Sustainable Forest and Chain of Custody Certification within PEFC scheme

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1. **ABBREVIATIONS**

AB: Accreditation Body.
CoC: Chain of Custody.
ema: Mexican Accreditation Entity.
ONAC: National Accreditation Body of Colombia.
SAE: Ecuadorian Accreditation Service.
PEFC: Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification.

2. **INTRODUCTION**

Mexico, Ecuador and Colombia are three of the twelve countries in the world considered megadiverse. That is why they have approximately 60 – 70 percent of the biodiversity in the world (Mittermeier y Goettsch, 1992), particularly in forests and jungle areas, where most of the wealth and genetic diversity is found.

Therefore, topics like biodiversity and climate change are addressed in the sustainable forest certification, which guarantees to consumers that their purchases are from a sustainable forest, and it does not contribute to the destruction and degradation of the Latin forests. The certification involve two aspects; on one hand, the independent assessment of the forest management operation based on a National Standard that has accomplished with the PEFC International requirements, this one includes typically the forest health, economic operation viability, social impact of the activities about forest management and, on the other hand, the second aspect called “inspection about chain of custody” that involves the wood flux from the forest through the transformation and commercial process until the arrival to the final consumer.

3. **PERFORMED ACTIVITIES**

Since January 2018 and following programmed activities in action plan, the achievements are:

3.1. **MEXICO DEVELOPMENT**

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<td>1. Knowledge transmission related with the witnessing process in Santiago-Chile with the Environmental Sustainability Committee</td>
<td>Environmental Sustainability Committee (<a href="http://200.57.73.228:75/PQTFORMATIVO/COMITES/comite_sustentabilidad.pdf">http://200.57.73.228:75/PQTFORMATIVO/COMITES/comite_sustentabilidad.pdf</a>)</td>
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2. Meeting with Forest Business Council to define an Action Plan and the necessities in the forestry sector to establish a National Governing Body (NGB) in Mexico

March 2018

3. Videoconference between CONAFOR, PEFC International and ema, to analyse possible founding for Mexico

May 2018

4. Ingress of the PEFC-Chain of Custody accreditation request in Mexico

June 2018

5. Development of information for the promotion sheet of the subproject

April 2018

3.2. COLOMBIA DEVELOPMENT

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1. Publicity related to the launching of Sustainability Schemes including PEFC in ONAC | ONAC | January 2018

Massive mailing to CABs that could have an interest in applying for the accreditation scheme in the near future. The shared information included PEFC brochure and the accreditation process application

Please find in the link below the PEFC brochure. (http://onac.org.co/anexos/documentos/SERVICIOSOS_TENIBLES/PEFC%20BROCHURE.pdf)

2. Follow back to PEFC course participants during July/2017 leaded by PEFC Spain due to confirm their | ONAC | February 2018
3. Feedback about witness activity developed in CERTFOR Chile by Manuel Mazorra during December/2017

| Interest regarding the CoC Certification and Accreditation | Manuel Mazorra ONAC Technical Expert | April 2018 |

4. Take advantage of Colombian Tropical Forest Alliance 2020 for promoting the conformation of Colombian National Governing Body to establish the guidelines for sustainable forest management in the Country

| Contact the responsible person of TFA 2020 in the Ministry of Environment (Mariana Rojas) | ONAC | June 2018 |

5. Due to there are CABs working in Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil – RSPO Certification Scheme, ONAC is interested in generating an opportunity for mutual working between the interested parties.

| Contact the responsible person in charge of sustainable certification schemes for CABs | ONAC | June 2018 |

3.3. **ECUADOR DEVELOPMENT**

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<td>1. Participate and collaborate in the preparation of the brochure that synthesizes the information of the subproject</td>
<td>ema-ONAC-SAE</td>
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<td>2. Continue the development of the accreditation scheme to certify Chain of Custody through the PEFC scheme</td>
<td>SAE</td>
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<td>3. Contact with possible agencies or companies that wish to form the national government body</td>
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4. **IMPLEMENTATION PROGRESS**

The Action Plan has twelve activities that the three countries involved are developing, until June 2018 the project has successfully accomplished nine activities, based on these, the project is covered at 75% percent.

5. **ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED**

- At the beginning of the year, it was considered that the three NAB’s would launch the accreditation PEFC-CoC scheme in March 2017. Nevertheless, SAE has had to reschedule this activity to July 2018.
6. **NEXT STEPS**

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<td>Accreditation scheme for chain of custody based on ISO 17065 and PEFC ST 2002:2013 will be launch to the market as a new accreditation service</td>
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<td>Creation of an outreach campaign in social media</td>
<td>PTB, emα -ONAC- SAE</td>
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<td>Internship - The technical expert from Ecuador is going to take part in the witness audit with a country that has the CoC - PEFC accreditation scheme (probably Mexico)</td>
<td>SAE</td>
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<td>The National Forestry and Wildlife Service of Peru - SERFOR and the Institute of Quality - INACAL expressed interest to know and evaluate the PEFC accreditation scheme as an alternative to their needs and have requested information. The three NABs will share their experience with them.</td>
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**ANNEX**

Updated Action Plan as annex

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1 The approval of the participation does not depend of the NAB. The acceptance will be carry out by the CB’s customer.