



Forests: Useful Links

This page contains links to websites from governments, international organizations, non-governmental organizations, businesses, media, and other groups from around the world to help you research issues related to forests. We have compiled these links from our own review of the vast amount of information available on the Internet to help you to find the most relevant sources for your research. *Our Planet* magazine does not, however, endorse the viewpoints of any of the groups to which we link, and we cannot guarantee the accuracy of the information posted on these sites. Rather, we hope to provide you with a broad range of opinions and perspectives.

Branching out

www.fsc.org

The Forest Stewardship Council provides standards for responsible forestry. Products carrying the FSC label are independently certified to assure consumers that they come from forests that are managed to meet the social, economic and ecological needs of present and future generations.

www.conservation.org

Conservation International's mission is to conserve the Earth's living heritage and to demonstrate that human societies are able to live harmoniously with nature.

www.globalcanopy.org

The Global Canopy Programme is an alliance of 29 scientific institutions in 19 countries, which lead the world in forest canopy research, education and conservation.

www.ForestsNow.org

The Forests Now Declaration, which calls for the protection of forests in the fight against climate change, has been signed by over 300 high-level endorsers including leaders from across the world's great tropical forests.



fighting for the rainforest

www.rainforest-alliance.org

The Rainforest Alliance, based in New York City, works to conserve biodiversity and ensure sustainable livelihoods by transforming land-use practices, business practices and consumer behaviour. The Alliance works with people whose livelihoods depend on the land as well as with companies, from large multinational corporations to small community-based cooperatives. Its aim is to bring responsibly produced goods and services to a global marketplace where the demand for sustainability is growing steadily.

www.rainforestfoundation.org

The Rainforest Foundation was created by British singer Sting and his wife, Trudie Styler, in 1989 in order to support indigenous and traditional people of the world's rainforests in their efforts to protect their environment and fulfil their rights. It does this by assisting them in securing and controlling the natural resources necessary for their long term well-being and managing these resources in ways which do not harm their environment, violate their culture or compromise their future; and developing the means to protect their individual and collective rights and to obtain, shape and control basic services from the state.

www.ran.org

The Rainforest Action Network uses what it calls "hard-hitting market campaigns" to align the policies of multinational corporations with widespread public support for environmental protection. The organization says it has already helped convince dozens of corporations — including Home Depot, Citigroup, Boise Cascade, and Goldman Sachs — to change their practices, hence "helping to protect millions of acres of forests in Canada, Indonesia, Brazil, Chile and beyond."

www.unep.org

www.unep.org/GRASP – The Great Apes Survival Project (GRASP) Partnership is a project of UNEP and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) with an immediate challenge – to lift the threat of imminent extinction faced by gorillas, chimpanzees, bonobos and orangutans across their ranges in equatorial Africa and Southeast Asia. This website provides information on GRASP, ongoing activities, meetings and events.

www.unep.org/billiontreecampaign – The Billion Tree Campaign, launched by UNEP in late 2006, has catalyzed the planting of almost 2.3 billion trees around the world. The target has now been raised to seven billion trees by the end of 2009. The BTC website has the latest figures, as well as pages where anyone can pledge trees and enter their planted trees, the 'photo of the day' from one of the millions of tree planters around the world, facts and figures, tree planting tips and more.

www.unep-wcmc.org – The UNEP World Conservation Monitoring Centre (UNEP-WCMC) is a collaboration between UNEP and WCMC 2000, a UK-based charity. The centre's mandate is to evaluate and highlight the many values of biodiversity and put authoritative biodiversity knowledge at the centre of decision making. The website gives access to interactive maps, species information and computational tools.

www.unep-wcmc.org/forest/restoration/fris/default.aspx – The Forest Restoration Information Service provides an open-access internet information service to support forest restoration projects worldwide and facilitates exchange of knowledge among forest restoration projects.

www.climate-standards.org/index.html

The Climate, Communities and Biodiversity Alliance has established a set of criteria for forest carbon projects that minimize climate change, support sustainable development and conserve biodiversity.

www.worldagroforestry.org

The World Agroforestry Centre is the international leader in agroforestry research and development.

www.carbonpositive.net

Carbonpositive is a business that develops sustainable agroforestry and bioenergy projects in non-industrialised countries and manages these Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) projects from beginning to end.

www.cbf-fund.org

The Congo Basin Forest Fund, launched in June 2008, aims to support innovative proposals to make the Congo Basin forest worth more as a living resource than it would be cut down.

www.cbfp.org

The Congo Basin Forest Partnership is a voluntary agreement between governments, the private sector, civil society and development organizations aimed at promoting the development, sustainable management and conservation of the forest ecosystems of the Central Africa region.

www.greenbeltmovement.org

The Green Belt Movement, founded by 2004 Nobel Peace Prize Winner Wangari Maathai, began as a grassroots tree planting programme and is now a prominent women's civil society organization in Kenya.

www.globaltrees.org

Over 8,000 tree species, 10 per cent of the world's total, are threatened with extinction. The Global Trees Campaign aims to help conserve them through information, conservation and wise use.

www.internationaltreefoundation.org

The International Tree Foundation provides funds to help communities stop deforestation by planting, protecting and promoting trees at home and abroad.

www.forestpeoples.org

The Forest Peoples Programme is an international NGO founded in 1990 to promote forest peoples' rights.

www.kinome.fr

Kinomé is a French organization whose stated mission is to contribute significantly to reversing deforestation through reforestation projects and by preserving existing forests.

<http://reforestthetropics.org>

Reforest the Tropics is an applied research organization working to mitigate global warming through sustainable forestry and long-term verifiable carbon sequestration.