



FOREST LANDSCAPE RESTORATION IN AFRICA

TOGETHER, WE CAN RESTORE FOREST LANDSCAPES ON AN UNPRECEDENTED SCALE FOR THE BENEFIT OF PEOPLE AND NATURE

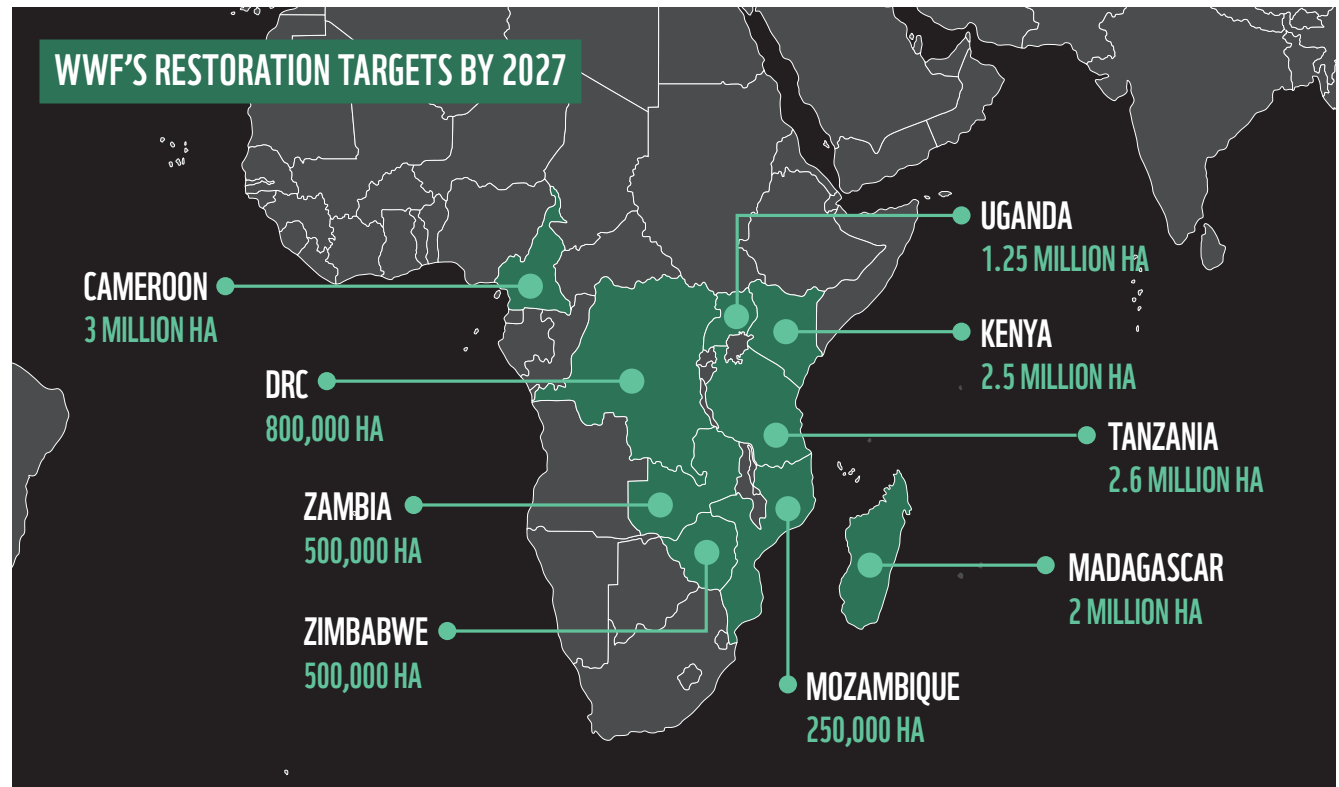
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Restoring the health of our planet has never been more urgent. Halting and reversing the loss of nature is critical to tackling the climate and biodiversity crises and building a sustainable, resilient future for all.

The UN has declared 2021-2030 the Decade on Ecosystem Restoration. In Africa, 32 countries have so far pledged to bring 128 million hectares under restoration by 2030 as part of the African Forest Landscape Restoration Initiative (AFR100) initiative. A country-led effort, AFR100 aims to accelerate restoration to enhance food security, increase climate change resilience and mitigation, and combat rural poverty. Now is the time to speed up action on these commitments and scale up implementation.

This is where we want to help. Forest Landscape Restoration in Africa is an ambitious multi-country WWF initiative that aims to kickstart the restoration of 13.5 million hectares of degraded and deforested landscapes across nine countries by 2027 as our contribution to AFR100.

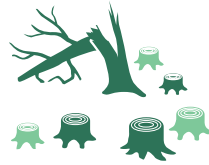
The initiative coordinates work with a wide range of partners, from national governments and private sector companies to Indigenous peoples and local communities, as well as working closely with the AFR100 Secretariat. While we're actively involved in landscape restoration work on the ground, this isn't just about individual conservation projects: it's about putting in place the conditions – from government policies to financial mechanisms, business models to community capacity – that will enable forest landscape restoration on a scale never seen before.



WHY FOREST LANDSCAPE RESTORATION?



90%
OF AFRICA'S POPULATION
DEPENDS ON FIREWOOD
AND CHARCOAL FOR
ENERGY, ESPECIALLY
FOR COOKING



4.4
MILLION HA
OF FOREST IS LOST
IN AFRICA PER
YEAR



65%
OF PRODUCTIVE
LAND IN AFRICA
IS DEGRADED



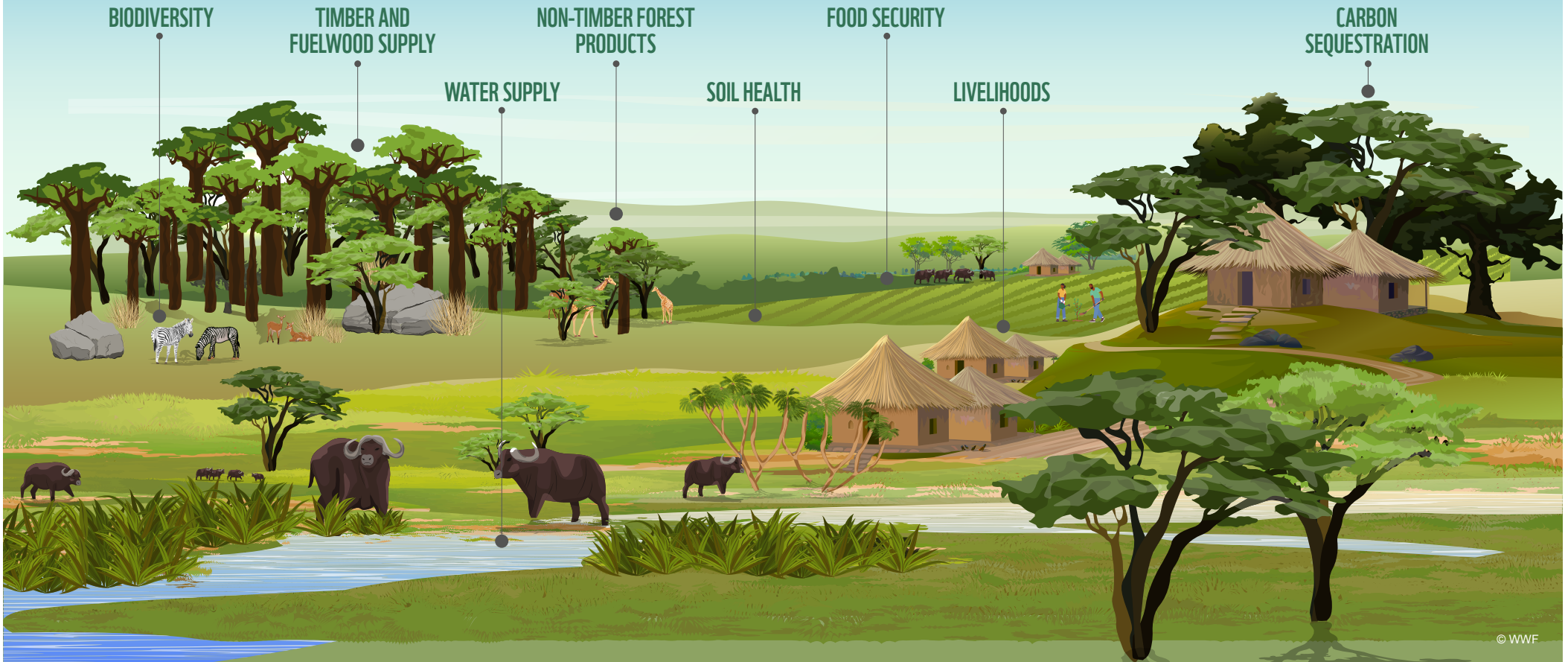
>60%
OF AFRICA'S
POPULATION DEPENDS
ON GOODS AND SERVICES
FROM FORESTS AND
OTHER ECOSYSTEMS



80%
OF AFRICANS
USE MEDICINAL
PRODUCTS
FROM FORESTS

WHAT IS FOREST LANDSCAPE RESTORATION?

Forest landscape restoration isn't just about planting trees: it's about restoring ecological functions across whole landscapes and enhancing human well-being across deforested and degraded landscapes, so that people and nature can thrive together.



OUR GOAL

is to enable governments in nine countries to deliver their AFR100 commitments in a just way that promotes sustainable livelihoods for local people and biodiversity conservation, with landscape restoration under way on 13.5 million hectares of degraded land and deforested landscapes by 2027. The initiative is structured around three pillars:

01 ENABLING POLICY, GOVERNANCE AND INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORKS

We're mobilizing national and landscape-level action on forest landscape restoration, including by strengthening multi-stakeholder platforms bringing together government, civil society, Indigenous peoples and local communities, and the private sector. We're working with governments to ensure they incorporate forest landscape restoration within ambitious climate change and development plans and policies. We're also supporting countries to monitor progress on their restoration commitments.

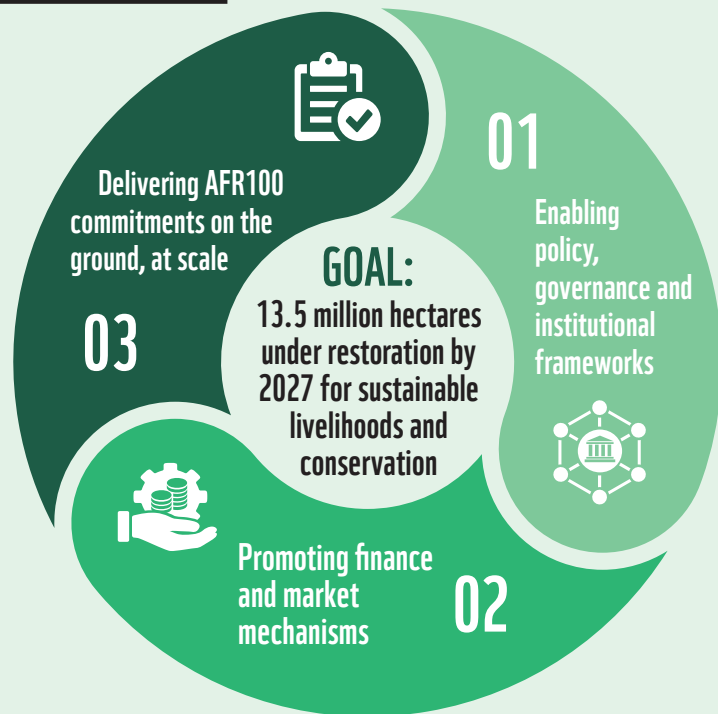
02 PROMOTING FINANCE AND MARKET MECHANISMS

Forest landscape restoration requires significant upfront investment – but also offers huge economic opportunities. We're developing mechanisms and incentives to unlock the financial flows needed from governments, international funds and private sector sources. We'll develop and grow viable business models for nature-based solutions, with a particular focus on Indigenous peoples and local communities, young people and women, and strengthen value chains for products from restored forest landscapes.

03 DELIVERING AFR100 COMMITMENTS ON THE GROUND, AT SCALE

To nurture inclusive, lasting forest restoration action, we're building local capacity, strengthening coordination across landscapes, sharing and scaling up successful approaches, and developing a pipeline of bankable projects that can attract commercial investment. Strengthening the capacity and the rights of Indigenous peoples and local communities, particularly around land tenure, is a critical part of this. By collaborating with multiple partners, we'll build and support national movements for restoration, including youth movements, in the nine countries.

SELECT RESULTS



01

- 9 inclusive multi-stakeholder platforms (at least one per country) actively promoting forest landscape restoration and land tenure rights.
- 40 million hectares of forest landscape restoration commitments included within nationally determined contributions (NDCs) in 8 countries.
- 10% increase in national/local government budgets for forest landscape restoration.
- 9 countries with forest landscape restoration monitoring systems in place.

02

- US\$100 million worth of investments in forest landscape restoration per country per year, in 7 countries.
- ~100 businesses have access to capital for forest landscape restoration.
- 80 businesses established by Indigenous peoples, local communities, women and youth.
- 120,000 people trained on technical, technological, and business aspects of forest landscape restoration.

03

- 30 high-impact, scalable youth and women-centered forest landscape restoration projects under way.
- 9 influential local institutions (one in each country) have capacity to carry out large-scale forest landscape restoration.
- 500,000 people benefiting from forest landscape restoration enterprises.



WHY PARTNER WITH WWF?

WWF has more than 20 years' experience in delivering forest landscape restoration projects, in collaboration with governments, Indigenous peoples and local communities, and the private sector. We have offices in each of the nine countries, and already have strong links with governments, partners and projects on the ground. WWF is a Global Partner in the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration and a technical partner in AFR100. We work with numerous international, national and local-level partners such as [Trillion Trees](#) – a joint venture with BirdLife International and the Wildlife Conservation Society – and [Forests Forward](#).

TO ACHIEVE OUR GOALS, WE NEED TO RAISE US\$37.5 MILLION OVER FIVE YEARS

Establishing governance structure	US\$59,328
Implementation preparations	US\$67,500
Pillar 1	US\$9,392,665
Pillar 2	US\$9,383,977
Pillar 3	US\$12,586,429
Project management	US\$6,021,280
Total	US\$37,124,864

JOIN US TO SCALE UP FOREST LANDSCAPE RESTORATION IN AFRICA

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