Forest Stewardship Council® FSC® Netherlands



Unie van Bosgroepen: Climate resilient forests spread across the Netherlands

More than 80 smaller forests spread over the Netherlands are gathered in a group certification called Unie van Bosgroepen. Within the program 'Climate-proof Forest', FSC Netherlands work together with Unie van Bosgroepen on specific measures to enhance nature and boost experience in Dutch forests, as well as to store CO2 in the surrounding environment. This contributes to climate resilient forests, spread across the middle and south of the Netherlands.

In the forest, the manager can best choose an optimal variation in tree species. A varied biodiversity-rich forest is usually more resilient to disturbances, more beautiful and has a higher rate of biodiversity. By choosing to harvest targeted wood in the forest and at the same time continuously focus on (varied) rejuvenation, we are working on future-proof forests

Verified Ecosystem Services



Conservation of species diversity



Restoration of forest carbon stocks



Maintenance of the capacity of watersheds to purify and regulate water flow



Maintenance of soil condition



Maintenance/ conservation of areas of importance for recreation and/or tourism

Highlights of this project

- 1. Impact on biodiversity, water, soil, CO2 storage and eco-tourism.
- 2. Term of the project: 25 to 50 years
- 3. Focus is on a biodiversity-rich forest

Project details

Soil Condition

A robust, natural ecosystem can only function well on healthy soils. This forms the basis for healthy forest vegetation and nature reserves. However, many of our soils are acidified, too nutrient-rich due to precipitation of nitrogen from the air or lack important nutrients. By taking proper measures, the soil can be restored.



Watershed protection

Due to the current long periods of drought, hydrological (restoration) measures are increasingly necessary to counteract desiccation of forests or nature reserves, often in coordination with surrounding landowners, farmers, and regional water boards.

Would you like to integrate this project into your climate strategy?

Contact us at valueforest@fsc.org to learn more.

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