicly available at no cost and in an easily accessible format. DIRECTIVES 7.5.1:</p> <p>1. For forest owners with landholdings of more than 50 000 hectares of productive forest land, the following information is made available on a website. For forest owners with landholdings of between 5 000 to 50 000 hectares of productive forest land, the following information can be made available upon request, digitally or as a physical copy.</p> <p>A. An overall description of the Ecological Landscape Plan, as per 6.8.1, including:</p> <p>a) a map of landscapes, including set aside areas and Woodland Key Habitats,</p> <p>b) a description of how the landscape division is done,</p> <p>c) the size of the landscapes,</p> <p>d) areas prioritized for nature conservation within the landscapes, including considerations taken for High Conservation Values (HCVs).</p>  | Ecological landscape plan for a large landowner in RMU Region Syd has not been made available upon request. The inquiry regarding a large forest owner has been received on 30.8.2022. Reminder of the request has been received on 6.9.2022. All information regarding the relevant landscapes have not been received by the group manager from the landowner and no information has been delivered to the stakeholder.  |  |   | OK         |
| 2022-C015573-5                |                             | 2022-11-21         | 2023-11-20       |                    | Minor           | Open                  | NFSS             | 9.1.1.         | <p>9.1.1 The occurrence and status of the following High Conservation Values within the landholding are identified and documented:</p> <p>a) forest areas of national interest for nature conservation or forest areas of recognized nation-wide significance:</p> <p>1. with a concentration of Woodland Key Habitats, and/or; 2. with a concentration of threatened species (VU, EN, CR); (HCV 1, HCV 3).</p> <p>b) subalpine forests of category 1 and 2, at altitudes above the nature conservation boundary, see 9.3.4, as well as Intact Forest Landscapes (IFLs) (HCV 2).</p> <p>c) defined water protection areas (HCV 4, HCV 5).</p> <p>d) wetlands of national and international significance (class 1 areas from the Swedish national wetland inventory, the Swedish Mire Protection Plan, and Ramsar sites) (HCV 1, HCV 2, HCV 3).</p> <p>e) water environments of particular national value (HCV 1, HCV 3).</p> <p>f) Natura 2000 areas, nature reserves, and cultural reserves (HCV 1, HCV 2).</p> <p>g) sites of special significance for the Sami, such as old settlements and other Sami cultural remains, work corrals, and culturally important paths (HCV 5, HCV 6).</p> <p>h) registered archaeological monuments and cultural remains of nation-wide interest (HCV 6).</p> | Certain categories of HCVF have not been identified in the procedures or management planning system of the group manager as HCVF. No such forest have been harmed anyhow and therefor this is a minor NC connected to identification and documentation. These are a) forest areas of national interest for nature conservation or forest areas of recognized nation-wide significance; d) wetlands of national and international significance; e) water environments of particular national value and f) cultural reserves. |  |   | OK         |
| 2022-C015573-6                |                             | 2022-11-21         | 2023-11-20       |                    | Minor           | Open                  | NFSS             | 10.12.1.       | <p>Harmful emissions of chemicals, fuel, oils and non-organic waste are minimized through preventative measures and choice of chemical products.</p>   | Oil clean-up kits were missing in two harvesters that were examined during the audit in RMU Region Öst.   |  |   | OK         |
| 2022-C015573-7                |                             | 2022-11-21         | 2023-11-20       |                    | Minor           | Open                  | NFSS             | 6.7.6.         | <p>Soil damage is prevented when management activities are carried out.</p>  | Soil damage has not been prevented at one over 1000 ha member in RMU Öst. When planning and carrying out final felling, the (currently) dried-up small watercourse has not been sufficiently taken into account. On large parts of the route, all forest and undergrowth has been felled. The waterway has been crossed 6 times, most of which were completely unnecessary. This case seen was a single case and there for this is a minor non-conformity.  |  |   | OK         |
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|         | <b>P1</b> | <b>The Organization shall comply with all applicable laws, regulations and nationally- ratified international treaties, conventions and agreements.</b>   | <b>0</b>       |   |
|         | C1.02     | The Organization shall demonstrate that the legal status of the Management Unit, including tenure and use rights, and its boundaries, are clearly defined.  | 0              | There are contracts between group members and company<br>New members are controlled, the cadastral registry is checked every time there is any change to properties. Boundaries towards neighbouring estates checked in field.  |
|         | C1.03     | The Organization shall have legal rights to operate in the Management Unit, which fit the legal status of The Organization and of the Management Unit, and shall comply with the associated legal obligations in applicable national and local laws and regulations and administrative requirements. The legal rights shall provide for harvest of products and/or supply of ecosystem services from within the Management Unit. The Organization shall pay the legally prescribed charges associated with such rights and obligations. | 1              | 1 minor NC identified.  |
|         | C1.04     | The Organization shall develop and implement measures, and/or shall engage with regulatory agencies, to systematically protect the Management Unit from unauthorized or illegal resource use, settlement and other illegal activities.  | 0              | Interviews with forest owners and field observations confirmed that the requirement is met. Members have reported to the police of illegal garbage dumping e.g.   |
|         | C1.06     | The Organization shall identify, prevent and resolve disputes over issues of statutory or customary law, which can be settled out of court in a timely manner, through engagement with affected stakeholders.   | 0              | The handling of legal disputes is covered in the procedures. No illegal disputes have occurred nor noted at the visited members.  |
|         | C1.08     | The Organization shall demonstrate a long-term commitment to adhere to the FSC Principles and Criteria in the Management Unit, and to related FSC Policies and Standards. A statement of this commitment shall be contained in a publicly available document made freely available.   | 0              | The commitment to FSC is expressed through the environmental policy of the company and it is available on request.<br>All checked forest owners have all their forest estates covered by the certificate.<br>The official part of the forest management plan include a forest owners commitment to live up to the FSC requirements.   |
|         | <b>P2</b> | <b>The Organization shall maintain or enhance the social and economic wellbeing of workers.</b>   | <b>0</b>       |   |
|         | C2.03     | The Organization shall implement health and safety practices to protect workers from occupational safety and health hazards. These practices shall, proportionate to scale, intensity and risk of management activities, meet or exceed the recommendations of the ILO Code of Practice on Safety and Health in Forestry Work.  | 0              | The Swedish Work Environment Authority's provisions on Systematic Work Environment Management is required. Interviews with Sydved staff and contractors' employees confirmed that the requirements are applied. All employees have access to healthcare through occupational health service according to contracts. Verified through document review and interview with workers. There have not been any comments from the unions regarding health and safety issues. All employees have the right to organize. The employment form in general is permanent employment unless otherwise agreed upon.<br>Negotiations on salary and work conditions are made according to collective agreements.<br>Interview with logging machine drives. Social requirements in order. Health and safety equipment well in place. Occupational health service is in place. Discussion on the requirement to have a "staff cabin". The worker considers this totally non relevant in this geography and only a burden as it can be stolen or vandalized. This is not needed as the home of workers is not far away in this geography. It also takes lots of space when parking and often additional forest needs to be cleared to make room for it. Auditor considers it unreasonable to force entrepreneurs to have it because of listed reasons and considers that the requirement can be interpreted so that it is not compulsory. |
|         | C2.04     | The Organization shall pay wages that meet or exceed minimum forest industry standards or other recognized forest industry wage agreements or living wages, where these are higher than the legal minimum wages. When none of these exist, The Organization shall through engagement with workers develop mechanisms for determining living wages.  | 0              | The employment form in general is permanent employment unless otherwise agreed upon. Negotiations on salary and work conditions are made according to collective agreements. Workers are aware of their rights and obligations that apply for the work.   |
|         | <b>P3</b> | <b>The Organization shall identify and uphold Indigenous Peoples' legal and customary rights of ownership, use and management of land, territories and resources affected by management activities.</b>   | <b>0</b>       |   |
|         | <b>P4</b> | <b>The Organization shall contribute to maintaining or enhancing the social and economic wellbeing of local communities.</b>  | <b>0</b>       |   |
|         | C4.04     | The Organization shall implement additional activities, through engagement with local communities, that contribute to their social and economic development, proportionate to the scale, intensity and socio-economic impact of its management activities.  | 0              | In Sweden there is a custom right called "Everyman's rights" common use right for all people. Granting right of access and permission to pick berries and mushrooms, as long as one does not cause any damage on the ground or living plants and trees. Group members usually rent out hunting rights to local hunting associations.<br>Both forest owners and company staffs are well aware of the potential of the forests to produce benefits and resources such as outdoors recreation, hunting and fishing.<br>Recreational values are taken into account in the forest management plans. There is a general instruction implemented to maintain accessibility and avoid damage to frequently used paths.<br>Forest roads are kept open and accessible   |

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|         | C4.05     | The Organization, through engagement with local communities, shall take action to identify, avoid and mitigate significant negative social, environmental and economic impacts of its management activities on affected communities. The action taken shall be proportionate to the scale, intensity and risk of those activities and negative impacts.   | 0              | Recreational values are taken into account in the forest management plans. There is a general instruction implemented to maintain accessibility and avoid damage to frequently used paths.<br>During the audit several good examples of consultation with neighbors were noted.<br>Path and recreational values had been well considered at several of audited members   |
|         | C4.06     | The Organization, through engagement with local communities, shall have mechanisms for resolving grievances and providing fair compensation to local communities and individuals with regard to the impacts of management activities of The Organization.   | 2              | There is a procedure for handling complaints and comments, but one stakeholder was not replied to in time and the procedure has not been publicly available. Two minor Non-conformities identified.  |
|         | <b>P5</b> | <b>The Organization shall efficiently manage the range of multiple products and services of the Management Unit to maintain or enhance long term economic viability and the range of environmental and social benefits.</b>   | <b>0</b>       |  |
|         | C5.01     | The Organization shall identify, produce, or enable the production of, diversified benefits and/or products, based on the range of resources and ecosystem services existing in the Management Unit in order to strengthen and diversify the local economy proportionate to the scale and intensity of management activities.   | 0              | The long term productivity of the forest resources is secured through following the forest management plan.  |
|         | C5.02     | The Organization shall normally harvest products and services from the Management Unit at or below a level which can be permanently sustained.  | 0              | Forest management plans are established for the group members at least every 10 years. Forest owners are not required to implement all activities suggested in the plans. All forests visited during the audit have been managed more or less according to the applicable plans.<br>The forests are divided into 10-year age-classes in the plan. The standing volume and growth for the next 10 years are analyzed in the plans The age distribution differs depending of historical use of the forests. Severe damages by bark beetle in spruce forests have forced many forest owners to clear-cut more areas than planned.<br>Levels of timber harvested are long-term sustainable through compliance with the forest management plans of the properties. There are yield calculations in the plans. |
|         | C5.03     | The Organization shall demonstrate that the positive and negative externalities of operation are included in the management plan.   | 0              | The group manager and the forest owners are well aware of the potential of the forests to produce benefits and resources such as outdoors recreation, hunting and fishing. Recreational values are taken into account in the forest management plan.   |
|         | C5.04     | The Organization shall use local processing, local services, and local value adding to meet the requirements of The Organization where these are available, proportionate to scale, intensity and risk. If these are not locally available, The Organization shall make reasonable attempts to help establish these services.   | 0              | The forests are primarily managed for production of saw logs and pulpwood that are sold locally. Tops and branches are gathered for bio-fuel where there is a market for bio-fuel and where this can be done without negative impact on the long-term production. Entrepreneurs met in the audit were all local companies and local residents.   |
|         | C5.05     | The Organization shall demonstrate through its planning and expenditures proportionate to scale, intensity and risk, its commitment to long-term economic viability.  | 0              | The forest management plans were well implemented for all audited group members.   |
|         | C5.06     |   | 0              |  |
|         | <b>P6</b> | <b>The Organization shall maintain, conserve and/or restore ecosystem services and environmental values of the Management Unit, and shall avoid, repair or mitigate negative environmental impacts.</b>   | <b>0</b>       |  |
|         | C6.01     | The Organization shall assess environmental values in the Management Unit and those values outside the Management Unit potentially affected by management activities. This assessment shall be undertaken with a level of detail, scale and frequency that is proportionate to the scale, intensity and risk of management activities, and is sufficient for the purpose of deciding the necessary conservation measures, and for detecting and monitoring possible negative impacts of those activities. | 0              | Forest management plans take account of regional biodiversity action plans and in accordance with the character of the property in the sense that broadleaved habitats are identified for possible conservation purposes.<br>Environmental values are assessed in the development of forest management plans. If this is not in place there are procedures to identify environmental values at stand level prior to any major forest management activities.<br>The direct impacts of forest operations such as harvesting are checked and mitigated through the pre- and post-operational checks that are in place and implemented.  |
|         | C6.02     | Prior to the start of site-disturbing activities, The Organization shall identify and assess the scale, intensity and risk of potential impacts of management activities on the identified environmental values.  | 0              | The analysis of nature values is done mainly in connection to the establishment of a management plan, that is done every 10 years. A nature value assessment methodology and application is available and in use. The purchase foremen were well aware of the procedures for using the application in case of any high nature values suspected in field.   |



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|         | C6.03 | The Organization shall identify and implement effective actions to prevent negative impacts of management activities on the environmental values, and to mitigate and repair those that occur, proportionate to the scale, intensity and risk of these impacts.  | 0              | Environmental values are assessed in the development of forest management plans. If this is not in place there are procedures to identify environmental values at stand level prior to any major forest management activities.<br>Forest management measures are adapted to site conditions. These measures are presented in the plan.<br>Structures such as older and dead trees are left in both thinning and final harvest and fresh dead wood of all common tree species are created.<br>Conservation areas, edge zones or groups of trees are left to avoid large clean-cut areas. During all harvesting operations trees of high biological importance "nature value trees" are defined and left unmanaged.   |
|         | C6.04 | The Organization shall protect rare species and threatened species and their habitats in the Management Unit through conservation zones, protection areas, connectivity and/or (where necessary) other direct measures for their survival and viability. These measures shall be proportionate to the scale, intensity and risk of management activities and to the conservation status and ecological requirements of the rare and threatened species. The Organization shall take into account the geographic range and ecological requirements of rare and threatened species beyond the boundary of the Management Unit, when determining the measures to be taken inside the Management Unit. | 0              | Red listed species information is obtained from Artportalen. Key habitats are always identified in the forest plan.<br>There are generally good nature care and members are well aware of the importance of biodiversity and nature conservation measures done on their estates. Management activities that may affect rare and threatened bird species are avoided during the breeding season.<br>The direct impacts of forest operations such as harvesting are checked and mitigated through the pre- and post-operational checks that are in place and implemented.   |
|         | C6.05 | The Organization shall identify and protect representative sample areas of native ecosystems and/or restore them to more natural conditions. Where representative sample areas do not exist or are insufficient, The Organization shall restore a proportion of the Management Unit to more natural conditions. The size of the areas and the measures taken for their protection or restoration, including within plantations, shall be proportionate to the conservation status and value of the ecosystems at the landscape level, and the scale, intensity and risk of management activities.  | 0              | In the contract with the group members it is stated the requirement to exempt a minimum of 5 % of the productive forestland area. All properties visited during the audit had set aside areas of more than 5%. Often the purpose is to promote biodiversity linked to broadleaved habitats.<br>Management/protection objectives are formulated and documented in the forest management plan for each set aside area.<br>The implementation of 6.5.2 is in process and will be enforced on member level. New agreements are signed with each member where they commit to the new requirements. The transition period for signing the new agreement ended on 31Dec2021. Those members who had not signed the new agreement were suspended from the group.   |
|         | C6.06 | The Organization shall effectively maintain the continued existence of naturally occurring native species and genotypes, and prevent losses of biological diversity, especially through habitat management in the Management Unit. The Organization shall demonstrate that effective measures are in place to manage and control hunting, fishing, trapping and collecting.  | 0              | Structures such as older and dead trees are left in both thinning and final harvest and fresh dead wood of all common tree species are created.<br>Conservation areas, edge zones or groups of trees are left to avoid large clean-cut areas. During all harvesting operations trees of high biological importance "nature value trees" are defined and left.<br>Site visits shows that there is old dead wood left on the loggings and no trace in the wood piles show that it would have been harvested. Group members usually rent out hunting rights to local hunting associations who ensure that laws and regulations are followed.   |
|         | C6.07 | The Organization shall protect or restore natural watercourses, water bodies, riparian zones and their connectivity. The Organization shall avoid negative impacts on water quality and quantity and mitigate and remedy those that occur.   | 1              | Harvesting sites are clearly delineated in field and in GIS, including all the protected areas and buffer zones. Conservation areas, edge zones or groups of trees are left to avoid large clean-cut areas. During all harvesting operations trees of high biological importance "nature value trees" are defined and left. Harvesting and soil scarification is site-adapted and not carried out in buffer zones along water and wetlands.<br>Modern technology and techniques are used to minimise soil damage and negative impact on water. Damage to soil and residual stands from harvest operations is monitored and reported in the post-operational checklist. No substantial soil damage noted at any of the visited sites. New ditches are not being dug on previously un-ditched forestland and other kinds of ditching or maintenance of old ditches is very limited. One ditch-cleaning site was noticed where the depth was kept the same as in the original ditch. One minor Non-conformity identified related to driving over dried out waterway. |
|         | C6.10 | Management Units containing plantations that were established on areas converted from natural forest after November 1994 shall not qualify for certification, except where:<br>a) Clear and sufficient evidence is provided that The Organization was not directly or indirectly responsible for the conversion, or<br>b) The conversion affected a very limited portion of the area of the Management Unit and is producing clear, substantial, additional, secure long-term conservation benefits in the Management Unit.  | 0              | The use of exotic species is rather rare. The requirement is stated in the membership agreement where the forest owner also declare the share of exotic species on the estate.<br>Exotic tree species encountered in very small scale at the members are e.g. Hybrid Larch  |
|         | P7    | <b>The Organization shall have a management plan consistent with its policies and objectives and proportionate to scale, intensity and risks of its management activities. The management plan shall be implemented and kept up to date based on monitoring information in order to promote adaptive management. The associated planning and procedural documentation shall be sufficient to guide staff, inform affected stakeholders and interested stakeholders and to justify management decisions.</b>  | 0              |   |
|         | C7.01 | The Organization shall, proportionate to scale, intensity and risk of its management activities, set policies (visions and values) and objectives for management, which are environmentally sound, socially beneficial and economically viable. Summaries of these policies and objectives shall be incorporated into the management plan, and publicized.   | 0              | Planning documentation is available on request and kept by the forest owner. The elements in the plan, which are required to be public, are documented as an annex to the contract between the group member and the group entity. They are available from the group manager upon request.   |

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|         | C7.02 | The Organization shall have and implement a management plan for the Management Unit which is fully consistent with the policies and management objectives as established according to Criterion 7.1. The management plan shall describe the natural resources that exist in the Management Unit and explain how the plan will meet the FSC certification requirements. The management plan shall cover forest management planning and social management planning proportionate to scale, intensity and risk of the planned activities. | 0              | Participation in the group requires the group members to establish a forest management plan within two years. In the contracts with the group members there is a requirement to establish a green forest management plan within two years.<br>The so-called Green Forest management plan contains details concerning each individual stand's production and environmental values and is a fundamental basis for decision making. The plans presented during the audit were in compliance with the requirements. Site-specific management instructions are issued for areas with particularly high cultural and biodiversity values. Information in the forest plan and site visits provides a base for these instructions.<br>The objective of the plan is to describe the forest area and to propose the activities for the next 10 years with a note if it shall be done in the first 5-year period or the next 5-year, or if nothing is needed to be done.<br>All forest is divided into stand with the same stand composition such as age, site description, tree composition and geographical location.<br>Forest owners are not required to implement all activities suggested in the plans.  |
|         | C7.05 | The Organization shall make publicly available a summary of the management plan free of charge. Excluding confidential information, other relevant components of the management plan shall be made available to affected stakeholders on request, and at cost of reproduction and handling.  | 1              | One minor Non-conformity identified. Public information regarding landscape plan of a large forest owner was lacking.   |
|         | C7.06 | The Organization shall, proportionate to scale, intensity and risk of management activities, proactively and transparently engage affected stakeholders in its management planning and monitoring processes, and shall engage interested stakeholders on request.  | 0              | Included in the procedure for stakeholder consultation. Possible impacts of regular forestry activities are considered during the operational planning process.   |
|         | P8    | <b>The Organization shall demonstrate that, progress towards achieving the management objectives, the impacts of management activities and the condition of the Management Unit, are monitored and evaluated proportionate to the scale, intensity and risk of management activities, in order to implement adaptive management.</b>   | 0              |   |
|         | C8.02 | The Organization shall monitor and evaluate the environmental and social impacts of the activities carried out in the Management Unit, and changes in its environmental condition.   | 0              | The certificate holder has a monitoring plan where frequency and intensity of the monitoring of the group members is described. Monitoring of individual members conformity with the FSC requirements is primarily made through the internal audits. The internal audit of forest owners covers i.a. a review of the Forest Management Plan (set aside areas, broadleaf stands, etc), social and environmental impacts of management activities, silviculture, planned harvesting, ongoing harvesting and finalised harvesting.<br>In addition to this each harvesting team makes a self-evaluation of the performance when each logging site is finalised. The results from the self-evaluations are analysed by Sydved and during the internal audits the results are cross-checked with the results from the field visits made on the particular site.<br>Sydved has well developed and thorough monitoring system for ensuring that their own performance is meeting the company's own quality and environmental requirements.  |
|         | C8.05 | The Organization shall have and implement a tracking and tracing system proportionate to scale, intensity and risk of its management activities, for demonstrating the source and volume in proportion to projected output for each year, of all products from the Management Unit that are marketed as FSC certified.   | 0              | There are no sales invoices issued by the forest owner but the price, FSC claim is stated in the purchase contracts and in the self-billing issued by Sydved when the contract is finished.<br>Sydved have a separate FSC CoC certificate that cover all sales from the group members as well as raw material sourcing and sales from non-certified forest owners. The CoC certificate is certified by Bureau Veritas and audited in a separate process.<br>Sydved use the FSC credit system, and all products are sold as FSC Mix Credit, FSC Controlled Wood or as non-certified.<br>Examples of purchase contracts and self-billing invoices were checked during this audit.   |
|         | P9    | <b>The Organization shall maintain and/or enhance the High Conservation Values in the Management Unit through applying the precautionary approach.</b>   | 0              |   |
|         | C9.01 | The Organization, through engagement with affected stakeholders, interested stakeholders and other means and sources, shall assess and record the presence and status of the following High Conservation Values in the Management Unit, proportionate to the scale, intensity and risk of impacts of management activities, and likelihood of the occurrence of the High Conservation Values.  | 1              | There are generally few areas listed as HCVF at the members. These are mainly Key biotopes which are always protected as nature care areas and exempted from harvesting activities (unless management is made to maintain or enhance the ecological values of the Key habitat. All such areas are listed by the Forest Agency and can be reached through public planning documents and maps. Other often found HCVF are mainly water catchment areas and there are no restriction of harvesting. Only restriction is that it is not allowed to keep the fuel depot inside the area during harvesting.<br>Inventories and available materials from relevant authorities are used when identifying High Conservation Values during the Forest Management planning process. When there is presence of High Conservation Value Forests they are described in the official part of the forest management plan<br>The County Administrative Board and Swedish Forest Agency are relevant stakeholders if there is need of consultation. In general, HCV areas identified have dedicated management instructions described in the planning documentation. Implemented measures would be described in the plan if such HCVF were identified in the forest. No management of HCV areas were observed during the audit. One minor Non-conformity was identified regarding documentation and instructions for certain HCV types. |

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|         | C9.04      | The Organization shall demonstrate that periodic monitoring is carried out to assess changes in the status of High Conservation Values, and shall adapt its management strategies to ensure their effective protection. The monitoring shall be proportionate to the scale, intensity and risk of management activities, and shall include engagement with affected stakeholders, interested stakeholders and experts. | 0              | HCV areas are in general left as set aside areas and thus management activities are very rare. In the rare cases when logging takes place in Key habitats these shall always be coordinated with the local Forestry Board and monitored carefully by both the Forestry Board and by Sydved. No management of HCV areas were observed during the audit. Monitoring of implemented management activities in HCVF is included in the internal audit program.  |
|         | <b>P10</b> | <b>Management activities conducted by or for The Organization for the Management Unit shall be selected and implemented consistent with The Organization's economic, environmental and social policies and objectives and in compliance with the Principles and Criteria collectively.</b>   | <b>0</b>       |  |
|         | C10.03     | The Organization shall only use alien species when knowledge and/or experience have shown that any invasive impacts can be controlled and effective mitigation measures are in place.  | 0              | The use of exotic species is rather rare. The requirement is stated in the membership agreement where the forest owner also declare the share of exotic species on the estate.<br>Lodgepole pine is not planted in Southern Sweden.<br>Exotic tree species encountered in very small scale at the members are e.g. Hybrid Larch. Exotic tree species are not retained as nature consideration during fellings.   |
|         | C10.07     | The Organization shall use integrated pest management and silviculture systems which avoid, or aim at eliminating, the use of chemical pesticides. The Organization shall not use any chemical pesticides prohibited by FSC policy. When pesticides are used, The Organization shall prevent, mitigate, and/or repair damage to environmental values and human health.   | 0              | No chemical pesticides are used inside the certified area or on seedlings used for reforestation. A small proportion of the plants that Sydved buy from nurseries and sell to forest owners are treated with a mechanical protection layer (Woodcoat) that protects the seedlings against pine weevil ( <i>Hylobius abietis</i> ).<br>"Rot-Stop" may be used when needed. It is a fungus to prevent root rot and is the only biological control agent used. Official guidelines from authorities are followed for when pest mitigation actions shall be implemented.<br>There is appropriate handling and disposal of chemicals, fuels, oils and non-organic waste. All waste is disposed at waste terminals.<br>Interviews with the Group manager and Forest owners confirmed that they were all well aware that chemical pesticides may not be used. |
|         | C10.08     | The Organization shall minimize, monitor and strictly control the use of biological control agents in accordance with internationally accepted scientific protocols. When biological control agents are used, The Organization shall prevent, mitigate, and/or repair damage to environmental values.  | 0              | "Rot-Stop" may be used when needed. It is a fungus to prevent root rot and is the only biological control agent used. Official guidelines from authorities are followed for when Rot-Stop is used  |
|         | C10.12     | The Organization shall dispose of waste materials in an environmentally appropriate manner.  | 1              | One minor Non-conformity identified related to lack of oil spill cleaning kit in harvester machines.   |