

**Forest Stewardship Council®  
(FSC®) Controlled Wood  
Due Diligence System (DDS)  
Public Summary**

**Big Timber Hardwoods, LLC**

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## Introduction

Zimmfor Management Services Ltd. is a leader in providing consulting services to the resource management sector, with a focus on certification support related to forest management and chain of custody (CoC) for wood and wood fibre products.

In support of our client base, Zimmfor has developed a Due Diligence System (DDS) and FSC Controlled Wood Risk Assessment (RA), according to the requirements for Sourcing FSC Controlled Wood (CW) Standard (FSC-STD-40-005 V3-1).

FSC Controlled Wood supports the use of FSC Mix products and the establishes minimum legal, environmental, and social requirements for non-certified fibre that can be mixed in with FSC certified fibre.

## DDS Summary

Zimmfor has developed a DDS to support our FSC Chain of Custody (CoC) clients, consistent with FSC CW Standard requirements. The DDS consists of three elements:

- 1) Information Gathering – completed by clients using client specific “Supplier Declarations” or similar documents (e.g., Log Purchase Agreements; Timber Sale Contracts). Supplier Declarations provide information on products and species being sourced, geographic origins of timber harvesting, and includes a commitment from the supplier to assist in completing audits and confirmation of the legality of the wood being sourced.
- 2) FSC Controlled Wood Risk Assessment – completed by Zimmfor on behalf of participating clients, consistent with the FSC CW Standard. Source areas assessed are as indicated below.
- 3) Risk Mitigation – where source areas or suppliers are deemed to be not-low, or unspecified risk, risk mitigation procedures are developed to ensure that uncontrolled wood does not enter the client CoC system. Mitigation procedures may include physical segregation of uncontrolled material; implementation of verification procedures to confirm or alleviate risk concerns; and/ or exclusion of suppliers, supply areas, species, or products.

## Supply Areas and Risk Designations

The Zimmfor Risk Assessment covers the Big Timber Hardwoods source areas within the USA listed in Table 1 below. For analysis related to High Conservation Value Forests (HCVFs), Zimmfor has adopted the ecoregion definitions and mapping provided by the World Wildlife Fund (WWF - [www.worldwildlife.org/science/wildfinder/](http://www.worldwildlife.org/science/wildfinder/)).

## Applicable FSC Risk Assessment(s)

As of September 2017, there are no completed/approved FSC National Risk Assessments for the USA, and the FSC Centralized National Risk Assessment is incomplete for the USA.

Therefore, Zimmfor has prepared Company/Simplified Risk Assessments, consistent with the FSC Controlled Wood Standard (v3-1), FSC Global Forest Registry (FSC Registry - [www.globalforestregistry.org](http://www.globalforestregistry.org) – current version), and known/ available sources of information.



## Zimmfor Risk Assessment

The Zimmfor Risk Assessment covering the Big Timber Hardwoods source areas within the USA, listed below (Tables 1), can be found at:

**Big Timber Hardwoods** – [https://zimmfor.egnyte.com/dl/Fep3ZO9Egk/FSC\\_RA - Big Timber \(Mar. '17\).pdf](https://zimmfor.egnyte.com/dl/Fep3ZO9Egk/FSC_RA_-_Big_Timber_(Mar._'17).pdf)

## Complaints and Contact Information

Complaints related to the Zimmfor Risk Assessment should be forwarded to the Zimmfor FSC Risk Assessment Manager at:

[Fsc.ra.2017@zimmfor.com](mailto:Fsc.ra.2017@zimmfor.com); or

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All complaints and comments received related to the Zimmfor DDS will be managed consistent with the FSC CW Standard (40-005 v3-1, section 7).

## Risk Assessment Summary Tables – Applicable Source Areas

**Table 1: Risk Summary - USA**

Supply Areas Assessed, including WWF Ecoregions	Risk Rank				
	1. Illegally Harvested Wood	2. Violation of Traditional or Civil Rights	3. HCVPs	4. Conversion	5. Genetically Modified Trees
<b>Ohio</b> NA0401, NA0402, NA0404, NA0414	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low
<b>Pennsylvania</b> NA0401, NA0402, NA0403, NA0410, NA0411, NA0413, NA0414	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low
<b>West Virginia</b> NA0402, NA0403	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low