
[International Day of the Forests 2017](#)

March 21st, has been proclaimed by the FAO as the International Day of Forests. But the FAO forest definition considers a tree monoculture plantation as a “forest”. By allowing this, the UN institution, is undermining the lives of millions of people from around the world whose livelihoods depend of forests and whose territories are invaded and threatened by tree monocultures.

On 21 March, hundreds of organizations from around the world are sending [a letter to the FAO demanding-once again- that its forest definition](#) recognize the diversity that characterizes forests and exclude monocultures from this definition.