

ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES OF RELEVANT CERTIFICATION OPTIONS FOR GUYANA¹

Criteria	FSC	ISO	National Stand. FSC endorsed	National Independent
Recognition by international markets	+	0	+	0/-
Support by environmental NGOs	+	0	+	0
Support by private sector	-	+	-	-
Opportunities for price premium (export)	+	0	+	0
Clients loyalty	+	0	+	0
Demonstrated improvement in forest operations	+	+	+	0
Well established system	+	+	0/+	-
Prestige based on high requirements and transparency	+	0	+	0
Opportunities for productivity increase and cost reduction	+	+	+	+
Lower investment in the acceptance of the system	+	+	-	-
Guarantee of a minimum performance	+	0	+	+/-
Possible use as a policy tool: condition for incentives	+	0	+	+
Opportunities for international support	0	0	+	0
Risk reduction chemicals	+	+	+	+
Addition to protected areas	+	0	+	+
Increased efficiency of control	+	0	+	+
Guarantee of participation and consultation of stakeholders	-	0	+	+
Easy to implement	+	+	-	--
Cost of implementation	+	+	-	--
Improvement in management systems and processes	0	+	0	0
Cost of FMU evaluation	-	-	-	+
Flexibility	-	0	-	+
Perception of sovereignty loss	-	0	-	+
Opportunities for capacity building	0	0	+	++
Opportunities for interaction of stakeholders. National level	-	0	+	++
Opportunities for interaction of actors. International level	0	0	+	0
Sum positives	16	9	17	13.5
Sum neutral	4	16	1.5	8.5
Sum negatives	6	1	7	7
Difference positive/negative	10	8	10	6.5

+/+: Very positive **+:** Positive **0:** Neutral **-:** Negative **-/-:** Very negative

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