



Assurance Panel

Membership Qualifications and Selection Criteria

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ESSENTIAL

1. Members should demonstrate an understanding of and experience with the principles of sustainable tourism and conformity assessment.

DESIRABLE (at least one of the following)

1. Experience in working with a certification program
2. Experience as an auditor of any type of sustainable tourism program
3. Experience working with a related certification and/or accreditation program; e.g., FSC, MSC, ISEAL, ISO
4. Knowledge of certification and/or accreditation through an academic role
5. Sustainable tourism consultant experience in an accreditation or certification body

Note: Panel members may not be direct employees of an accreditation body, certification program, or conformity assessment body that seeks recognition, endorsement, or accreditation from the GSTC; however members may offer advice or consultancy to such entities, provided that they recuse themselves from any decisions related to that entity for at least 24 months since their last activity.