

19.07.17 - Protecting the world's green spaces and forests for sustainable development!

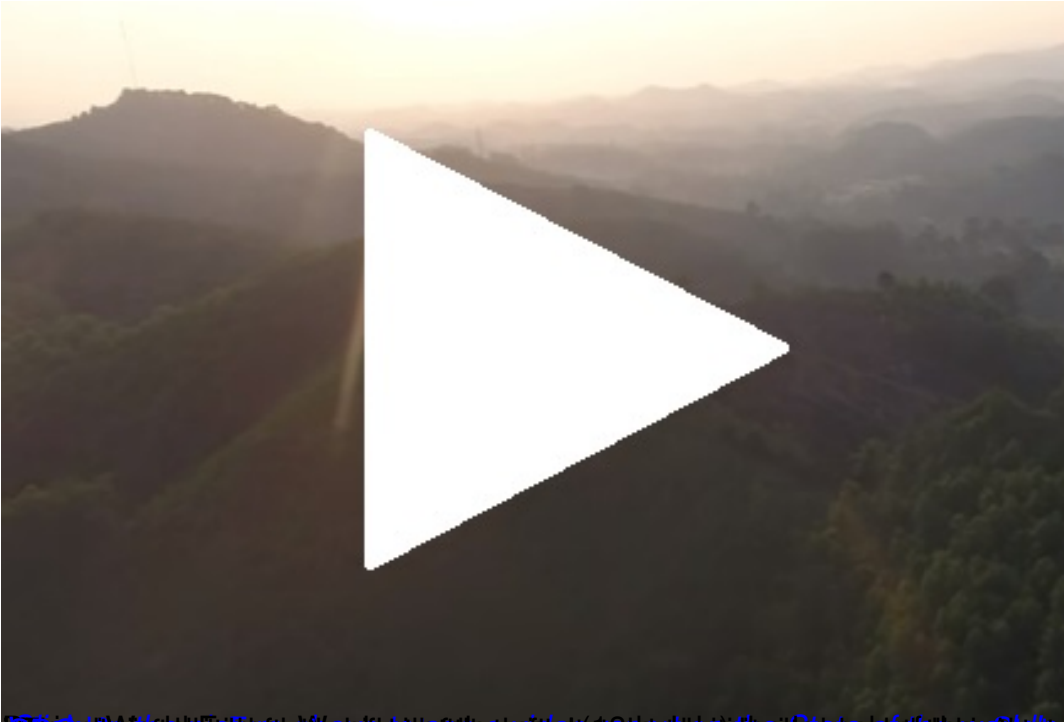
This week sees one of the biannual meetings of the Committee of Forestry (COFO) in conjunction with the observation of World Forest Week. The Committee on Forestry is the highest FAO Forestry statutory body. The biennial sessions of COFO (held at the Food and Agriculture Organization of the UN headquarters in Rome, Italy) bring together heads of forest services and other senior government officials to identify emerging policy and technical issues, to seek solutions and to advise FAO and others on appropriate action. Other international organizations and, increasingly, non-governmental groups participate in COFO.



Pahmung Krui Damar Forest, Indonesia. Photo. UN Photo.

The key themes of the Session seek to respond directly to the milestone agreements of 2015 and investigate how forests and sustainable forest management can contribute to the achievement of the internationally agreed development goals. Together with the World Forest Week, COFO will consider how the full potential of forests, including forests' contributions to livelihoods, food security, jobs, gender equality and many other global development goals including the 2030 Agenda and the Paris Agreements, can best be unlocked.

For the fifth time, COFO will be held in conjunction with World Forest Week - a series of meetings and events sponsored by FAO and its partner organizations and institutions. The World Forest Week is an opportunity for sharing state-of-the-art knowledge and major accomplishments and achievements.



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