



Trade in forest products was estimated at \$327 billion in 2004.

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Forests cover 31% of total land area.

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Primary forests account for 36% of forest area.

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The livelihoods of over 1.6 billion people depend on forests.

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Forests are home to 80% of our terrestrial biodiversity.

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Forests are home to 300 million people around the world.

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30% of forests are used for production of wood and non-wood products.

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## **FOREST FACTS**

**Deforestation accounts for 12 to 20 percent of the global greenhouse gas emissions that contribute to global warming.**

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## **FOREST FACTS**

**Some 80 percent of the people living in developing countries depend on non-wood forest products, such as fruits and herbs, for their primary health and nutritional needs.**

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## **FOREST FACTS**

The area of planted forest is increasing –  
it now accounts for 7% of total forest area.

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**Around 10 million people are employed in forest management and conservation.**

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**80% of the world's forests are publicly owned, but ownership and management of forests by communities, individuals and private companies is on the rise.**

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# **FOREST FACTS**

**Forests store more than 1 trillion tons of carbon.**

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