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# Indus Tree Crafts Foundation

FSC® Forest Management Certification Project  
Karnataka

## COMMITMENT TO RECOGNIZING AND RESPECTING THE LEGAL AND CUSTOMARY RIGHTS OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

We, Indus Tree Crafts Foundation hereby commit to recognizing and respecting all legal and customary rights of indigenous peoples in the areas where our forestry operations are being conducted. This includes rights related to land ownership, access to resources, cultural heritage, and the practice of traditional knowledge.

We will actively engage with indigenous communities, ensuring their participation in decision-making processes that affect their rights and territories. Our commitment extends to maintaining ongoing consultations with indigenous representatives to safeguard their interests and ensuring that our forestry operations do not infringe upon their legal and customary rights.

Wherever applicable, we will seek Free, Prior, and Informed Consent (FPIC) from indigenous communities in accordance with national laws and international standards. This commitment includes supporting the self-determination of indigenous peoples and providing mechanisms for addressing grievances that may arise.

We stand firm in our commitment to upholding the dignity, rights, and sovereignty of indigenous peoples and pledge to operate with transparency, respect, and integrity in all our engagements with these communities.

This declaration is a testament to our dedication to sustainable and responsible forestry practices that honour the rights of indigenous peoples.

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