



**TRILLION  
TREES**

# FORESTS FOR PEOPLE, NATURE AND CLIMATE

**Forests are one of our greatest allies in tackling the climate and biodiversity crises. Trillion Trees is working to protect and restore forests worldwide - and help the people who depend on them thrive.**

Trillion Trees is a partnership between BirdLife International and WWF, bringing together our collective expertise, reach and influence to urgently accelerate the positive power of forests.

We work across the world to protect standing forests, restore degraded landscapes and tackle the drivers of deforestation — delivering benefits for people, nature and climate. At the heart of our approach is high-quality forest landscape restoration (FLR), embedded within wider conservation programmes and landscape finance initiatives, and designed to deliver lasting change.

Our projects follow the globally established principles of high-quality FLR and the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration, working hand-in-hand with local communities at the forest frontier. We support livelihoods, strengthen climate resilience and adaptation, and ensure that the benefits of restoration are fair and equitable.

By restoring and reconnecting forests, we create more space for wildlife and improve habitats for endangered species. At the same time, healthy forests remove carbon dioxide from the atmosphere and safeguard the vast carbon stores held in standing forests, as well as regulating watersheds and reducing soil erosion and flooding.

We're already more than two-thirds of the way towards our 2030 goal: bringing 125 million hectares of forest under improved management, improved protection or high-quality restoration.

## How we work

### The ReForest Fund

The ReForest Fund turns ambition into action. It supports community-led forest landscape restoration in biodiversity hotspots around the world, delivering tangible benefits for people, nature and climate. Our growing portfolio now includes 35 community-led projects across 23 landscapes, focused on forest frontiers throughout the tropics.

We prioritise the restoration of natural forests using native species and science-led approaches that give forests the best chance of thriving for generations to come.

So far, our project teams have grown more than 903,000 trees and supported more than 26,700 people. Together, these efforts are projected to sequester more than 395,000 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> over 20 years.\*

But restoration is about more than planting trees. It's about making sure the right trees are in the right places, that ecosystems recover, that communities benefit and that restoration lasts.

That's why we closely monitor our work and are developing a practical, responsive, ground-up field tool to measure and verify restoration impact. It will help us understand what works, adapt as we learn and ensure that strong social and environmental safeguards are built into every landscape restoration project.



Photo: Aulia Erlanga

## How we work

### Scaling finance for forests

**Good restoration needs good finance — and it needs finance at scale.**

Trillion Trees works to unlock new sources of funding for critically important forest landscapes and leverage investment far beyond our own resources. Our ability to do this is built on the deep, long-term relationships that Trillion Trees partners have developed with communities, governments, public institutions and private-sector actors in priority countries.

This approach has helped mobilise significant funding to protect and restore highly biodiverse forest landscapes, accelerating action where it is needed most, for example in Kenya, Rwanda and Bolivia. We are also helping unlock innovative sources of sustainable, long-term finance. In Colombia, for example, we supported the development of a Carbon Tax through the Herencia Colombia programme, contributing to the long-term financing of the country's protected-area network.

Our Forest Restoration Catalyst tackles another critical challenge: helping landscapes become investment-ready and connecting Indigenous Peoples and local communities with sustainable finance. By providing catalytic funding to promising restoration initiatives, the Catalyst helps projects build the foundations they need to attract outcomes-based finance and grow to scale.

Trillion Trees was also a founding partner of BirdLife International's Forest Impact Accelerator, which supports the development and growth of successful conservation enterprises and explores innovative funding models that can transform how businesses, governments and society value forests.

### Global influence

The scale of the climate and biodiversity crises demands collective action.

Achieving the UN Sustainable Development Goals — alongside the ambitious climate and biodiversity commitments established through the UNFCCC and other global agreements — requires governments, businesses, communities, conservation organisations and funders to work together. Trillion Trees is helping to accelerate that movement through strategic leadership, collaboration and evidence.

We participate in key global climate and conservation conversations and contribute to research that can shape policy and investment. This includes work examining forest targets in [Nationally Determined Contributions \(NDCs\)](#), the [True Cost of Forest Restoration](#), [WWF's Forest Pathways](#) report, and research exploring how [human wellbeing can be meaningfully embedded in ecosystem restoration monitoring](#).



Primary school students celebrating while holding saplings. PHOTO: WWF Tanzania

## Why Trillion Trees?

### We focus where forests, people and nature need us most.

- Global reach, local impact. Working across 60 countries, we focus resources on places where high-quality interventions can deliver the greatest impact.
- Deep conservation expertise. As a partnership of leading conservation organisations, we combine decades of experience in frontline implementation with the ability to influence transformational policy and systems change.
- Science-led and evidence-based. We measure what we do, learn from experience and share both successes and challenges — continually improving how restoration is delivered.
- Partnership at the heart. We work with communities, governments, funders and conservation partners to create solutions that are locally led, equitable and deliver lasting impact.

### Join us

### The opportunity is enormous — and the time to act is now.

Together, we can protect the forests that remain, restore those we have lost and build a future where forests work for people, nature and climate.

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Community tree planting in the High Andes, Bolivia. PHOTO: Marizol Huarachi for Asociación Armonía