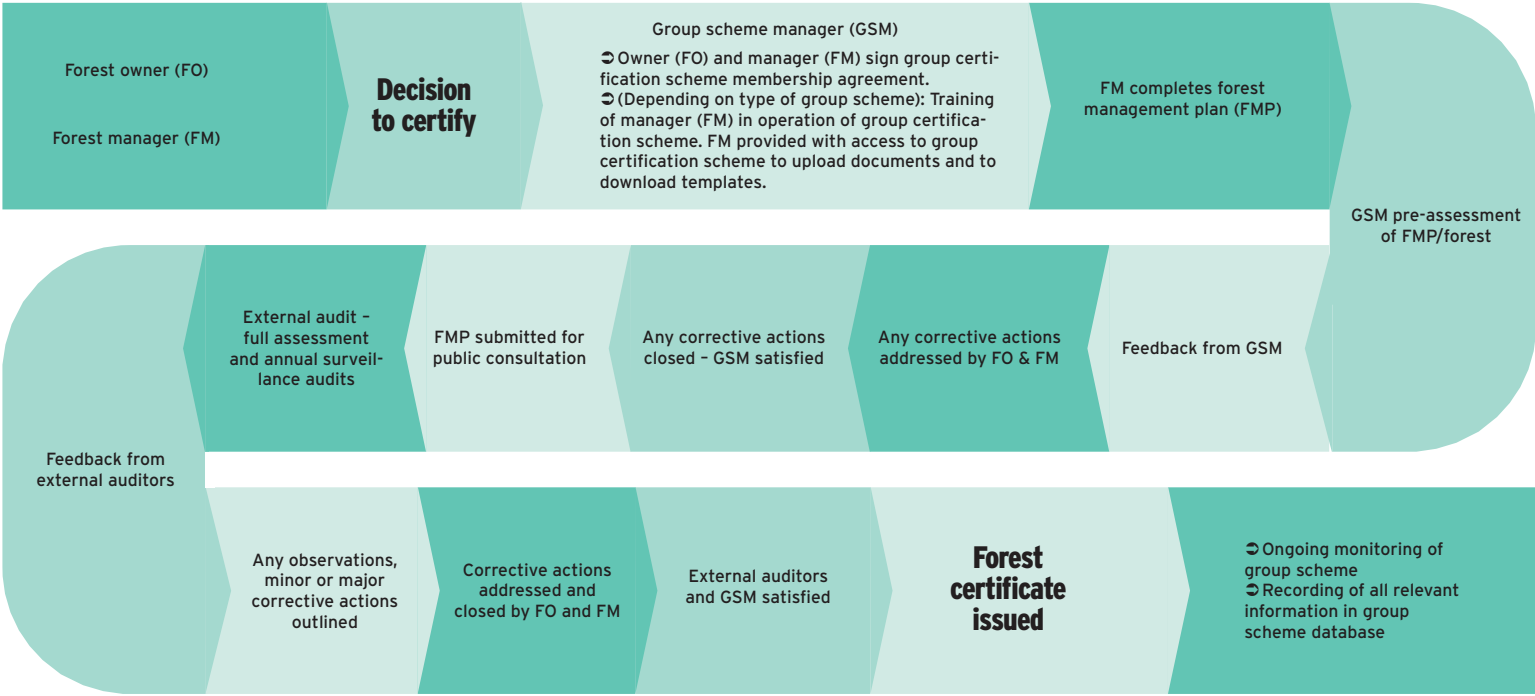
Forest owner (FO)
Forest manager (FM)
Decision to certify
Group scheme manager (GSM)
➲ Owner (FO) and manager (FM) sign group certification scheme membership agreement.
➲ (Depending on type of group scheme): Training of manager (FM) in operation of group certification scheme. FM provided with access to group certification scheme to upload documents and to download templates.
FM completes forest management plan (FMP)
GSM pre-assessment of FMP/forest
Feedback from GSM
Any corrective actions addressed by FO & FM
Any corrective actions closed – GSM satisfied
FMP submitted for public consultation
External audit – full assessment and annual surveillance audits
Feedback from external auditors
Any observations, minor or major corrective actions outlined
Corrective actions addressed and closed by FO and FM
External auditors and GSM satisfied
Forest certificate issued
➲ Ongoing monitoring of group scheme
➲ Recording of all relevant information in group scheme database