



## Responsible Timber Sourcing Policy

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## 1. Context

Forests are of vital importance to the livelihoods of people, animals, and plants. Hundreds of millions of people are directly dependent on forests for their living. Forests are also indispensable for many animals and plants. In addition, forests are important as they affect climate, water supply and quality and soil. However, the world's forests are under severe pressure. Every year, 7 million hectares of tropical forest disappear<sup>1</sup> (an area more than three times the Netherlands) and many northern forests suffer from degradation. Commercial irresponsible logging is one of the drivers behind forest degradation and deforestation. On the other hand, the use of timber products from demonstrable responsibly managed forests positively contributes towards well-balanced forests and goes against deforestation and forest degradation. In this context, Van Stijn Rijnwoude has taken measures and strengthened the sourcing of products using sustainably sourced timber and will continue to strategically increase these, as laid out in this policy.

In the historical context of the shipbuilding industry, timber sourcing for the construction of ships has had a vast impact on natural and semi-natural forest worldwide. However, we do see a big change in the shipbuilding industry regarding ethical sourcing. The shipbuilding industry is taking a turn and sets its goals towards sustainable supply chains where it steps away from unreliable supply chains.

By implementing the Responsible Timber Sourcing Policy, Van Stijn Rijnwoude facilitates the yachting industry in this change by supplying sustainably sourced products from well managed forests.

## 2. Vision

As supplier to the yachting industry, we recognise our responsibility to ensure that the timber products originate from legal and responsible sources. Van Stijn Rijnwoude envisions that in the long term all timber products procured by Van Stijn Rijnwoude are self-evidently FSC®-certified (C004783) or certified from other recognized sustainable sources. We can thereby secure our future source of timber whilst having a positive impact on the forests and the people and communities dependent on those forests.

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<sup>1</sup> Source: <https://www.fao.org/newsroom/detail/global-deforestation-slowing-but-rainforests-under-threat-fao-report-shows-030522/en>

### 3. Scope

This procurement policy covers forest-based products. Forests are mostly known for as a source of wood-based products such timber, pulp, and paper. Other parts of trees and forest resources are known as non-timber forest products (NTFP's).

In order to ensure future supply chains that originate from healthy forests, Van Stijn Rijnwoude considers the following criteria to be part of this procurement policy:

- a. Compliance with all applicable laws, regulations, treaties, conventions, and agreements.
- b. Recognition of long-term tenure and use-rights.
- c. Recognition of traditional and indigenous rights.
- d. Maintenance of forest workers' and local communities' social and economic wellbeing.
- e. Maintenance of the ecosystem, its biodiversity, resources, and the landscapes.
- f. Maintenance of high conservation values in the forest.
- g. Long term responsible forest management.
- h. Regular third-party monitoring and control of supply chains on transparency and reliability.

Use of forest-based products intended for non-commercial uses like printing paper and packaging, furniture, or other forest-based product are also considered to be part of this policy.

### 4. Target

All timber products are from legal origin in compliance with the EU Timber Regulation (or its successor the EU Deforestation Regulation when it becomes effective) with the necessary supporting documentation.

Van Stijn Rijnwoude is aiming at:

- a. 80% of non-commercial products to come from third party certified<sup>2</sup> sustainable origin by December 2024.
- b. 31% of all timber products sourced by Van Stijn Rijnwoude to come from third party certified sustainable origin by December 2024. We will target 40% of all timber products sourced sustainably by 2025 and 75% sustainably sourced by the end of 2028.

Van Stijn Rijnwoude applies a 'best sourcing principle' whereby all timber products are preferably FSC-certified (preference due to high stakeholder recognition); for soft-wood PEFC is acceptable and for tropical hardwood FSC is the only option.

We recognize the benefits of reclaimed and recycled materials and ensure reclaimed materials come from documented resources through implementing the FSC Recycled claims where this is relevant.

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<sup>2</sup> In the case of paper products either FSC Certified or PEFC Certified are accepted.

## 5. Policy commitments

Van Stijn Rijnwoude's timber products policy strives to set the expectation that all products containing timber are sourced in compliance with the following principles.

### 5.1 Unacceptable sourcing practices<sup>3</sup>

Van Stijn Rijnwoude's direct suppliers and importers are not engaged in and/or take measures to avoid timber products stemming from these unacceptable sourcing practices:

- a) Illegal harvesting or illegal trade in forest products
- b) Violation of customary or human rights within the forestry or forest products sector
- c) Violation of workers' rights and principles defined in the International Labour Organization (ILO) Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work within the forestry or forest products sector
- d) Destruction of High Conservation Values (HCVs) in forests or High Conservation Value areas
- e) Conversion of natural forest cover
- f) Use of genetically modified organisms in forestry operations for any other purposes than research

In addition, Van Stijn Rijnwoude does not source timber (products) from countries with sanctions imposed on timber imports or exports by the UN Security Council or the EU Council and from countries or areas with prevalence of armed conflicts, for which 'conflict timber' may be a concern<sup>4</sup>.

### 5.2 Disputable Sources of teak (*Tectona grandis*)

As Burmese Teak still finds its way despite EU's regulatory framework, Van Stijn Rijnwoude has made a clear commitment to excluding this sourcing area from its supply chain since 2017 and will continue to do so in the future. Van Stijn Rijnwoude takes an active role in working with short supply chains and take verification measures to ensure our teak supply comes from sustainable sources.

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<sup>3</sup> In compliance with the FSC® policy for association (not to be replaced with the audit required self-declaration).

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.sanctionsmap.eu/#/main>

### **5.3 Market development**

Through investing in relationships with suppliers and customers, and in collaboration with FSC Netherlands, Van Stijn Rijnwoude wants to transform the yachting sector's impact on forest. From deforestation and forest degradation, towards forest conservation. Current market demand rarely asks for FSC certified products, and van Stijn Rijnwoude intends to raise awareness, inspire and stimulate the market to develop and uphold sustainability requirements. This approach is essential to meeting the targets set out in this policy.

### **5.4 Legal compliance**

Van Stijn Rijnwoude strives to promote adherence to local, national, and international laws and regulation throughout its supply chain. All timber products are minimally compliant with relevant timber legislation, in particular the EU Timber Regulation (or its successor the EU Deforestation Regulation, when it becomes effective).

### **5.5 Communication and advocacy**

The commitment in this policy is a way to lead by example. Van Stijn Rijnwoude inherently believes that a sustainable future includes supply chains that lead back to healthy forests and acknowledge that the industry has a responsibility in driving change through action.

In order to drive positive change in the yachting sector, Van Stijn Rijnwoude will inform employees, as well as suppliers and customers on the green procurement policy. In addition, Van Stijn Rijnwoude will encourage its suppliers to obtain FSC Chain of Custody (CoC) certification.

Van Stijn Rijnwoude will make this policy publicly available.

### **5.6 Measuring progress**

In order to ensure the implementation of this policy and keep track of progress being made, Van Stijn Rijnwoude will make a yearly internal assessment on the level of certification relative to the total amount of procured timber. The percentage of certified timber procured by van Stijn Rijnwoude will be communicated internally and externally.