

Information Kit on Native Forests in Argentina



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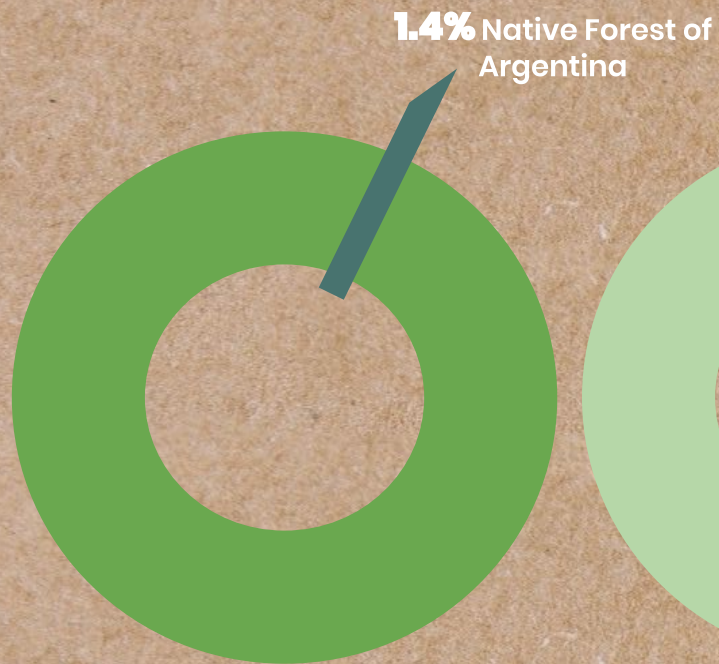
The Native Forests of Argentina

Native forests are forest areas with species native to Argentina. The main regions concentrating these forests are **Chaco Forest, Misiones' Jungle, Tucumán & Bolivia's Jungle, Andean Patagonian Forest, Espinal and Hill Forest.**

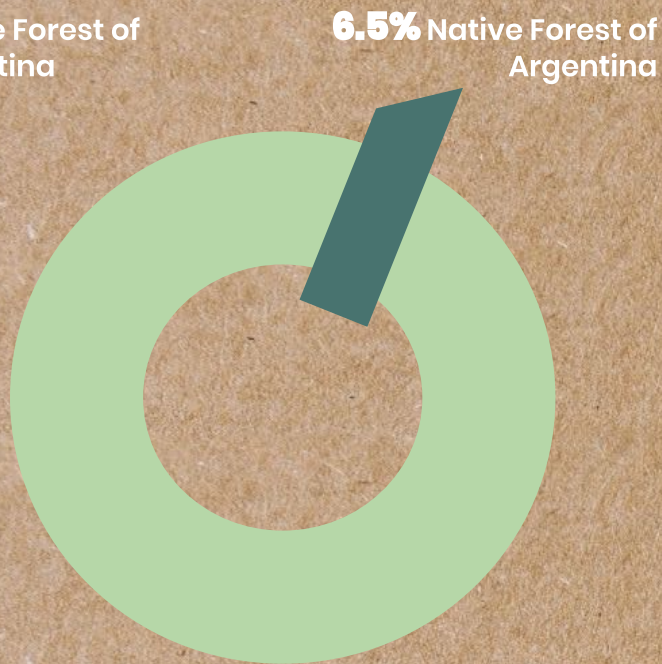
The provinces with the largest forest areas are Chaco, Formosa, Santiago del Estero, Salta, Misiones, Santa Fe, and La Pampa.

These forests are formed **by more than 90 species**, such as red and white quebrachos (*Schinopsis*), carob (*Prosopis alba* y *Prosopis nigra*), lapacho (*Tabebuia*), incense (*Schinus longifolia*), cedar (*Cedrela fissilis*), guatambú (*Balfourodendron riedelianum*), jacaranda (*Jacaranda mimosifolia*), peteribís (*Cordia trichotoma*), rosewood (*Bulnesia sarmientoi*), larch (*Fitzroya cupressoides*), among others.





**Native Forest
in the World**



**Native Forest
in South America**



**Native Forest
of Argentina**

53,654,545 ha

They represent

19,2%

**of the country's total
surface**

Source: Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development (MAYDS) based on the Native Forest Land Management (OTBN) information provided by the Local Enforcement Authorities of Act #26.331, and data from the Global Forest Resources Assessment 2015 (FRA 2015-FAO).



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Problems

There is a **forest emergency** in Argentina. The natural resources of Argentina's native forests are also part of the global process of deforestation and degradation that has taken place over the last century.

In 2014 the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) warned that **4.3% of the global deforestation** takes place in our country.

The Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO) of the United Nations placed **Argentina among the ten top countries with the highest deforestation rates** in the 1990-2015 period:
7.6 millions hectares were lost, at a rate of 300,000 hectares a year.

It should be noted that **80% of our deforestation** is concentrated in four Northern provinces: Santiago del Estero, Salta, Formosa, and Chaco.

Why is there **deforestation** in Argentina?

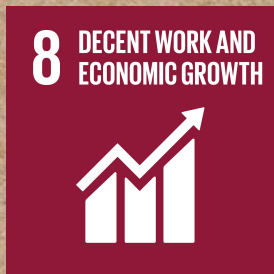
- Transforming natural ecosystems into agricultural lands by the expansion of the agricultural frontier
- Inadequate livestock and forest management practices
- Demographic growth
- Introducing invasive alien species
- Illegal trafficking of species

In the current climate change scenario, all of the above are the main causes of degradation of ecosystem functions and loss of productive potential of our native forests.

What does ReforestArg do for our forests?

Faced with the need to recover and rehabilitate our Argentine native forests that today suffer from several degrees of degradation, ReforestArg carries out **ecological restoration** of degraded native forests, **building community** through collective plantations, **empowering local producers**, and **preserving our native forests**.

We are committed with the following **Sustainable Development Goals** of the United Nations' Global Agenda:



Our Goals

1 Restoration and Conservation of Native Forests

We develop and promote activities that include seed harvesting, seedling nursery, native-tree plantation in degraded sites, and invasive-species control campaigns.

2 Development of Local Economies

We develop productive strategies of restoration by ecoregion. We design food production models in the native trees' understory focusing on empowering isolated communities. We reconnect people with the forests they live in, that provide them with food. We offer people the tools they need to achieve economic independence.

3 Community

We create meeting spaces for people to empower one another and change reality.
We strengthen individual capacities.

What can **you** do for our forests?

- Learn from reliable sources and support initiatives that care for our native forests.
- **Donate and give out trees through our website.**
- **Offset your annual carbon footprint by planting one tree per month.**
- **Join us as a volunteer in our community plantations.**
- Learn about the origin of the wood products you buy and choose those with an environmental liability mark (such as FSC [[fsc.org](https://www.fsc.org)]).
- Take care of the forests you visit, being a responsible tourist.
- Save on your paper consumption and reuse it whenever possible.
- Urge your local authorities to create and deploy public policies that promote forest conservation.
- Report illegal logging and deforestation of protected forests.



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