Does Naturskog AB meet FSC's Controlled Wood standard?

14 October 2026

We are carrying out an audit of Naturskog AB, located in Vallentuna, Stockholm County, Sweden, to see if their operations comply with FSC's Controlled Wood standard (FSC-STD-40-005 V3-1). We are writing to you to ask if you know of any reason why their operations would not meet this standard.

Controlled Wood is wood from forests that are not FSC certified but that meets FSC's minimum requirements, and that can therefore be mixed with FSC-certified wood and used in products with an FSC Mix label. In particular, the wood must not be:

- harvested illegally;
- harvested in violation of traditional and human rights;
- harvested from forests where high conservation values are threatened by management activities;
- harvested from forests being converted to plantations or non-forest use;
- from forests in which genetically modified trees are planted.

Naturskog AB buys timber directly from private forest owners and municipalities in the counties of Värmland, Uppsala, Västmanland, Södermanland and Stockholm. Under the FSC Centralized National Risk Assessment for Sweden (FSC-CNRA-SE V1-0), these counties are designated specified risk for woodland key habitats (high conservation values, Category 3, indicators 3.1 and 3.3). We would therefore particularly welcome your views on how Naturskog AB ensures that it does not source timber from woodland key habitats. The audit visit took place on 12 October 2026. All comments received will be considered in our evaluation. Here is how you can comment, if you wish to do so:

- When? Please send your comments to us by 25 November 2026.
- How? You can comment by:
    - Email to Christian Jürgensen at cjurgensen@preferredbynature.org
    - Phone to Christian Jürgensen, Preferred by Nature, on +45 5455 2055
    - Arranging a meeting, in person or online, with Christian Jürgensen.
- If you want your comments to be confidential, please notify us when you submit them.

If you provide comments, we will provide feedback to you within 30 days of the certification decision, explaining how your comments were considered.

Naturskog AB has written a summary of its due diligence system (DDS) that lists:

- the risks it has identified of sourcing wood from unacceptable sources;
- the measures it implements to mitigate those risks.

We have attached this summary document to this letter.

If you wish to dispute any aspect of this certification process or the decision we reach as to whether this company meets the Controlled Wood standard, you can access our Dispute Resolution Policy at https://www.preferredbynature.org/node/9284.

If you have any recommendations for contacting other stakeholders that may have an interest in providing comments on this company and audit, we would gladly receive these from you.

Thank you in advance for any help you are able to provide.

Yours sincerely,

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Uppfyller Naturskog AB kraven i FSC:s standard för Controlled Wood?

Preferred by Nature genomför en huvudrevision av Naturskog AB, Vallentuna, mot FSC:s standard för Controlled Wood (FSC-STD-40-005 V3-1). Vi kontaktar dig för att höra om du känner till något som tyder på att företagets verksamhet inte uppfyller standarden.

FSC Controlled Wood är virke från skogar som inte är FSC-certifierade men som uppfyller FSC:s minimikrav, och som därför får blandas med FSC-certifierat virke i produkter märkta FSC Mix. Virket får inte:
• vara avverkat olagligt;
• vara avverkat i strid med traditionella rättigheter eller mänskliga rättigheter;
• komma från skogar där höga bevarandevärden hotas av skogsbruksåtgärder;
• komma från skogar som omvandlas till plantager eller till annan markanvändning än skog;
• komma från skogar där genetiskt modifierade träd planteras.

Naturskog AB köper virke direkt från privata skogsägare och kommuner i Värmlands, Uppsala, Västmanlands, Södermanlands och Stockholms län. Enligt FSC:s centraliserade nationella riskbedömning för Sverige (FSC-CNRA-SE V1-0) finns det i dessa län en specificerad risk kopplad till nyckelbiotoper (höga bevarandevärden, indikator 3.1 och 3.3). Vi är därför särskilt intresserade av synpunkter på hur Naturskog AB säkerställer att virke inte köps från nyckelbiotoper.

Revisionens fältbesök genomfördes den 12 oktober 2026. Inget certifieringsbeslut fattas förrän samrådet har avslutats, och alla synpunkter vi tar emot kommer att beaktas i bedömningen.
• När? Skicka dina synpunkter senast den 13 november 2026.
• Hur? Du kan lämna synpunkter:
• per e-post till cjurgensen@preferredbynature.org
• per telefon till Christian Jürgensen, +45 5455 2055
• genom att boka ett möte, fysiskt eller digitalt, med revisorn.

• Om du vill att dina synpunkter ska behandlas konfidentiellt, ange det när du skickar dem.

Om du lämnar synpunkter återkopplar vi till dig inom 30 dagar efter att vi har tagit emot dem.

Naturskog AB har tagit fram en sammanfattning av sitt system för tillbörlig aktsamhet (Due Diligence System, DDS) som beskriver:
• de risker som företaget har identifierat för att köpa virke från oacceptabla källor;
• de åtgärder som företaget vidtar för att minska dessa risker.
Sammanfattningen bifogas detta brev.

Om du vill invända mot någon del av certifieringsprocessen, eller mot vårt beslut om huruvida företaget uppfyller standarden för Controlled Wood, hittar du vår policy för tvistlösning på https://www.preferredbynature.org/node/9284

Har du förslag på andra intressenter som kan vilja lämna synpunkter på företaget och revisionen tar vi gärna emot dem.

Tack på förhand för din medverkan.

Med vänliga hälsningar,

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Description of the Due Diligence System, including information provided by the organisation according to FSC-STD-40-005 V3-1, Section 6

1. General information

Organisation name:	Naturskog AB
FSC certificate code:	PBN-COC-082111; PBN-CW-082111
Organisation's DDS contact person:	Fredrik Rajala; CEO
DDS prepared/assisted by:	*DDS prepared by Naturskog AB (Fredrik Rajala; CEO; Alfonso Määttä Pescador; COO, with assistance from SEOSE)*
Date last reviewed/updated (by the organisation):	2026-10-08

2. Suppliers

Organisations / participating sites, supplying area and source types	Non-certified material type sourced	The exact number of suppliers	Supplier type(s)	Average no. of tiers in the supply chains	The approximate or exact number of sub-suppliers
Naturskog AB	Logs, pulp wood, fuel wood, Twigs	57	Private forest owners and municipals	1	0

3. Supply areas

Supply area and source types	Controlled wood category	Reference to risk assessment used, Version, Date	Risk designation
	1		Low risk

Sweden Sweden natural forest Sweden uncertified material suppliers, private, municipal Not: HCV 2, HCV 5 or Norrbotten county	2	**CNRA for Sweden, see** FSC-CNRA-SE V1-0 EN FSC Centralized National Risk Assessment for Sweden	Low risk
	3		Specified risk
	4		Low risk
	5		Low risk

4. Risk assessment and mitigation

4.a Risk mitigation for the origin of the material

Supply area and source types: Sweden natural forest Sweden uncertified material suppliers, private, municipal Not: HCV 2, HCV 5 or Norrbotten county		
Indicator	**Control Measures and desired outcome when applicable**	**Organisation's findings from field verification if undertaken as control measures. Desk evaluation activities should be described**
Controlled wood category 3. Wood from forests in which high conservation values are threatened by management activities		
3.1 + 3.3	*Specified risks regarding Woodland Key Habitats (WKH) and potential WKHs.* *A policy of no purchasing from WKH and a pre-harvest nature value assessment is implemented.* *Control measures for logging assignments* *I. Logging notification. For final felling, the logging notification must be verified (or submitted in accordance with an agreement with the forest owner). The minimum final felling age (LSÅ) must have been reached. Verify that no authority is processing a case regarding formal acquisition or has offered compensation for formal protection.*	*Nature value assessments are done pre-harvest. No findings from field so far in the scope of the CW certificate (initial audit 2026).*

	II. Field visit and natural value assessment. When purchasing standing timber, a field visit and a natural value assessment (NVA) must be conducted. The NVA must always be documented. *III. High natural values. If the assessment of natural values indicates high natural values (i.e. WKH), only measures that strengthen existing values may be carried out. Consultation with the relevant authority must take place prior to any action. All communication with authorities must be archived (any emails should be saved outside one's personal inbox).* *IV. Contract. Always use the latest contract template.* *Control measures for delivered timber* *I. Logging notification. Where applicable, verify the existence of a logging notification. Check that no authority is processing a case regarding formal acquisition or has offered compensation for formal protection.* *II. Risk assessment. Conduct an assessment based on the specific area and the seller.* *o Use mapping tools to check for known natural values or relevant species on the property in question.* *o Is the seller previously known?* *o Has the area been visited before?* *III. Field visit. Field visit is a standard procedure, with the exception that the responsible person has assured that there are no risks (delivery originating from an unacceptable source, or other reason for concern) associated with the volumes delivered to roadside. During the visit, checks are made regarding, for example, registered natural values in the vicinity (e.g., visiting the area of natural value, checking for specific tree species or signs of old-growth timber in the log pile). If possible, a full natural value assessment is performed. The visit must be documented and filed together with other documentation regarding the purchase.* *IV. Contract. Always use the latest contract template.*	
3.2	*Specified risk regarding high conservation values in connection to Intact Forest Landscapes (IFL's). Alpine montain forest above the Naturvårdsgränsen (NVG), and below NVG in Norrbotten county.*	*N/A*

	Procedures don't allow purchasing from HCV 2 areas. If the area is localed in HCV 2 identified areas as described above, no purchasing is done.	
3.5	*Not applicable as these areas are not included in the purchasing area.*	*N/A*

4.b Risk assessment and mitigation for mixing in the supply chain

Organisations / participating sites, supplying area and source types	Supply chain type	No. of tiers	Risk of mixing	Control measures	Organisation's findings from field verification if undertaken as control measures. Desk evaluation activities should be described
Naturskog AB	Wood delivered and purchased directly from forest owner and municipals an delivered to customer. No storage or processing.	1	***No risk.*** *Since all purchasing is done in direct connection to the areas of origin there is no risk of mixing. Most of the timber is harvested by Naturskog AB. Delivery timber is collected on the roadside in connection to the relevant area. Transportation is arranged by Naturskog AB, and transporter is*	N/A	N/A

			informed with coordinates and reference numbers connected to what material to collect. All material is measured through the Swedish third party system Biometria.		

5. Technical experts used in the development of control measures

N/A, technical experts were not required.

6. Stakeholder consultation processes

N/A, stakeholder consultation not required

7. Complaints procedure

We encourage stakeholders who have suggestions for improvements, comments, or complaints related to our controlled wood due diligence system to contact Fredrik Rajala, fredrik.rajala@naturskog.se by mail or email. We commit to follow up on stakeholder input as soon as we receive it and to provide stakeholders with feedback within 2 weeks.

The organization has a documented process for receiving and handling stakeholder comments and complaints related to its Due Diligence System (DDS). Complaints are acknowledged and assessed to determine whether the evidence indicates a substantial risk of material originating from unacceptable sources. Complainants receive an initial response within two weeks, and substantial complaints are communicated to the relevant certification body and FSC National Office within the same timeframe. While a complaint is pending, the organization applies a precautionary approach to the continued sourcing of the relevant material. Substantial complaints are investigated and verified within two months. Where a complaint is confirmed, appropriate corrective actions are required from the supplier and their implementation and effectiveness are monitored. If corrective action cannot be implemented or is ineffective, the relevant material and/or supplier is excluded from the supply chain. The complainant and relevant FSC stakeholders are informed of the outcome, and all complaints, actions and related correspondence are documented and retained.