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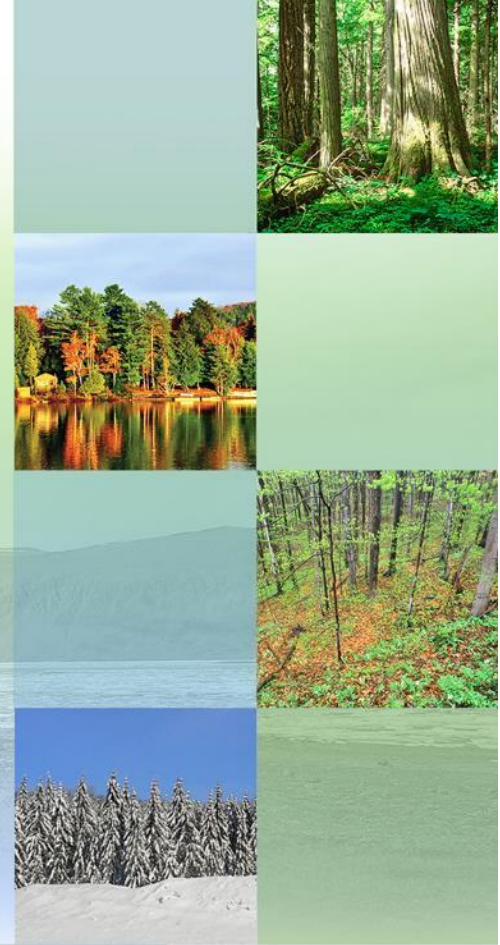
The IMFN: an international update and how Model Forests are working towards forest and climate resiliency around the world

“IMFN Climate and IMFN Governance”

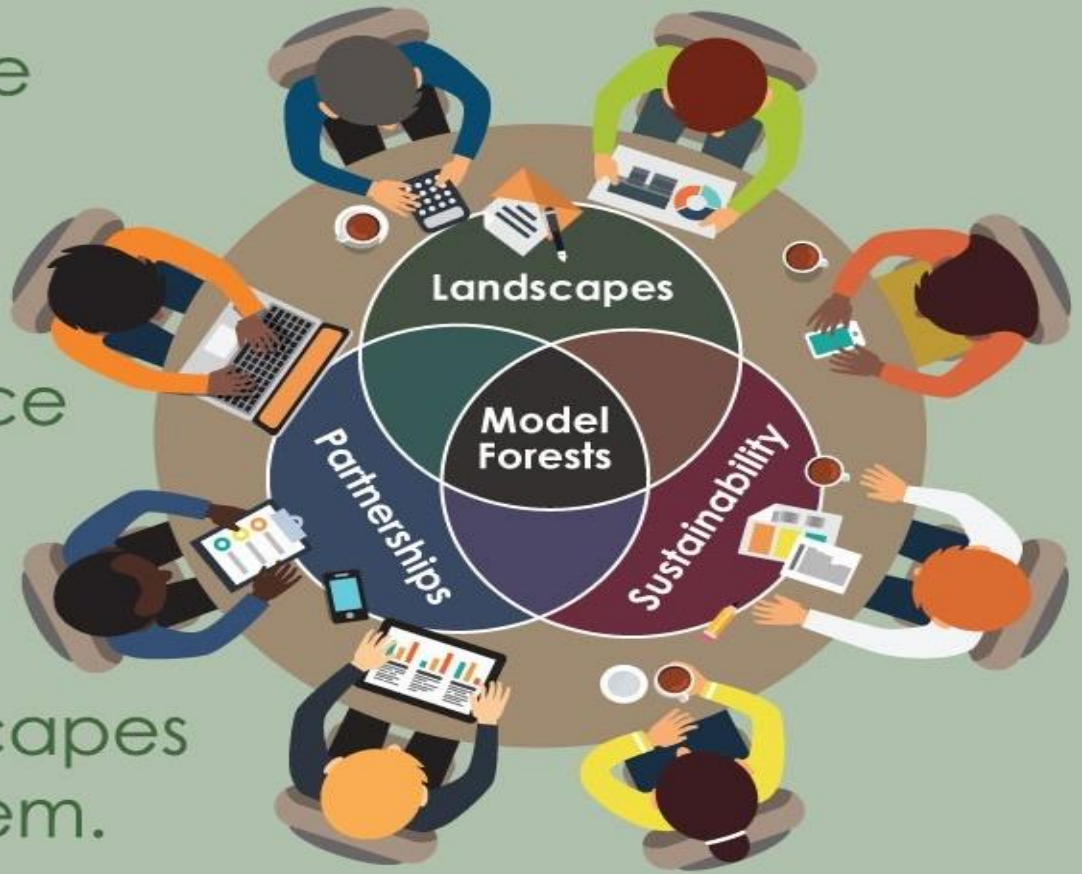
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Model Forests are a proven multi-stakeholder platform for good governance and shared stewardship of forests and the larger landscapes that surround them.



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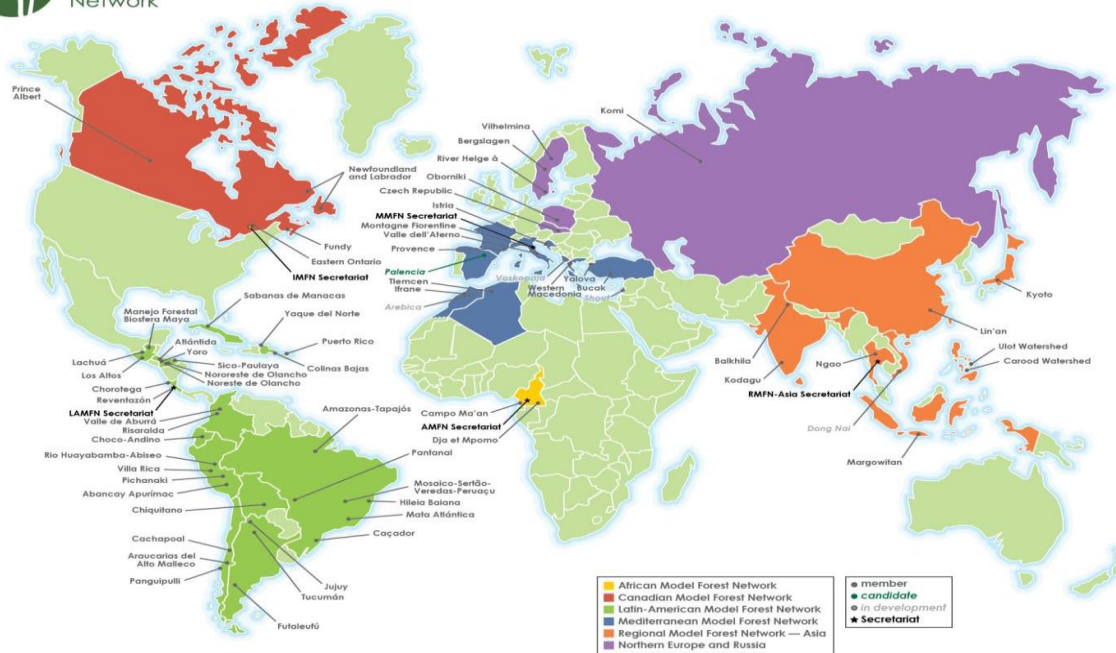
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Growing network: 60+ Model Forests 30+ countries 70M+ ha 20 M+ people



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Since last MedForum:

- New: Western Macedonia (Greece)
- New: Valle dell'Aterno (Italy)
- New: Manejo Forestal Biosfera Maya (Guatemala)
- New: Valle de Aburrá (Colombia)
- Departed: Norte del Neuquén (Argentina)
- Departed: San Pedro de Misiones (Argentina)

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Action beyond Words



**For first time in 30+ years
political and financial
focus on forests**



**But enrollment is
down. Who will do
the work?**



**Shift from pledges
and commitments
to implementation**



**Inter-generational
governance and
learning from the past**

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FY23/24 Highlights – IMFN Secretariat

New Funding

- Announced the launch of Canada's Global ForestLeadership Program including a new window for IMFN Governance funding.
- Over Can\$5.8 million was distributed to Model Forest members and partners through three (3) initiatives to equip the next generation of forest leaders, improve forest governance and accelerate action against the twin crises of climate change and biodiversity loss.

Outreach

- 152 trilingual social media posts across 3 platforms
- Launched landing webpages for both IMFN Climate and RESTAURaccion
- Published a summary report of the IMFN's 30th Anniversary activities and outcomes.
- Released achievements reports for IMFN Climate Year1 and RESTAURaccion Year 2.

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FY23/24 Highlights – IMFN Secretariat

Governance

- The IMFN welcomed two (2) Model Forests into the IMFN family.
- RECOFTC assumes the role of Asia Secretariat Italy's Regione Toscana renewed its commitment to lead Mediterranean Secretariat for another five years (2024-2028)

Policy

- IMFN Secretariat and colleagues organized a side event at the 8th International Wildland Fire Conference in Porto, Portugal and represented the IMFN at meetings of both Global Fire Management Hub of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations.
- Brought together regional and local voices through an internal webinar series and a public webinar series hosted by the Canadian Institute of Forestry





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Wildland Fire Management



Landscapes

With 60+ Model Forests in 30+ countries on 5 continents we are experiencing and managing fire in the landscape – be it megafires, wildland or urban-interface



Partnerships

Global sharing of fire science and technology, fire management expertise and training, and fire suppression resources during times of wildfire crisis



Sustainability

Nearly CAD\$8M to date through RESTAURacción: Wildfire Restoration in Latin America in Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Guatemala and Peru.





RESTAURACIÓN PARTNERS 2021–2024



- Over **three thousand (3000) hectares** under the process of forest landscape restoration;
- Two-hundred and sixty-one (261) **long-term monitoring plots** created
- Twenty-three (23) **weather and/or monitoring stations installed and equipped**;
- Over **seven-thousand (7,000) people trained**. 50.8% were women and girls; and
- **86 future restoration leaders provided with a scholarship, bursary or awards** to pursue research related to forest landscape restoration in degraded areas. **69 % of the scholarship holders are women**.



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Investing in efforts to
scale up forest and
landscape restoration

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Canada at CBD COP15:
CAD\$18.7M for IMFN

Place-based
investments in FLR



Enable inclusive
landscape governance



Equip the next generation
of forest leaders



Model Forests addressing different land uses

1. **Bolster forest-wood competitiveness** with technological transformation such as traceability through DigiMedFor - Montagne Fiorentina (**Italy**), Istria (**Croatia**) and the Provence Model Forests (**France**)
2. Regional Model Forest Network Asia - **Gender Strategy Development and Training (Cambodia)**
3. **Landscape restoration research** with Technical University Pereira – **Risaralda Model Forest (Colombia)**
4. **Alternative sustainable agricultural practices** to address land degradation and biodiversity – **Kodagu Model Forest (India)**



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