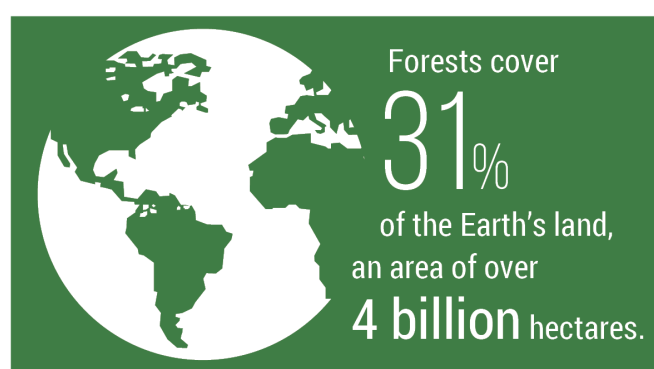




UNITED NATIONS FORUM ON FORESTS (UNFF)



About UNFF

The UN Forum on Forests was established by ECOSOC in 2000 to promote the management, conservation and sustainable development of all types of forests and to strengthen long-term political commitment to this end. The Forum has universal membership.

UN Strategic Plan for Forests (UNSPF 2030)

The UN Strategic Plan for Forests was adopted by ECOSOC and the UNGA in 2017. The Plan set six Global Forest Goals (GFGs) to sustainably manage all types of forests and trees, halt deforestation and forest degradation and increase forest area by 3%. The Forum monitors progress in the implementation of the UNSPF 2030.



17th session of the UN Forum on Forests (UNFF17, May 2022)

- Member States, member organizations of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests (CPF), regional and subregional organizations, Major Groups and other stakeholders held policy discussions on the implementation of the UNSPF 2030;
- UNFF17 highlighted the critical importance to tap into the potential of forests to address many of the current global challenges, particularly the disastrous effects of the COVID-19 pandemic and a changing climate, noting growing recognition and expectation to push for forests and other ecosystem-based solutions beyond the UN system;
- UNFF17 omnibus resolution was adopted. In particular, the UNFF agreed upon actions to be taken in preparation for the midterm review of the effectiveness of the International Arrangement on Forests (IAF), leading up to UNFF19 to be held in 2024; and
- Input was provided to the 2022 HLPF.

18th session of the UN Forum on Forests (UNFF18, May 2023)

- UNFF18 (8-12 May 2023) is a technical session with a focus on Global Forest Goal 2 and Global Forest Goal 3, and will consider its input to the 2023 HLPF and update on the preparations for the IAF midterm review.



Global Forest Goal 2

Enhance forest-based economic, social and environmental benefits, including by improving the livelihoods of forest-dependent people.



Global Forest Goal 3

Increase significantly the area of protected forests worldwide and other areas of sustainably managed forests, as well as the proportion of forest products from sustainably managed forests.



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