



# Tree planting code

With the cooperation with ForTomorrow gGmbH, new German forests are planted to capture CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. The 2017 carbon inventory shows that the German forest relieves the atmosphere of around 62 million tons of CO annually, which compensates around 7% of the CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in the country. ForTomorrow offsets one tonne of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by planting five new trees. The result must be sustainable in the long-term through climate-resilient afforestation of new forest areas.

## Goals

1. To create forests with continuous cover and climate change resilient mixed forests in the long term and to promote the natural regeneration of the forest.
2. To establish and maintain a high proportion of deciduous trees and at least four tree species in the resulting forests, taking into account local conditions.
3. To minimize the number of single trees to be harvested and ensure that the removed wood is converted into long-lived wood products or another long-lasting use cycle where possible.

## The following applies to all tree plantings supported by ForTomorrow

1. The areas for tree planting are subject to careful selection and are open to the public.
2. The planting leads to ecological enhancement and contributes to the development of climate change resilient forests with an expected variety of tree species, age and height structure in the future (continuous cover forestry).
3. Plantings are only carried out with location-appropriate, climate-resilient tree species, with a special focus on ecological value, the preservation and promotion of biological diversity and climate change adaptation.
4. Coniferous monocultures are not an option.
5. Only forest plants of guaranteed origin are used. Regional forest tree nurseries are used for procurement. For technical reasons, exceptions can be made, like bringing in other provenances.
6. The planting projects are carried out technically and organizationally by the experts of the partners named in our cooperation agreements.
7. Special uses due to unforeseen events (such as damages) must always be discussed with ForTomorrow.
8. After planting, the forest owner ensures protection and maintenance of the initial afforestation area in accordance with the respective state forest laws. In addition, it must be ensured that appropriate compensatory measures take place from a deviation of 15% of the usual stocking rate.
9. Without the funding from ForTomorrow, the measure could not be implemented to this extent or in this form.
10. If the required measures by this code are not met, ForTomorrow may reclaim the funds paid or demand that the forest is restored to its condition prior to the damaging event.

## **The following must be guaranteed for the projects with ForTomorrow**

1. All legal requirements as well as the above planting code must be complied with.
2. The carbon dioxide sequestration by the newly established forest will not be credited to any other organization or private individual.
3. It is not a legally required, so-called compensation or replacement measure as compensation for the loss of forest after interventions in nature, forest or landscape.

## **With the support of ForTomorrow, forest owners agree to the following**

1. Publicly accessible forest experience days and planting campaigns in the forest concerned after consultation with and planned by ForTomorrow.
2. Upon request: the obligation to comprehensively document the planting, preparatory work and the development of the culture towards ForTomorrow for at least 5 years.
3. External and independent monitoring through ForTomorrow's partnerships.