Product Portfolio

TAAN FOREST IN CANADA

Indigenous Community
Taan Forest is owned by the Haida Nation, whose traditional territory is the archipelago of Haida Gwaii on Canada’s pacific coast. In November 2011, Taan Forest obtained an FSC certification, and now the communities on Haida Gwaii sell valuable FSC certified timber for home-building and finishing - and is eligible to use the small and community label option.

Taan Forest currently produces about 10 million board feet annually of rough sawn custom cut lumber that is sold through wholesale distributors to markets around the world including, the USA, Europe and Asia. Future initiatives include direct business relations and production of select finished products servicing builders and end users that specify FSC certified wood products.

Products
Taan Forest’s Western Red Cedar, Yellow Cedar, Sitka Spruce and Western Hemlock are used in a wide range of building products and specialty finished product applications. Whether its tonewood for musical instruments, masts for sailboats or interior finish building material all dealers and end-users place high importance on a secure and consistent supply of quality timber.

Taan Forest strives to understand the quality standards of each individual niche product to develop long-term mutually beneficial supply relations.

FACTS

Certificate Holder
Taan Forest

Certificate details
SW-FM/COC-005656

Main species
Western Red Cedar (Thuja plicata)
Yellow Cedar (Cupressus nootkatensis)
Sitka Spruce (Picea sitchensis)
Hemlock (Tsuga)

Annual allowable harvest
500,000 m³ /yr

Processing
Third party processing

End products
WRC: utility to clear,
Sitka Spruce: tone wood
Exclusive timber

Taan Forest manages 270,000 acres of ancient Haida Gwaii rainforest, harvesting activity and the production and sales of specialty wood products. The Haida people have inhabited this land for more than 12,000 years, and sustainable timber harvesting and production is firmly entrenched in the Haida culture.

With access to the forests of Haida Gwaii, Taan Forest has exclusive access to some of the finest and most exclusive timber. Taan Forest and the Haida people carefully choose from the finest available Western Red Cedar, Yellow Cedar, Sitka Spruce and Western Hemlock. They then custom cut the logs to exact specifications and deliver FSC certified Haida wood anywhere in the world, ready to become a part of a fine craft. It is the same quality coastal wood fibre that created the war canoes, majestic totems, mystical masks and ceremonial drums of the Haida people in ancient times.

FSC is a positive influence

Through the FSC certification, Taan Forest practices sound and sustainable forest management that reflect the values of the Haida Nation, helping to improve employment opportunities and maintain the ancient traditions and way of life on Haida Gwaii. Taan Forest has only been certified for two years but expects to gain great benefits in the future. They are developing their business model and they believe the FSC certification is going to create the foundation for an advantage in the marketplace and create more job opportunities which will improve the economy of Haida Gwaii.

Improved forest practices and reduced annual allowable harvest levels have already been achieved. Visitors and residents of Haida Gwaii are quite impressed with the transformation from a few short years ago. Taan Forest is continually improving, but the protection of high value resources and cultural values has been vastly improved from what it was previously.

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