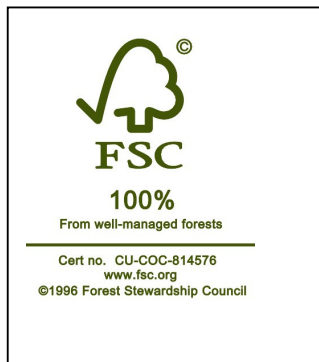




## MARINEDECK® exterior and sustainability

- The cork (suberose parenchyma) being used for MARINEDECK® exterior production is harvested in accordance to the strict European environmental regulations that apply to the sound management of the cork oak.
- All cork, being used for the production of MARINEDECK® exterior, is originating from Portugal and will only be harvested and supplied by companies that have committed to the rules of FSC (Forest Stewardship Council). In addition to that STAZO marine equipment b.v. carries out a quality selection.
- The cork-oak is the basis of one of the most unique ecological systems in the world, contributing to the survival of many indigenous animal species and to environmental protection. Only cork oak forests are responsible for fixing an estimated 5% of the total CO2 emission in Portugal.
- Cork products, being placed on the market in 2006, achieved a CO2 fixation of at least 35.000 tons.

## BIODIVERSITY AND FIGHTING AGAINST GLOBAL WARMING



### FSC Forest Management System and certification of MARINEDECK® exterior

In August 2010 STAZO marine equipment b.v. in the Netherlands was audited, approved and certified for MARINEDECK® exterior with the highest FSC rate, (100% from well managed forests). Warehousing, the entire production, incl. planks, sheet, PreFabricated decks of MARINEDECK® exterior and documentation. All were found to be approved and certified. With this highest rate of FSC certification MARINEDECK® exterior is the only 100% FSC certified product in the entire world for ships decks,

except FSC certified wood.

In 2008 our supplier of cork granules strengthened their commitment with the non-governmental organization Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) by implementing the chain of the responsibility management system in line with this standard in five of their additional units.

As of 2008, a total of nine of these units have obtained this prestigious certification. They are a member of the Forest & Trade Iberian Network, launched by WWF, an alliance of about 25 Portuguese and Spanish companies that encourage the responsible consumption of cork, timber and paper as a contribution to preventing further degradation of the world's forests.

By November 2008, more than 35,000 hectares of cork oak forest in the Iberian Peninsula had been certified. In 2008, the WWF and UNAC (Union of the Mediterranean Forest) announced the launch of a joint effort aimed at the preservation and efficient management of cork oak forests.

UNAC is committed to obtaining FSC certification for another 150,000 hectares of cork oak forests (another 20% of Portugal's total cork oak forest) before the year 2011.

### **Biodiversity**

the Biodiversity of Pastures: Reasons for the Adoption of Grazing Rotation” (including cork-oak forests). As part of the European Initiative on Business & Biodiversity, in 2008 our supplier provided free technical advisory service to forestry producers for identifying and adopting best practices in the management of cork oak forests and associated biodiversity.

The service proved highly successful, with 20 cork oak estates, covering a total of 5,437 hectares, applying for this service during its first year. As part of this initiative, the first Research Award for the “Enhancement of the Value and Sustainability of Cork Oak Forests and Associated Biodiversity” was attributed to the team of the Baeta Neves Applied Ecology Centre at Portugal's Higher Institute of Agronomy for its work on “Grazing Exclusion and biodiversity”.

### **Affirmation and promotion of the environmental advantages of cork**

Not only our supplier of cork granules but also STAZO marine equipment b.v. in the Netherlands play an important role in affirming and promoting the environmental advantages of cork that remain undiscovered on truly global scale and for multiple applications.

### **Green Cork**

Our cork supplier also participated in the genesis of Green Cork, a pioneering programme for recycling cork products. In addition to being the first structured recycling initiative, the Green Cork will help to finance nature recovery and conservation programmes.

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