

Forest Stewardship: Three components

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The Forest Stewardship (FS) funding offered each year has three available components, each with its own authorities. Islands may write their Forest Stewardship narratives & budgets to address any or all of these components:

- (1) Forest Stewardship Program (FSP)
- (2) Forest Resource Management (FRM)
- (3) Reforestation, Nurseries and Genetic Resources (RNGR)

All islands are required to have Forest Stewardship Committees and report Forest Stewardship accomplishments, even if they concentrate on FRM and RNGR.

FRM and RNGR are old authorities that are still valid and very appropriate to the islands:

FRM was authorized by the Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act of 1978 (PL 95-313) to provide technical assistance and information to non-Federal forest landowners, *not only private landowners but also state landowners*. This program promotes healthy sustainable forests and sustainable economic development of forest resources.

See "Program Information Sheet" for FRM

RNGR was authorized by the Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act of 1978 (PL 95-313) and the National Forest Management Act of 1976 (PL 94-588). It ensures availability of planting stock for conservation programs. The program supports nursery modernization, training, and new technology for state RNGR programs. These programs contribute to healthy sustainable forests, sustainable economic development, and ecosystem restoration.

See "Program Information Sheet" for RNGR

The FSP was authorized more recently and receives the most emphasis nationwide.

The FSP was authorized by the 1990 Farm Bill (PL 101-624). FSP encourages active management by *private landowners of their forested lands* and related resources. In cooperation with the State forestry agencies and the State stewardship coordinating committees, the FSP promotes a healthy sustainable forest, forest stewardship, and sustainable economic development.

See "Funding Advice" for FS, which emphasizes FSP

See "Forest Stewardship Program National Standards and Guidelines" and appendix

Reporting requirements are primarily aligned with the FSP.