

Can Forests Solve the Climate Crisis?



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Forests capture and store vast amounts of carbon. Deforestation and climate change are undermining the carbon sink function of forests. Plans to restore large areas of forests aim to reduce atmospheric carbon and revert climate change. But what are environmental hurdles and impacts of such tree planting and forest restoration? What are economic, social, political, and cultural challenges? And who will reap benefits and who pay the costs?



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