

ANEXO 5



FSC CERTIFICATION FOR THE EXPLOITATION OF A CORK-OAK GROVE SITUATED IN THE DISTRICTS OF SEGORBE, ALFONDEGUILLA, ARTANA, ALCUDIA DE VEO, ALMEDIJAR, VALL DE ALMONACID AND ALGIMIA DE ALMONACID, WITHIN THE NATURAL PARKS OF ESPADÁN AND CALDERONA IN THE PROVINCE OF CASTELLON



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Resumen:

The certification is a voluntary process carried out by an entity recognised as independent by the interested parties, through which it is stated that a duly identified product, process or service is in accordance with a norm or another specified normative document. The Forest Certification, specifically, is a market instrument which guarantees and demonstrates to the consumer that the wood or any other forest product (cork, resins,...) comes from a responsibly managed and sustainable forest.

This project deals with the certification for the forest handling by the Grupo Oret, who are dedicated to the *subericola* exploitation of the Cork-Oak groves in their possession, situated in the Natural Parks of the mountain ranges of Espadán and Calderona in the province of Castellón.

In this project the certification process was carried out specifically following the system defined by F.S.C. (Forest Stewardship Council). The F.S.C. is a non-profit international body, created to promote responsible, environmentally suitable, socially beneficial and economically viable forest management, by means of an independent certification of the said forest management and the labelling of the obtained products. In the case of this project the independent certifying entity is Smartwood belonging to the Rainforest Alliance.

The obtaining of the F.S.C. forest certificate requires on the one hand, that the execution of the production processes of the Grupo Oret meet the directives defined by the F.S.C. and on the other hand, that every one of the mentioned processes are formally explained in written documents.

This project gathers, describes and relates all the documentation needed by the Grupo Oret for the obtaining of the F.S.C. certification. Thus, it consists of a *Management Plan* about which it is articulated amongst other documents the *economic valuation of the Plan* in which we study the viability of the handling carried out by the Grupo; the *specifications* in which is carried out the technical orders about regarding *subericola* treatments and exploitations; *the evaluation of environmental and social impact* in which the environmental and social risks which the Grupo could incur are described and how to mitigate them and the *cartography* in which the actual state of the Grupo properties and the handling planning are graphically described.

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