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Indicators 6.6.2 and 6.6.13

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- 1. Forest management in production stands of beech and oak is focused on increasing the value of individual trees. Indicator 6.6.2 of the <FSC-STD-SWE-03-19, The Forest Stewardship Standard of Sweden> requires retention of at least 10 trees with a diameter representative of the stand, or larger, per hectare in a felled area.**
- a. Are there alternative ways to demonstrate conformance to indicator 6.6.2 in production stands of beech and oak?**
- 1.a. Yes, in managed production stands of oak and beech the conformity with the indicator 6.6.2 of the <FSC-STD-SWE-03-19, The Forest Stewardship Standard of Sweden> can be demonstrated by a combination of following measures:
1. Retaining minimum of 5 oak or beech trees per hectare, including biodiversity trees, if present, and
  2. Retaining a minimum of other 5 retention trees per hectare of other tree species, if present, and/or
  3. Creating high stumps in beech stands where trees of the other tree species are too few. The high stumps can replace any trees missing for reaching the 10 trees per hectare. The high stumps are cut at the highest safe height based on the felling conditions. They can be retained at any time during the harvesting and regeneration phase.

Note: The high stumps described in point (3) are additional to the two high stumps that shall be left according to indicator 6.6.13 of the <FSC-STD-SWE-03-19, The Forest Stewardship Standard of Sweden>. There is no requirement to create additional high stumps in oak stands.