The restoration of sustainable productive ecosystems is a pressing need in today’s world. Analog Forestry (AF) is an ecological restoration system focused on increasing native biodiversity through the use of organic agriculture, crop diversification and the maturing of ecosystems to create Analog Forests or Forest Gardens.

Forest gardens are economically productive and environmentally resilient agroforestry systems that provide economic and social opportunities to producers through Forest Garden Products (FGP), such as fruits, nuts, fibers, medicinal and food plants of high nutritional value, among others.

Forest Garden Products Certification System (FGP)

The Forest Garden Products (FGP) certification system was developed by the International Analog Forestry Network (IAFN) in response to the demand for a certification system that conforms to the philosophy and principles of Analog Forestry. The IAFN is a network of organizations involved in ecological restoration which include environmental NGOs as well as producers, traders and retailers of products derived from forest gardens. The IAFN is the body in charge of establishing and maintaining the FGP Standards.

FGP certification is a credible, independent and traceable system that guarantees that the products from Analog Forests or Forest Gardens are produced in accordance with the FGP Standards, creating ecosystems that provide environmental stability and resilience against climate change, for which farmers receive fair social and economic benefits.

FGPs were recognized in 2014 by the International Federation of Organic Agriculture Movements (IFOAM), and rank high as the only global standard to include Environmental, Social and Economic requirements in one system.
Eco-LOGICA Association in Costa Rica. It came about in response to the need to guarantee the legitimacy of organic products, backed by the accreditation of national and international bodies. Eco-LOGICA provides certification services, including the regulations for Forest Garden Products.

FGP certifying agencies

The IAFN authorizes third party certifying agencies to carry out inspections and certifications under FGP Standards. In Asia, FGP IC and IMO Control Private Limited (IMO India) are in charge of inspections and certifications and are affiliated with the Lanka Organic Agriculture Movement (LOAM). FGP IC has conducted multiple inspections and certifications. Currently under a new management, the new director and team have years of Analog Forestry training and experience having participated in many international and national Analog Forestry workshops and related events.

FGP IC

The FGP Inspection & Certification Pvt Ltd., (FGP IC) is a Private Limited Liability Company, registered according to the laws of Sri Lanka as an independent certification body pioneering FGP Inspection & Certification since 2007, affiliated to the Lanka Organic Agriculture Movement (LOAM). FGP IC has conducted multiple inspections & certifications.

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IMOcert

IMOcert offers inspection and certification services, through a team committed to ecological, sustainable and socially fair production systems, to producers, processors and marketers in Latin America and the Caribbean in order to facilitate access to specialized markets in the world. It is legally established in Bolivia, with a presence in more than 20 countries of Latin America and the Caribbean.

For more information visit: https://www.imocert.bio/

Eco-LOGICA

Eco-LOGICA was created in 1997 through efforts of the National Organic Agriculture Association in Costa Rica. It came about in response to the need to guarantee the legitimacy of organic products, backed by the accreditation of national and international organizations, offering credibility to the consumer, as well as protection and access to the producer through a quality service at an accessible price. Eco-LOGICA provides certification services in the production and processing of organic and sustainable agricultural products for national and international markets, including the regulations for Forest Garden Products.

For more information visit: https://www.eco-logica.com/

IMO Control Private Limited (IMO India)

IMO Control Private Limited (IMO India) is an independent certification body in India for organic agriculture that has been conducting audits and certifications since 1995. It provides cost-effective inspection and certification in organic agriculture, processing, exports, verification of inputs used in organic agriculture, wild collection, beekeeping and aquaculture. IMO India is the first organic certifying company in India to obtain international accreditation, since 2004, for its inspection and certification activities. It carries out FGP audits in countries of Asia.
The Participatory Guarantee System (PGS) of the Good Market in Sri Lanka has been accredited to carry out certifications with the FGP Standards. Three technical leaders have received training and have been accredited as FGP inspectors. The PGS is based on mutual agreements between producers on the standards and application mechanisms for implementation at the national or local level to allow access to local value-added markets.

Biodiversity

FGP is a label specialized in environmental aspects where organic practices are mandatory as requirements for the certification of these products. However, the FGP Standards go beyond organic agriculture, as they analyze variables such as the structure and function of an ecosystem, as well as the relationship of existing biomass and biodiversity in these ecosystems.

The recovery and protection of Biodiversity is highly valued within the FGP Standards, and its status in a given ecosystem is evaluated through the use of indicators for the presence of flora and fauna, as well as indicators of the health of active soils.

Ecosystem Services

FGPs include the voluntary carbon sequestration standard to establish the basic terrestrial carbon load and monitor the increase in carbon sequestered annually in a farm or Forest Garden, which allows evaluating and certifying this ecosystem service.
Forest Gardens or Analog Forests provide ecological functions and have the potential to offer ecosystem services such as: oxygen production (Photosynthetic Biomass), conservation and cleaning of water, creation of fertile soils, among others.

Fair Trade

Fair Trade is a global social movement that aims to address power imbalances that marginalize producers and place equity at the center of economic relations to transform trade.

The FGP label has been included in the **Fair Trade Label Guide of the French Fair Trade Platform** for having incorporated the main Fair Trade requirements into its standards and integrated requirements on social issues and economic criteria. These requirements seek to “ensure that workers and producers receive a fair price for FGP certified products, thus obtaining benefits and a fair return for the work invested in the production, processing and marketing of said products”.

The Fair Trade Criteria guarantee fairer terms of trade between farmers and FGP buyers, protect workers’ rights and provide the framework for producers to strengthen their Forest Gardens and develop thriving organizations. In this sense, the organization must be configured in a transparent way for its members and must not discriminate against any member or social group in particular.
The Sateré Mawé indigenous people consider themselves “Children of the waraná (guarana)”. Since ancient times they have produced, processed and consumed this plant sustainably, which has energetic effects, the use of which has become popular throughout the world.

The Consorcio de Productores Sateré Mawé (CPSM), is an organization of 500 families committed to protecting their forest while producing and preserving the native waraná and sustainably harvesting other forest products such as cat’s claw, andiroba, achiote, and Brazil nuts. These are FGP certified and sold in specialized markets in Europe, receiving fair prices for their efforts to conserve tropical forests with high biodiversity in their territory.

The sale of products that have been FGP certified since 2009, contributes to financing infrastructure and to create a variety of social projects, improving the living conditions of the Sateré Mawé. The French company Guayapi is the main buyer of these products, following Fair Trade regulations.
Guayapi
Guayapi is a French company dedicated to the appreciation and valorization of new and traditional plants from their places of origin. The selection criteria of the plants used in Guayapi products are based on their original quality and purity, and in the total absence of chemicals for their production or conservation.

Currently, FGP certified products are imported and distributed by Guayapi in 10 European countries, as well as Morocco in Africa and Korea and Japan in Asia. The annual turnover of the commercialization of FGP products amounts to around 1 million euros.

Why choose the Forest Garden Product Certification system?
The promotion of FGP certification is an invitation to producers to create diverse and healthy productive ecosystems, following the principles and methodologies of Analog Forestry, while benefiting from premium prices, under fair production and marketing methods.

The consumer of Forest Gardens Products has a guarantee that they are purchasing clean, healthy products that contribute to the care of their health, while at the same time supporting the restoration of healthy agricultural ecosystems and the improvement of the lives of farmers and producers.

To learn more about Forest Garden Products, contact the International Analog Forestry Network (IAFN)

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