

ASI Accreditation Cost Estimates for Forest Management and Chain of Custody accreditation of the FSC Accreditation Programme (effective from 01 January 2010)

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1. This information document provides an overview of the estimated costs related to the ASI process for FSC Accreditation for Certification Bodies. The table below presents **an estimate** of the fees and charges that apply to applicant Certification Bodies for each step of the accreditation process.
2. The cost estimates listed below are **rough estimates** based on past applications. Accreditation costs will vary according to the individual circumstances of each applicant such as the scope of accreditation requested (Forest Management (FM) Chain of Custody (COC)).
3. The table below does not include direct costs for travel and accommodation for ASI auditors. Applicant certification bodies will be invoiced for all direct costs including those incurred with local experts and other consultants as required.
4. For the calendar year 2010 ASI has a daily rate of EUR 720 /day for work performed by ASI Accreditation Lead Auditors.
5. Fees are set by ASI for the calendar year but may change following 6 months notice.
6. Where possible, FSC seeks to reduce costs by combining trips, especially on international travels.



7. Overview Accreditation Costs:

Step	Description of Charges	Cost Estimate (EUR)
Application Pack	Printed Materials	600
Application Fee	Application	3,000
Document Review (Estimate)	ASI Lead Assessor 10 days	7,200
Office assesment including preparation, stakeholder consultation, site audit, report writing and finalisation (Estimate)	ASI Lead Assessor 8 days	5,760
Forest assessment including preparation, stakeholder consultation, site audit, report writing and finalisation (Estimate)	ASI Lead Assessor 8 days	5,760
	Local Expert 5 days (if needed)	3,000
Chain of Custody assessment including preparation, site audit, report writing and finalisation (Estimate)	ASI Lead Assessor 5 days	3,600
Final Accreditation Report + Accreditation procedure (Estimate)	ASI Lead Assessor 4 days	2,880
ASI Accreditation Committee Decision Making Process Costs		3,000
Travel and accommodation depends on location		
TOTAL of ASI Staff and Material		€ 34,800*
*Travel and accommodation costs are not included and have to be added see section 3 above		

