Forest Declaration Platform
Transforming commitments into action

Forest and Climate Resources for Civil Society Organizations

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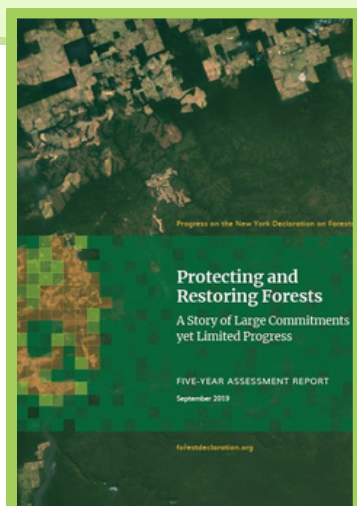
TOOLS, GUIDELINES, AND BEST PRACTICES

- Global Forest Watch (GFW) – a World Resources Institute-led public online platform providing tools for monitoring forests that allows anyone to access constantly updated information on how forests around the world change daily. Some tools include:

    - Forest Watcher – a mobile app allowing users to access GFW's systems to monitor areas of interest, view deforestation and fire alerts, navigate and investigate particular parts of the world, and compile information.

    - Global Forest Watch Pro – a program that monitors conditions at farms, supply sheds, or jurisdictions, demonstrates private compliance with commitments and policies, and shares data and analysis.

    - Radar for Detecting Deforestation – an online radar system allowing users to disaggregate spatial data on forest change, land cover, land use, climate, and biodiversity, and filter it by geographic region, industry, and other categories.

    - MapBuilder – a tool allowing users to create new maps and radars by combining their data or independent datasets with WRI's tools and analysis.

- Trase – a data-driven transparency initiative that maps supply chains to grant civil society, journalists, and campaigners enhanced ability to monitor and keep accountable companies contributing to deforestation in their supply chains.

- Supply Change – an initiative from Forest Trends providing information on the extent and value of commitment-driven commodity production and demand, along with the extent to which companies in different industries progress towards their forest commitments.

- Mapeo – An open-source software from Earth Defenders Toolkit built with Indigenous Peoples to assist earth defenders documenting environmental and human rights information and collect data about their lands. It helps share and document information, and can be customized to local languages and settings.

- Land Rights Standard – A framework establishing a rights-holder-driven approach to climate and sustainable development actions dedicated to strengthening the recognition of Indigenous Peoples, local communities, and Afro-descendent peoples' rights. It has endorsements from 74 Indigenous Peoples Organizations and Civil Society Organizations.

- <u>Accountability Framework Initiative</u> – a collaborative coalition of environmental and human rights organizations geared towards building a world where commodity production and trade are fully protective of natural ecosystems and human rights.

- <u>Tropical Forest Alliance</u> – a platform of 170 entities supporting the implementation of private-sector commitments to remove deforestation from supply chains. It can particularly connect civil society to other stakeholder groups.

- <u>Collaborative Partnership on Forests</u> – an informal coalition of 15 international organizations collaborating to streamline their work to find improve forest management. It seeks to enhance forest contribution to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

- <u>NGO Forest Coalition</u> – A coalition of UK-based non-governmental organizations working internationally in the context of climate change, biodiversity, development, and human rights.

RELEVANT FOREST DECLARATION ASSESSMENT REPORTS

PROTECTING AND RESTORING FORESTS (2019)

TAKING STOCK OF NATIONAL CLIMATE ACTION FOR FORESTS (2021)