

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 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 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

- 1 Apply for Scope and Certification**
Fill out the SCS Water Stewardship Certification Application form to scope out the project and sign the SCS Professional Services Agreement.
- 2 Approve the Work Order**
SCS generates a work order describing the audit scope and costs.
- 3 Complete a Self-Assessment (Optional)**
Complete a Self-Assessment Checklist to help prepare you for the audit.
- 4 Stage 1 Audit**
Review of documentation and records
- 5 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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- 6 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.
- 7 Certification Decision**
SCS Audit team reviews the audit report and CAP and a SCS Technical reviewer makes the certification decision. If certification is granted, the organization is issued a formal certificate, along with the SCS 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.

