Forest Restoration in Landscapes

Beyond Planting Trees

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The importance of restoration continues to grow, and this book integrates the restoration of forest functions into landscape conservation plans. In response to multiple requests for guidance on forest restoration in complex, large scale conservation projects, the global conservation organization WWF developed this book on how best to approach the restoration of forest functions in landscapes. The book is a compilation of short chapters, bringing together the expertise of over 60 specialists and practitioners. It offers simple, practical advice and examples from around the world, covering both temperate and tropical forests. The book is intended to outline for practitioners current knowledge and examples, while highlighting outstanding gaps. The topics cover different stages in the restoration process, from planning through to negotiation and to specific restoration techniques that have proven effective or are currently being tested.

Due to the WWF's extensive global reach, and together with its many partners and counterparts, it has acquired a significant level of experience on the topic of forest restoration at large scales. This book represents the collective body of knowledge and experience of WWF and its many partners—which is collected here for the first time and which will be invaluable to all of those working in the field. This guide will serve as a first stop for practitioners and researchers in any organization or region and as a key reference on the subject. Along with concise, practical information for a variety of specific systems and issues, it gives many suggestions for further research.

From the Foreword by Chief Anyaoku, President, WWF International: "Is it a sign of the times that the Nobel Peace prize to Wangari Maathai for having planted 30 million trees? We believe so. . . . The 21st Century will be a time of forest restoration."

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