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How your donations are creating  
thriving forests worldwide



**A TREE TODAY,  
A FOREST  
TOMORROW**

We would like to celebrate the incredible impact you've had as a corporate supporter of World Land Trust's (WLT's) Plant a Tree programme in 2025. Thanks to your generosity, our conservation partners have made significant progress restoring threatened forests around the world, from Armenia's Caucasus Mountains to Brazil's Atlantic Forest.

Your support comes at a pivotal moment. The 2025 Forest Declaration Assessment shows the world is firmly off track to eliminating deforestation by 2030 – a reality underscored in 2024, when the world lost 6.7 million ha (16.6 million acres) of tropical primary forest, the highest level ever recorded.

Our conservation partners are also witnessing the effects of the climate crisis firsthand. In 2025, our Plant a Tree partner in Armenia reported an exceptionally hot July, while Reforest Africa experienced unusually low rainfall during Tanzania's wet season.

With 2021–2030 designated by the UN as the Decade on Ecosystem Restoration, your commitment now matters more than ever. By donating to Plant a Tree, you are helping revive wildlife-rich forests, support local communities, and contribute to the UN's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Thank you for making a lasting difference in this critical decade for nature.

# 2025 AT A GLANCE<sup>1</sup>

 **210,000+**  
trees planted

 **165 HA**  
(408 acres) restored

**BRAZIL**  
**12 HA**  
(30 acres) of sapling care for 2024 planting

**INDIA**  
**20 HA**  
(49 acres) restored  
(planting and assisted natural regeneration)

**ARMENIA**  
**157,000+** **60 HA**  
trees planted (148 acres) restored

**TANZANIA**  
**53,000+** **85 HA**  
trees planted (210 acres) restored  
(planting and assisted natural regeneration)

<sup>1</sup> Figures are based on partner reporting at the time of publication



"Thanks to WLT supporters, Plant a Tree continues to expand its impact around the world, with 2025 seeing the launch of a new project in Tanzania. Alongside WLT's work to protect existing habitats, restoration plays a vital role in reconnecting landscapes and increasing their resilience to climate change."

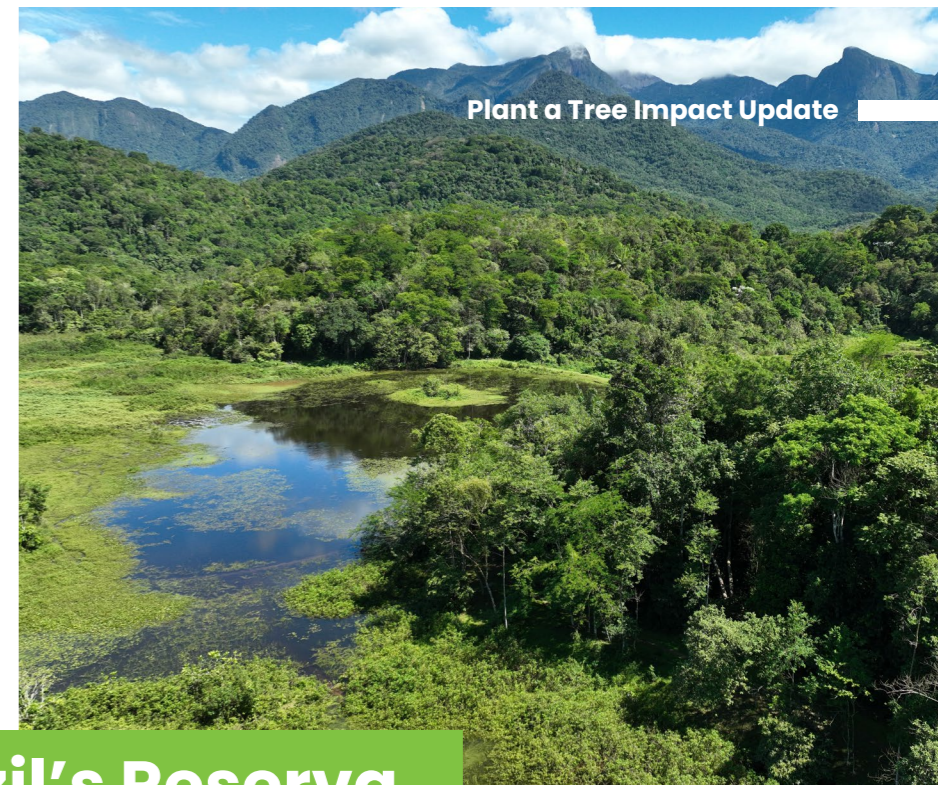
**Gwynne Braidwood,**  
Senior Conservation Programmes Officer



Southern Muriqui



Thin-spined Porcupine



## Reforesting Brazil's Reserva

## Ecológica de Guapiaçu (REGUA)

### WLT partner: REGUA

The Atlantic Forest of Brazil may be less well known than its Amazonian counterpart, but its diversity is no less impressive. It is home to over 20,000 plant species and 300 mammal species, many of which – like the Thin-spined Porcupine (*Chaetomys subspinosus*) and Painted Tree Rat (*Callistomys pictus*) – are found nowhere else. But today, just 12% of its original forest cover remains. Now, with your support, REGUA are helping restore one of the most threatened forest regions on Earth.

### Sapling care

In early 2025, the REGUA team surveyed 12 ha (30 acres) of land which was planted in November 2024 through Plant a Tree funding. We are pleased to report that the saplings planted here are healthy and growing well.

Tree care is an essential part of the planting process and will help expand habitat for many threatened species, including the Southern Muriqui (*Brachyteles arachnoides*), a Critically Endangered species of spider monkey that depends on the forest for its survival. The habitat restoration also reduces soil erosion, draws down carbon, and provides job opportunities for local people.

### Enhancing protection for the future

After nearly two decades of patient negotiations, REGUA celebrated the purchase of 1,637 ha (4,045 acres) of vital Atlantic Forest habitat, co-funded through WLT's Buy an Acre programme. Thanks to your commitment, Plant a Tree will now enable REGUA to begin restoring 14 ha (35 acres) of degraded pasture here, increasing habitat for a wealth of wildlife throughout 2026.

Once fully restored, part of this site will be granted Private Natural Heritage Reserve status, ensuring that this precious region is safeguarded for future generations.

“Witnessing the miracle of germination – tender shoots breaking through the soil and reaching for the sun – is profoundly exciting. Trees give life and protect life. Planting more is one of the greatest gifts we can offer our planet.”

Nicholas Locke, REGUA President

This partnership with REGUA supports the following Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs):





## Creating a thriving wildlife corridor in Armenia's Caucasus Wildlife Refuge

### WLT partner: Foundation for the Preservation of Wildlife and Cultural Assets (FPWC)

Located in the remote Vayots-Dzor Province of Armenia, the Caucasus Wildlife Refuge is one of the most wildlife-rich temperate forest regions on Earth. Despite its global conservation importance, this landscape is scarred from decades of illegal logging and overgrazing. But now, thanks to your support, FPWC is bringing these barren hillsides back to life.

#### Tree planting with the local community

In 2025, FPWC planted a total of 157,107 native trees across 60 ha (148 acres) of land, including fruit trees like Wild Apple (*Malus orientalis*) and Cherry Plum (*Prunus divaricata*). When fully grown, these will provide abundant food for species like the elusive and Endangered Syrian Brown Bear (*Ursus arctos syriacus*).

FPWC also introduced a second planting season, with 30,000 saplings planted in spring in addition to those planted in autumn. More than 100 local people supported this effort, overseen by FPWC's planting team.

#### A year behind-the-scenes

Before a single sapling can be planted, FPWC is busy getting everything ready. Seeds are collected by hand, then carefully sorted, cleaned, and stored.

Once the planting season approaches, it's time to help the seeds germinate. This delicate process, called *seed stratification*, involves carefully exposing seeds to specific temperatures that mimic natural conditions. Every tree is different: some, like the Wild Almond (*Prunus fenzliana*), germinate after 30 days of cold, while others, like Oriental Hawthorn, need six months. Part art, part science, it is a process FPWC hones and perfects with each passing year.

As the planting season approaches, they then roll open their greenhouse doors and gradually reduce watering. By late September, no more nutrients are added. This helps toughen the seedlings, improving their chances of survival in the field.

When planting begins, saplings are transported to the slopes in small batches to prevent root stress or dehydration. Every detail is carefully thought through to give each tree the best possible start.

Before tree planting can happen, FPWC is busy on the hillsides and in the greenhouses getting everything ready.



#### Greenhouse repairs and upgrades

Five years of harsh weather had taken their toll on FPWC's older greenhouses in Urtsadzor, so in 2025 the team overhauled them – replacing plastic covers, strengthening poles, and improving ventilation.

FPWC also hired an external company to build a brand-new greenhouse, which will be up-and-running in spring 2026. With automatic irrigation and space for 160,000 extra seedlings, this will allow them to grow an impressive 350,000 trees each year – a huge leap forward for forest restoration in the Caucasus.

#### Growing the team

FPWC welcomed project coordinator Artashes Serghoyan and agronomist Naira Gasparyan. Naira is shaping FPWC's transition towards organic fertilisers and early results are already promising, with stronger stems and a greater diversity of shapes and sizes that better mimic those of a natural forest.

#### Adapting and evolving

FPWC are always on the lookout for ways to make their processes more efficient and effective, all the way from seed collection and germination to planting.

In 2025, the team focused on tackling minor rodent damage to their newly planted Wild Apple and Wild Almond saplings. They are currently trialling two methods – peppermint oil as an eco-friendly deterrent and raptor perches to encourage natural predation.

After some experimentation, they also identified a suitable peat-free compost to use in their greenhouses. This shift – encouraged by WLT – reduces environmental impact while remaining just as effective and available locally.

“Support from Plant a Tree has been essential in enabling our long-term, adaptive approach. Their contribution allows us to invest in learning-based restoration rather than quick results, strengthening the ecological integrity and long-term success of our forest restoration.”

Sona Kalantaryan, FPWC's Reforestation Projects Coordinator

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Asian Elephant

# Restoring India's D'ering-Dibru Saikhowa Elephant Corridor

## WLT partner: Wildlife Trust of India (WTI)

Located in northern India, the states of Assam and Arunachal Pradesh are critical for conserving the Endangered and iconic Asian Elephant (*Elephas maximus*). Despite being home to over 75% of northeast India's 9,000 Asian Elephants, this region is highly fragmented following decades of deforestation and forest degradation. With your support, our partner WTI are reconnecting this vital landscape through the D'ering-Dibru Saikhowa Elephant Corridor.

### Restoring a dynamic woodland-grassland mosaic

In 2025, WTI carried out active restoration and replacement planting across their Mer and Paglam restoration sites. They planted trees such as the Ceylon Olive (*Elaeocarpus serratus*) and thorny *Senegalia catechu*.

WTI and local volunteers also collected an impressive 17,000 seeds from nine native tree species to raise in their local nurseries.

In addition, they planted key species such as Cogon Grass (*Imperata cylindrica*) and *Alpinia nigra*, while tackling invasive plants like Billygoat Weed (*Ageratum conyzoides*) and Bitter Vine (*Mikania micrantha*).

By creating a woodland-grassland mosaic, WTI is ensuring the corridor reflects the full richness of the natural landscape and its habitats.

**"A major highlight this year was to witness the success of the community-managed nurseries in Mer and Namsing, which provided 5,000 saplings for ecological restoration, creating valuable income for local families."**

**Upasana Ganguly, Manager of the Wildlife Corridors Project at Wildlife Trust of India (WTI)**

### Elephants are returning

Excitingly, elephants are already responding to the renewed habitat, with field teams reporting increased activity across their restoration sites, seen through dung, direct sightings, and footprints.

By restoring the corridor with native species that elephants naturally feed on, the project is also drawing elephants back into safer forest areas and away from croplands in the Sadiya region of Assam. This is reducing crop-raiding and improving coexistence with the local communities.

### Caught on camera: Bengal Tiger (*Panthera tigris tigris*)

Your Plant a Tree support also unlocks many other opportunities and secondary benefits for our partners. Last year, together with the Assam Forest Department, WTI placed over 70 camera traps to monitor the region's wildlife.

As well as showing the presence of Khalij Pheasant (*Lophura*



*leucomelanos*) and Asiatic Black Bear (*Ursus thibetanus*), these also caught incredible photos of a Bengal Tiger prowling through the D'ering-Dibru Saikhowa National Park.

This illustrates the rich diversity of species in this landscape and how they all stand to benefit from its restoration.

### Supporting women weavers

Beyond restoring critical habitat through your Plant a Tree support, WTI is helping local communities to develop sustainable incomes that reduce reliance on forest resources.

One of the most inspiring examples comes from the women weavers of Mer and Paglam. In these villages, women are making traditional shawls, sarongs, and scarves, with yarn provided by WTI. This initiative came from the local women themselves and continues to be met with huge enthusiasm, seen through creative designs and motifs that draw on their own lives and culture.

Excitingly, one of these weavers has been nominated to showcase her work at the 2026 Sarus Mela Festival, one of India's biggest celebrations of craft and culture. This recognition highlights the opportunities that can arise when conservation works hand-in-hand with the local community.

### Huge livelihood benefits

Between 2020 and 2025, this project has provided

livelihood support for over 400 community members across Mer, Namsing, and Paglam. What's more, a comprehensive survey by WTI reveals the huge impact of this work, with strong participation and many families reporting a significant increase in annual income.

This highlights how WTI's work is not only helping wildlife, but also creating long-term opportunities for local families.

**> 70%** of community members involved in project activities.

**58** people received training in fisheries development, textiles, and animal husbandry between 2024 and 2025.

**> 60%** of families had an annual income increase of over 40%.

### Celebrating the Ali Aye-Ligang Festival

In February, WTI supported the Mishing community's Ali Aye-Ligang Festival in Paglam. This traditional celebration marks the start of the new agricultural year and brought the community together for a day of dance, music, and games.

This is one of many events WTI supported in 2025, with others including bird walks with local school children and conservation outreach at the annual Uying Aran Spring Festival. Such events are a fantastic opportunity for WTI to engage the local community in conservation.

### This partnership with WTI supports the following Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs):





"The planting was led by the communities we partner with around the reserve, providing employment to 248 community members. This was a most inspiring moment with the local communities actively joining the cause."

Robin Loveridge, Reforest Africa CEO

# Reconnecting Tanzania's Greater Udzungwa-Kilombero landscape

## WLT partner: Reforest Africa

Located in northern Tanzania, the Greater Udzungwa-Kilombero landscape falls within one of the most important biodiversity hotspots on Earth. But despite being home to the Endangered African Savannah Elephant (*Loxodonta africana*) and endemic Kilombero Reed Frog (*Hyperolius viridiflavus reesi*), this landscape is undergoing rapid forest loss. With your support, Reforest Africa is working to reconnect isolated forest patches and restore a healthier future for its wildlife and people.

### Strengthening a vital buffer zone

At the start of 2025, Reforest Africa successfully acquired 0.91 ha (2.25 acres) of land near the Udzungwa Botanic Garden. This site not only allows expansion of the Botanic Garden but also acts as a buffer zone for the Udzungwa Mountains National Park.

With the land secured, the team began clearing an access road between the newly purchased area and the Botanic Garden, as well as building a new learning centre. They have also been busy removing invasive teak trees and replacing these with native species.

## Restoring degraded forest

Thanks to your generosity, Reforest Africa is making major headway towards their wider goal of restoring 300 ha (741 acres) of degraded land within the Magombera Nature Forest Reserve. In early 2025, the team collected nearly a tonne (955 kg) of seeds from over 10 native tree species, including East African Mahogany (*Khaya anthotheca*) and fruiting trees like *Vitex doniana*, which produces small edible plum-shaped fruits.

The team then germinated these seeds in their tree nurseries, raising over 200,000 seedlings for the ongoing restoration of the reserve.

## Community at the heart of planting

Although Tanzania experienced unusually low rainfall during their wet season, Reforest Africa confirmed that planting could still go ahead and began preparations for this on 21 March, International Forest Day. Here, they brought together community members from Kilombero and Katurukila to plant 2,000 saplings, kicking off a

year that would see over 50,000 saplings planted across 50 ha (124 acres) of land.

They also assisted the natural reforestation of 32 ha (79 acres) of land, removing invasive vegetation to promote the forest's regeneration.

## Caring for the young forests

With the help of local volunteers, Reforest Africa have carried out maintenance of their planted sites, removing invasive species and creating firebreaks. This involved clearing a 10-metre-wide strip of bare earth around all planted areas, thereby reducing the risk of fire spreading from nearby sugarcane farms.

## Strengthening protection teams

Your support also helped the Reforest Africa team provide five durable field tents for reserve patrols in the Magombera and Kising'a Lugalo Forest Reserves. These tents will enable the rangers to spend more time out in the field, improving forest protection.

## Tackling manmade fires

Your generous donations to Plant a Tree also enabled Reforest Africa to take swift, coordinated action against one of the region's most serious threats: manmade forest fires. In September, the team met with the Tanzania Forest Service (TFS) to share fire-prevention tactics, with TFS introducing them to a NASA-based system that provides real-time fire alerts.

Just two months later, this system proved invaluable. In late November, a destructive manmade fire broke out at one of the planting sites in the Magombera Nature Forest Reserve. But thanks to the new system, Reforest Africa and local residents from Katurukila village were able to respond quickly, extinguishing the blaze and minimising damage to the newly planted trees.

Reforest Africa is now expanding its community firefighting training with the aim to establish a well-equipped emergency Fire Response Team.

This partnership with Reforest Africa supports the following Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs):





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