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Forest Update

Probably the most important international conference on climate is this November, being held in Glasgow. It's now or never for countries and private industries to take bold action if we are to have any chance of holding back catastrophic climate change. But they have to actually act, and not just talk about it.

Nature-based solutions are the next best thing to reducing emissions, and forests are a big part of that. The world's forests already remove around 25 percent of carbon emissions.

Which is why your continued support is so critical to our mission to protect and restore one trillion trees. We're going to make sure pledges are turned into action, by helping deliver those pledges on the ground.

And none of this would be realised if it weren't for the hard-working conservationists who are on the frontlines delivering action for forests, day in, day out. In this issue, we've highlighted some of their inspiring stories from the Atlantic Forest of Paraguay and Brazil, to the mountains of Kenya and the magnificent parks of Madagascar. Our Executive Director, John Lotspeich, also shares his thoughts on the value of intact forests in an article on why protecting the forests that we still have is crucial to the fight for people, nature and the climate.



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Tea and Empathy



Can you regenerate a rainforest with a cup of tea? That's what Trillion Trees' partner, BirdLife International is achieving in the heart of South America, with Fabiana Benítez of Guyra Paraguay at the centre. Fabiana's story tells how Trillion Trees funding is helping Guyra work with local people to build sustainable agroforestry models that protect the forest whilst providing an income for local producers.

[Click here to read Fabiana's story](#)

[Click here to watch Fabiana on Sky News](#)



Top: Fabiana Benítez. Bottom: *Penelope superciliosus* © Miguel Morales

Forest guardians and nature's nurseries on Mount Kenya



Paul Gacheru of Nature Kenya, a BirdLife International partner, shares how the forested foothills of his childhood are being restored to health – with farmers and families at the helm. Since 2010, Paul and his team have been developing a community forestry model that empowers community associations to set up their own tree nurseries, sowing and growing more than 3 million Indigenous tree saplings over the last two years alone. Read how this is making a difference to the lives of local people as well as reversing some of the degradation the forest has suffered over the last 20 years.

[Click here to read Gacheru's story](#)

[Click here to watch a video about the project](#)



Top: Mount Kenya forest view by Peter Usher
Middle: Tree planting in Mt. Kenya © Nature Kenya
Bottom: Tree Nursery © Nature Kenya



Silky sifaka (*Propithecus candidus*) © WCS/Felix Ratelolahy

Days in the life of Madagascar's magnificent Makira forest

Felix Ratelolahy, tells how he is helping restore Madagascar to its former 'Green Island' glory. Through Trillion Trees funding, the Wildlife Conservation Society [WCS] is working with local people to help restore the forest, and to establish new, sustainable ways of farming in and around the Makira Natural Park, home to 17 species of lemur and the largest remaining intact humid rainforest in this unique country.

[Click here to read Felix's story](#)



Felix monitoring activities of local people practicing a new cultivation technique for vanilla in a buffer zone plantation. © WCS/Felix Ratelolahy

‘Restoring tree cover to Tanzania’



Azaria Kilimba of WWF’s pioneering work in community forest conservation has so far seen half a million hectares reclaimed for nature. Working with local communities, the project is helping to provide equipment and training on improving farming practices, soil quality and sustainable harvesting methods, as well as introducing an all-important benefit sharing model. WWF has now helped 48 villages operating a similar model, and that has enabled them to move 520,000 hectares of threatened forest into protected status.

[Click here to read Azaria’s story](#)



Clockwise from top left: Local children helping to plant trees; Tree nursery; Foresters of the Future children; Community tree planting. Images © WWF Tanzania

‘Food forests’ could throw a lifeline to rare Brazilian birds in the Atlantic forest

Alice Reisfeld and her team are ushering in a bird-based ecological renaissance in the world’s most imperilled tropical habitat. Alice manages six of SAVE Brasil’s bird initiatives nationwide, including its Trillion Trees-backed project in the northeast of the country, which seeks to restore some of the most threatened tropical forest on Earth, the Atlantic Forest. Here the team is helping to support local people to farm more sustainably, access new markets and plant native trees wherever they can.

[Click here to read Alice’s story](#)

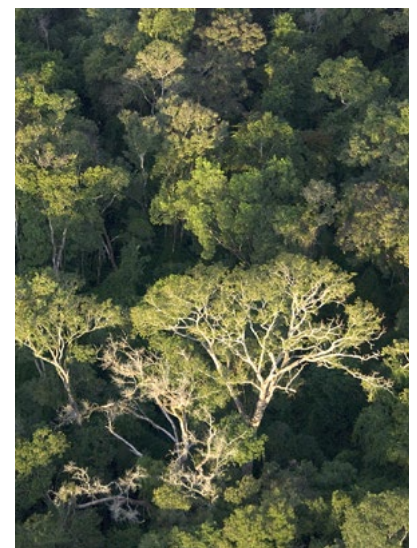


Left: Seven-coloured tanager (*Tangara fastuosa*) © Ciro Albano. Right: Alice birdwatching from a tower in the Pedra d’Antas Reserve

The silence — and promise — of intact forests

Read our Executive Director, John Lotspeich’s, thoughts on the value of the world’s standing forests and how, no matter how much restoration we do, it is imperative that we protect them if we are to tackle the triple crisis facing our planet.

[Click here to read John’s blog](#)



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