

Forum: United Nations Environmental Programme

Question of: Restriction of tropical deforestation to conserve biodiversity

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3 *Taking into account* that timber is needed in numerous industries and is essential to many people's
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6 *Bearing in mind* that every day rainforests provide benefits vital to life on earth and to the quality of
7 human life, and the entire global population depends on forests for their carbon-sequestering services,
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9 *Taking into account* that our rainforests face many threats as a result of unsustainable use and must
10 play a key role in supporting the growth of a global green economy,
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12 *Drawing attention* to the importance of creating a green economy at the local, regional and global
13 levels,
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15 *Realizing* that the emergence of a green economy provides an opportunity for the development of
16 innovative markets and policies that value rainforests for the wide variety of benefits that they provide
17 and that also promote long-term sustainable forest management,
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19 *Declaring* that as natural capital in a green economy, rainforest assets constitute the source of
20 significant benefits to people, for example mitigating the impacts of climate change,
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22 *Acknowledging* that at the local level, forest-dependent communities benefit from having access to
23 materials such as medicines and wood for fuel; at the regional level, forests are instrumental in the
24 provision of key ecosystem services such as water regulation, soil stability and air quality and at the
25 global level, forests make an important contribution to economic development, biodiversity and climate
26 regulation,
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28 *Taking into consideration* that besides providing wood and other products, forests are home to much of
29 the world's biodiversity, which in itself provides benefits for gene pools, pharmaceuticals and other
30 unique and highly valuable goods and services ,
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32 *Reaffirming* that through natural carbon capture and storage, terrestrial forest ecosystems contribute to
33 the planetary carbon cycle by storing more carbon in their soil and organic material than is currently
34 stored in the atmosphere and playing an important role in the human response to the challenges of the
35 changing climate,
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37 *Guided by* all nations' responsibility for this problem,

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1. **Strongly urges** for an independent international agency controlling forestry and timber trade, including
 - a. Monetary supervision,
 - b. Organizing patrols in order to stop and arrest illegal wood cutters and poachers ,
 - c. Unannounced patrols to ensure sustainability and legal forestation,
 - d. Educating affected locals respecting,
 - e. A cooperation with IPBES to supervise the data about deforestation in every country of the UN which has tropical rainforests;
2. **Suggests** an International Forestry Fund (IFF), which
 - a. Is financed by all UN-member states proportional to their GDP,
 - b. Distributes money to UN-countries according to their tropical forest area,
 - c. Provides developing countries with credits and technologies to establish renewable energy sources and sustainability;
3. **Urges** sustainable extraction of natural resources by
 - a. Damage reduction,
 - b. Circle cutting instead of clear-cutting,
 - c. No monoculture,
 - d. No burning of forests,
 - e. Protecting indigenous people and endangered species,
 - f. Reforesting with local plants;
4. **Strongly encourages** other nations of the UN to accept the label „ Greenwood“ which
 - a. Rewards companies which do logging in a sustainable way,
 - b. Gives the permission to sell their wood;
5. **Invites** the inclusion of NGOs in forest protection to
 - a. Relieve the government in financial and bureaucratic issues,
 - b. Address public in as many ways as possible to amplify general interest and motivation for forest policy;
6. **Recommends** the idea of a green belt in countries affected by desertification.