

WHY CHOOSE SUSTAINABLE FOREST MANAGEMENT

The voluntary commitment made by Kruger, Forest and Wood Products demonstrates its determination to ensure the continuous improvement of its forest practices and emphasize transparency with regard to its progress in matters of sustainable forest management.

As managers of forest lands in Newfoundland, Québec, Ontario and British Columbia, Kruger employees are mandated to protect and promote the resources and biodiversity and contribute to the social and economic growth of communities that are tied to these forest lands. The judicious use of resources is a premise of the detailed planning of all activities from the perspective of sustainable forest management and continuous improvement.

To improve their operating methods and integrate local communities in the planning of various forest activities, the Kruger sawmills, as well as Corner Brook Pulp and Paper in Newfoundland and Labrador, have voluntarily committed themselves to the rigorous practice of sustainable forest management (SFM). Permanent advisory committees were set up, in 1999 in the Mauricie, in 2000 on the North Shore and in 2003 in Newfoundland, in order to involve local communities in identifying objectives and direction for sustainable forest management as well as for the regular planning of forest activities. This system allows us to take values, concerns and regional characteristics into consideration in our forest management plans and to develop specific action plans that answer the needs of forest users.

The sustainable forest management plans for the forest activities of Kruger respond to six internationally recognized criteria:

1. Conservation of biological diversity
2. Maintenance and enhancement of forest ecosystem condition and productivity
3. Conservation of soil and water resources
4. Forest ecosystem contributions to global ecological cycles
5. Multiple benefits to society
6. Accepting responsibility for sustainable development

Sustainable forest management plans for common areas 043-20 in the Mauricie and 093-20 on the North Shore can be consulted on the Web site of Kruger Inc. at [www.kruger.com/sustainable forestry](http://www.kruger.com/sustainable-forestry).

A link allows consultation of the sustainable forest management section of Corner Brook Pulp and Paper Limited in Newfoundland and Labrador at www.cbpl.com.