



Forest Stewardship Council®



FSC Risk Assessment Platform

User Guide

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Platform Layout

In this section we will show you all the elements of the FSC Risk Assessment Platform.

Risk assessment map

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Navigation Buttons

Risk designation overview

Country name Sub-country level	1.1 Land tenure and management rights	1.2 Concession licenses	1.3 Management and harvesting planning	1.4 Harvesting permits	1.5 Payment of royalties and harvesting fees	1.6 VAT and other sales taxes	1.7 Income and profit taxes	1.8 Timber harvesting regulations	1.9 Protected sit species
Argentina	Specified	N/A	Differentiated	Differentiated	Differentiated	Specified	Specified	Differentiated	Specifi
Australia	Low	Low	Differentiated	Differentiated	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low
Austria	Low	N/A	Low	Low	N/A	Low	Low	Low	Low
Belarus	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Specifi
Belgium	Low	N/A	Low	Low	N/A	Low	Low	Low	Low
Bolivia	Specified	Low	Specified	Specified	Low	Specified	Specified	Specified	Specifi
Brazil	Specified	Differentiated	Differentiated	Differentiated	Differentiated	Specified	Low	Differentiated	Specifi
Bulgaria	Specified	Specified	Specified	Specified	Specified	Specified	Specified	Specified	Specifi
Canada	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low
Chile	Specified	N/A	Low	Low	Low	Specified	Specified	Low	Specifi

Default platform controls

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Navigation buttons





The Navigations buttons allow you to access a number of important resources related to the platform:

- **Quick guide** – Clicking this button will bring up an overlay that highlights the basic functions of the platform. You can always click on this button to remind yourself of any functions.
- **User manual** – Clicking this button downloads this document.
- **View tutorial** – Clicking this button takes you to Youtube where you can view the tutorial for using the platform.
- **Legal & privacy statement** – Clicking this button takes you the platform's terms of use and statements on data privacy.

Risk assessment map

This map shows all areas that are covered by an approved FSC risk assessment in **green**. Areas in grey are unassessed, and do not have an FSC risk assessment.

The map comes with some in-built controls:

-  **Search** – Clicking on this button and then typing in a country or province/state name and pressing [Enter] on your keyboard results in the map centering on what you typed. Not all entries are valid.
-  **Zoom in/out** – Clicking on these buttons zooms the map in an out, centred on your current view. You can also do this by having your mouse cursor somewhere on the map and scrolling with your mouse's scroll wheel.
-  **Home** – Clicking this button returns the map to the default view.
-  **Action** – Clicking this button reveals several ways to interact with the map. This includes zooming to a selected area, panning the map, and selecting countries on the map

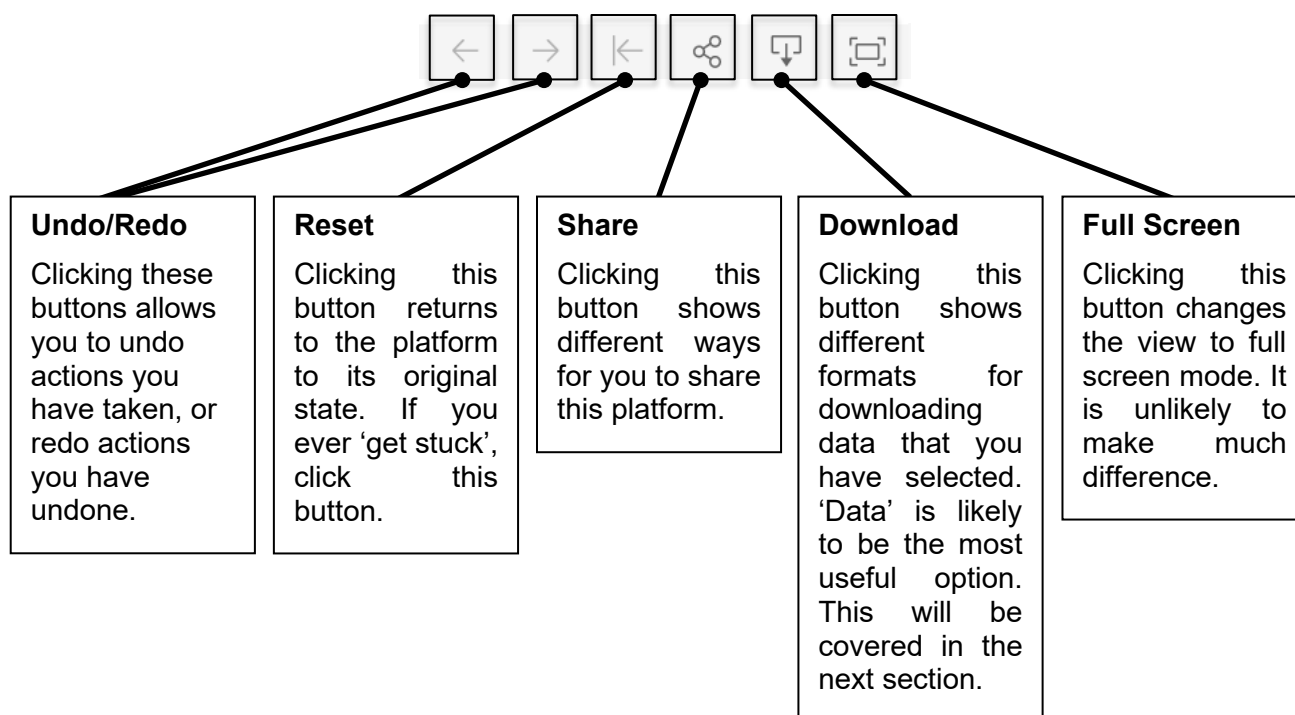
Risk designation overview

This table displays all the risk designations for every indicator in every country with an approved FSC risk assessment. The risk designations are:

- **N/A** – This indicator is not relevant for the area covered by the risk assessment. Often, this refers to something that does not exist in a country.
- **Low** – The whole area covered by the risk assessment has been designated as 'Low risk'. Organisations do not need to take action to mitigate risks for this indicator when sourcing material from the area under assessment.
- **Specified** – The whole area covered by the risk assessment has been designated as 'Specified risk'. Organisations need to take action to mitigate risks for this indicator when sourcing material from the area under assessment.
- **Differentiated** – The area covered by the risk assessment is some combination of the preceding risk designations. Organisations need to take action to mitigate risks for this indicator when sourcing material from the area under assessment in the areas that are designated as 'Specified risk'.

Default platform controls

The platform comes with some in-built controls, which may be useful when you are using the functions of the platform:



Platform Functions

In this section, you will learn about what the elements of the platform can do, and how you can access the information from the FSC risk assessments.

Risk assessment map functions

Selecting Assessed Areas

To select an area in a country covered by an FSC risk assessment, click on an area in green, or use the search function (covered in the previous section) to take you directly to an area of your choice.

To select areas in multiple countries, hold [Ctrl] on your keyboard while you click on multiple green areas sequentially.

Selected countries appear in the risk designation overview below.

To deselect areas on the map, click them again on the map.

Link to FSC Document Centre

Hovering your mouse over any green area on the map results in a tooltip that pops up. Inside the tooltip is a link to that area's FSC risk assessment in the FSC Document Centre. Click on the link to be taken to the FSC risk assessment.

Risk designation overview functions

Selecting risk information

To select risk information, click a risk designation or a country name/sub-national region name. This will highlight the information and show it on the map above.

To select multiple pieces of information, hold [Ctrl] on your keyboard and click sequentially. This allows you to select multiple risk designations or multiple counties at once to browse their risk information or download it.

Browsing risk information

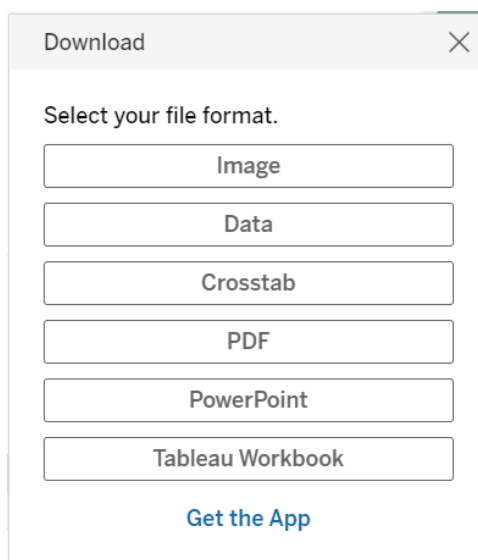
To look at the risk information you have selected on your browser, hover your cursor over one of your selected entries. A tooltip will pop up with a link. Click the link to be taken to a repository of the selected information. There you can see the following information:

- A. Risk designation: The complete risk designation as it appears in the FSC risk assessment.
- B. Risk description summary: A summarized form of the risk description from the FSC risk assessment.
- C. Recommended control measures: Any recommended control measures as they appear in the FSC risk assessment.
- D. Mandatory control measures: Any mandatory control measures as they appear in the FSC risk assessment.

The formatting of this repository is quite rigid, so you might not find the view to be the most useful. If that is the case, it is best to return to the risk designation overview and download the information to your computer as a comma separated value (CSV) file which can be opened in programmes like Microsoft Excel.

Downloading risk information

To download selected risk information, any number of country names, sub-national region names, or risk designations (using the [Ctrl] key if needed as described previously) and click on the download button, as shown in the sub-section “Default platform controls”.



Of the choices that appear, we recommend choosing 'Data'.

From the Data window, click on the “Download all rows as a text file” link to download a CSV file which can be opened in programmes like Microsoft Excel.