

Shivangi Industries – FSC® Group Forest Management Certification

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1. Introduction

Shivangi Industries operates a Forest Stewardship Council® (FSC®) Group Forest Management certification system that supports smallholder farmers engaged in farm forestry and agroforestry plantations across India.

The FSC group certification enables smallholder landowners to collectively comply with the requirements of responsible forest management while maintaining economically viable tree cultivation systems on privately owned agricultural lands.

Through the group certification system, Shivangi Industries provides a structured framework for farmer participation, including:

- farmer enrollment and verification
- technical guidance on sustainable forest management practices
- monitoring and compliance verification
- training and awareness programs for farmers and workers.

This certification demonstrates the commitment of Shivangi Industries and participating farmers to responsible environmental stewardship, protection of workers' rights, and sustainable production of timber and other forest products in accordance with the principles of the [Forest Stewardship Council](#).

Project Summary:

Project Location	India
Type of Model	Social and Farm Forestry (Mixed)
States	Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, West Bengal, Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan
Group Manager	Mr. Mukesh, Shivangi Industries (SI)
Current Staff Strength (FM)	18
Certificate Code	FSC-C162551 (SCS-FM/COC-008105)
Certification Agency	SCS Global Services
Ownership	Private owned areas having agroforestry species grown as farm plantations
Tenure & Land Rights	Legally leased from private/farmer landowners with formal agreements
Topography	Mostly flat to gently undulating agricultural plains
Climate	Semi-arid tropical climate, hot summers and mild winters
High Conservation Values (HCV)	0
RTE	No RTE present to be reported in the FMUs

Product Scope

Product Level 1	Species
W1 Rough wood	Acacia Auriculiformis (Babool)
W1.1 Roundwood (logs)	Acacia Mangium (Babool)
W1.2 Fuel wood	Acacia Nilotica (Babool)
W1.3 Twigs	Ailanthus Excelsa (Ardu)
	Albizia Lebbeck (kala siras)
	Albizia Procera (safed siras)

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	Azadiracta Indica (Neem) Dalbergia Sissoo (Sheesham) Dendrocalamus Strictus (Bamboo) Eucalyptus Citriodora Eucalyptus Globulus (Nigiri) Eucalyptus Tereticornis (Nigiri) Holoptelea Integrifolia (Chilbil) Khaya Anthotheca (Lambu) Mangifera Indica (Mango) Shorea Assamica (Mekai) Shorea Robusta (Sal) Swietenia Mahogani (Mahogany) Tectona Grandis (Teak Saguaan) Terminalia Arjuna (Arjun) Terminalia Elliptica (Terminalia) Populus Deltoides (Popular) Grevillea Robusta (Silver Oak) Samanea Saman, Albizia Saman (Jacq.) (Rain Tree) Borassus Flabellifer (Taad, Palm) Cocos Nucifera (Nariyal) Anacardium Occidentale L (Cashew, Kaju)
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Key Highlights:

- **FSC® Certification:** Shivangi Industries holds both FSC®-FM and FSC® CoC (Chain of Custody) certifications, ensuring that their wood products come from responsibly managed forests that provide environmental, social, and economic benefits.
- **Product Range:** The company supplies FSC® 100% certified timber in various species, mainly Mangifera Indica (Mango), Acacia Nilotica, Tectona Grandis (Teak), and Dalbergia Sissoo (Sheesham), catering to furniture and handicraft manufacturers and exporters.
- **Sustainability Initiatives:** Beyond timber production, Shivangi Industries has initiated the “Plant a Tree for Future” movement, promoting reforestation and environmental sustainability in collaboration with customers and buyers.
- **Quality Assurance:** With a focus on delivering high-quality timber products, the company implements strict quality control measures to ensure customer satisfaction and long-term associations.

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2. Description of the Group Entity

Shivangi Industries serves as the **Group Manager** responsible for administering the FSC group certification.

The Group Manager is responsible for:

- farmer enrollment and eligibility verification
- maintenance of group records
- internal monitoring of member Forest Management Units (FMUs)
- training and capacity building for farmers

- ensuring compliance with FSC standards.

The group management system ensures that all participating farmers follow the requirements of responsible forest management.

3. Organizational Structure of the Group

The FSC group operates through a structured management framework.

Group Structure

Group Manager – Shivangi Industries



Group Coordination Team



Resource Managers / Field Coordinators



Member Farmers (FMUs)

Roles include:

Role	Responsibility
Group Manager	Overall compliance with FSC certification
Compliance Manager	Monitoring, audits and documentation
Field Coordinators	Farmer support and monitoring
Farmers (FMUs)	Plantation management

4. Geographic Scope of Certification

The FSC group certification includes plantations located across several Indian states.

States included

- Andhra Pradesh
- Maharashtra
- Rajasthan
- Uttar Pradesh
- West Bengal

The plantations are located on **privately owned agricultural lands** outside government forest areas. These regions represent major farm forestry landscapes in India.

5. Area and Number of Members

The group certification includes smallholder farmers managing plantations that qualify as **Small and Low Intensity Managed Forests (SLIMF)**

State	FMU Area (ha)	# of FMUs	Exclusion Area (ha)
Andhra Pradesh	246.8252227	354	
Maharashtra	1205.62	189	
Rajasthan	582.17	138	
Uttar Pradesh	138.8646	120	
West Bengal	559.83	150	
Grand Total	2733.31	951	

Total area under certification: 2733.31 hectares

Total number of farmers: 951 members

All the individual farm plantations are **less than 20 hectares in size**

Summary of Exclusion Area from FMUs:

Total Excision Area (ha): 544.3ha

Total # of FMUs with Excision area: 29

Summary of changes in Group Management since previous year:

District	Reason	Area (Ha.)	# of FMUs
Sikar	Operation restructuring Regional Standard adoption	426.47	2
Sindhudurg	Not Available for Contact, migrated to city land given to family member, without ownership transfer	339.14	39
	Grand Total	765.61	41

6. Description of Forest Management Units

The Forest Management Units consist of smallholder farms practicing:

- farm forestry plantations
- boundary tree planting
- agroforestry systems
- mixed agricultural landscapes.

Trees are grown primarily for timber production while agricultural crops may be cultivated alongside plantations.

Typical plantation characteristics:

- small-scale management
- manual operations
- low intensity management

7. Indigenous communities:

A total of seven farmers across twelve sites in Rajasthan were identified as belonging to a Scheduled Tribe (ST), specifically the Meena community, while no Scheduled Tribe farmers were identified within the participating sites in West Bengal, Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, and Andhra Pradesh. The Meena community is recognized as a Scheduled Tribe under the Constitution of India; however, the farmers participating in the group are settled agricultural landowners with largest member area is 5.98ha (smallholders with <20 hac) integrated into the mainstream rural economy, practicing established agriculture on lands held under formal private land records. Field consultations and site assessments did not identify distinct indigenous land-use systems, sacred sites, customary institutions, or traditional forest-dependent livelihoods associated with the managed lands.

An assessment conducted under FSC Criterion 3.1 confirmed that the farmers manage their own privately held agricultural land parcels (approximately 29.97 ha) in Gotod/Datuli village, Mitrapura block, Sawai Madhopur district, Rajasthan, and that no other Indigenous Peoples or communities with customary rights or territorial claims over the FMU areas are affected by the management activities. Therefore, while some participating farmers belong to a Scheduled Tribe category, no potentially affected Indigenous Peoples were identified within the scope of the management units under operation.

8. Tree Species Managed

The plantations consist primarily of commercially important agroforestry species.

Species selection depends on:

- regional climate
- soil conditions
- farmer preferences
- market demand.

9. Management Objectives

The group management system integrates environmental, social and economic objectives.

Environmental objectives

- maintain sustainable tree production
- protect soil and water resources
- avoid deforestation and conversion of natural forests
- conserve biodiversity and ecological values.

Social objectives

- ensure fair treatment of workers
- respect labour rights
- maintain safe working conditions
- provide grievance mechanisms.

Economic objectives

- support farmer livelihoods through sustainable timber production
- ensure long-term productivity of plantations
- promote responsible timber supply chains.

10. Forest Management Practices

Typical management practices include:

- site preparation and planting
- manual weeding and pruning
- thinning of plantations
- harvesting mature trees.

Harvesting is generally conducted manually using hand tools.

Farmers decide harvesting schedules based on:

- species maturity
- rotation cycles
- market demand.

11. Environmental Protection Measures

The group management system promotes environmentally responsible practices.

Key measures include:

- protection of soil fertility
- prevention of erosion
- maintenance of vegetation buffers near water bodies
- reduction of chemical inputs
- promotion of integrated pest management practices.

Farmers are encouraged to maintain tree diversity and retain native vegetation where possible.

12. High Conservation Value (HCV) Assessment

A screening process is implemented to identify High Conservation Values within group forest management units.

HCV categories considered include:

- habitats for rare or endangered species
- important ecological landscapes
- water resources
- cultural or community values.

Total # of FMUs having identified individual conservation areas: 6

Total # of FMUs having identified high conservation areas: 0

Because plantations are located on agricultural land previously used for farming, the presence of significant natural ecosystems is limited. Where HCV areas will be identified, appropriate protection measures will be implemented.

13. Monitoring System

The group management system implements regular monitoring to ensure compliance with FSC requirements.

Monitoring activities include:

- verification of land ownership documents
- inspection of plantation management practices
- verification of harvesting activities
- review of labour practices
- monitoring of environmental safeguards.

Field coordinators conduct periodic visits to member farms.

14. Workers' Rights and Safety

The group management system respects internationally recognized labour standards.

Key commitments include:

- prohibition of child labour
- prohibition of forced labour
- equal employment opportunities
- payment of applicable wages
- provision of safe working conditions.

Workers are encouraged to report concerns through established grievance mechanisms.

15. Stakeholder Consultation

Stakeholders such as farmers, local communities, and government authorities may provide feedback regarding forest management activities. Stakeholder consultations are conducted when required to address environmental or social concerns.

Feedback received from stakeholders is reviewed and addressed by the group management team.

16. Protection from Illegal Activities

Forest management units are located on privately owned land and are regularly monitored by farmers.

Measures to prevent illegal activities include:

- regular farm monitoring by farm owners
- farmer awareness programs
- reporting illegal activities to authorities.

No incidents of illegal harvesting have been reported within the group certification area.

17. Compliance with Laws

Forest management activities comply with applicable national and state laws including:

- land tenure and ownership laws
- tree felling and harvesting regulations
- timber transport regulations
- labour and employment laws
- environmental protection regulations.

Farmers maintain documentation confirming legal ownership and regulatory compliance.

18. Chain of Custody Interface

Timber harvested from FSC-certified plantations may enter FSC certified supply chains through FSC Chain of Custody certified companies.

Traceability of timber is maintained through:

- harvest records
- transport documentation
- sales records.

19. Maps and Spatial Information

Maps of the certified areas are maintained by the group management system.

These maps identify:

- geographic distribution of member farms
- approximate GPS of certified areas
- state-level distribution of plantations.

Detailed farm-level maps are maintained internally for monitoring purposes.

20. Commitment to FSC Principles and Criteria

Shivangi Industries and all participating farmers commit to implementing the FSC Principles and Criteria for responsible forest management.

Participation in the FSC certification program demonstrates long-term commitment to:

- environmental stewardship
- social responsibility
- economic sustainability.

21. Anti-Bribery Commitment

Shivangi Industries commits to conducting all forest management and timber trade activities in compliance with applicable laws and without offering, requesting, or accepting any form of bribery or corruption.

This commitment applies to the organization, staff, contractors, and participating farmers under the FSC Group Forest Management program.

22. Dispute Resolution Mechanism

Shivangi Industries has established a transparent and accessible dispute resolution mechanism to address grievances related to forest management activities within the Forest Management Units (FMUs). Any stakeholder, including FMU owners, workers, local communities, volunteers, contractors, or other interested parties, may raise a complaint or concern.

Complaints can be submitted directly to the Farm Owner or Farm Management Representative, the Group Manager, or the Project Incharge. Complaints may be communicated through written submissions, email, suggestion boxes, or through community representatives such as the village panchayat.

Once a complaint is received, it is documented and reviewed. The first attempt is to resolve the issue through discussion and dialogue between the concerned parties. If necessary, further investigation and consultation with relevant stakeholders are conducted. Where disputes cannot be resolved internally, mediation may be sought through mutually agreed third parties such as the village panchayat or appropriate authorities.

All complaints are treated confidentially and stakeholders raising concerns are protected from retaliation. The organisation aims to acknowledge and review complaints promptly, and where the identity of the complainant is known, a response is typically provided within 15 working days.

Records of all grievances, investigations, and resolutions are maintained by the Group Entity as part of its monitoring and compliance system. This mechanism ensures that disputes are handled fairly, transparently, and in a timely manner in accordance with responsible forest management practices.

23. Contact Information

For further information regarding the FSC Forest Management Group certification, stakeholders may contact:

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