

Demonstrate Leadership and Commitment to Water Stewardship



What is Certification for Water Stewardship?

Climate resilience and water management are foundational components of an organization's sustainability journey. The SCS Global Services Certification for Water Stewardship and Resiliency allows organizations to demonstrate leadership and commitment to responsible water use. It enables organizations to measure baseline water performance, set measurable, local and contextually relevant targets, demonstrate water stewardship and resiliency practices, and monitor progress year over year.

Who is Eligible?

SCS Global Services Certification for Water Stewardship is applicable to organizations of all sizes worldwide, across various industries, that seek to demonstrate their commitment to effective water stewardship and resiliency practices at a site level.

Organizations can go above and beyond base level certification by achieving one or more of the "Trailblazer" categories outlined in the standard. These include:



Natural Habitat and Biodiversity Impacts



Nature Based Solutions



Innovative Technologies



Water Circularity



Net-Zero Water Use,
Net-Positive Water Use



Water Quality Improvement



Community Engagement



The Certification Process

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Apply for Scope and Certification

Fill out the SCS Global Services Water Stewardship Certification Application form to scope out the project and sign the SCS Global Services Professional Services Agreement.

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Approve the Work Order

SCS Global Services generates a work order describing the audit scope and costs.

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Complete a Self-Assessment (Optional)

Complete a Self-Assessment Checklist to help prepare you for the audit.

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Stage 1 Audit

Review of documentation and records

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Stage 2 Audit (Initial Audit - Year 0)

On-site audit (1/2 day) of an opening meeting, physical inspection of the site, interviews with personnel, and a closing meeting

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Review and Respond to Audit Findings

A detailed audit report is delivered with audit findings and a Corrective Action Plan (CAP) for the organization to respond to any non-conformities noted, listing corrective actions and evidence of implementation.

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Certification Decision

SCS Global Services Audit team reviews the audit report and CAP and a SCS Global Services Technical reviewer makes the certification decision. If certification is granted, the organization is issued a formal certificate, along with the SCS Global Services Kingfisher certification mark and logo use guidelines.

The SCS Global Services Advantage

SCS Global Services is a world leader in third-party certification, with 40 years of dedicated experience with clients in almost every sector. We draw on the sector-specific knowledge of our many subject matter experts to inform the certification process for water stewardship. Our commitment to excellence extends to our logistical capabilities, ensuring timely and efficient service delivery.

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