CELEBRATING 25 YEARS OF IMPACTS

1999

Forest Trends launches with major grants from the MacArthur Foundation and the World Bank. Our vision is to be a small, nimble, and responsive nonprofit organization.

2000

Forest Trends establishes the **Katoomba Group** to gather business, policy, and nonprofit experts on sustainable forest management. 28 Katoomba meetings have happened around the world since 2000.

2001

2002

Forest Trends creates the **Forest Policy, Trade, and Finance Initiative** to help governments harness the power of market incentives for the legal, sustainable, and equitable trade in timber and other commodities harvested from forest landscapes.

2003

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2005

Forest Trends establishes the **Ecosystem Marketplace Initiative** as an online platform providing free and transparent market data, analysis, and journalism on environmental markets and finance.

2006

Forest Trends co-founds the **Rights and Resources Initiative** with IUCN, CIFOR, and Ford Foundation.

2007

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2009

Suruí Forest Carbon Project, the world's first indigenous-led carbon offset project, is launched in the Brazilian Amazon by the Paiter-Suruí Indigenous People with technical support from Forest Trends and others.

2010

Forest Trends partners with the State of Acre in Brazil to create the first jurisdictional REDD+ system in the world.

Forest Trends receives the **Skoll Award for Social Entrepreneurship**.

2011

Forest Trends launches the **Global Water Initiative** with local partners in six countries to scale investments in nature-based solutions for water security.

2012

BBOP (Business and Biodiversity Offsets Programme) publishes first Global Standard on Biodiversity Offsets.

2013

2014

Forest Trends receives the **MacArthur Foundation Award for Creative and Effective Institutions.**

2015

Peru's national water regulator announces $125M investment in green infrastructure and climate change adaptation, a direct result of our work in the country.

2016

Forest Trends launches the **Cumari** "Rainforest to Table" sustainable gastronomy network for the Amazon to increase awareness and demand for Amazon foods and to create new economic opportunities for local communities.

2017

USAID and Government of Canada commit $27.5M for natural infrastructure in Peru and the **Natural Infrastructure for Water Security (NIWS) Project**, led by Forest Trends.

2018

2019

2020

Forest Trends partners with the Arbor Day Foundation to work directly with Indigenous communities in the Brazilian Amazon to build agroforestry systems that will strengthen their livelihoods through the One Million Trees Project.

During COVID-19, we refocused our Amazon work to provide food, essential information, and emergency relief for Indigenous communities.

2021

2022

Forest Trends begins the Territorial Governance Facility to help Indigenous and local communities build the capacity they need to protect their territories and to promote their access to climate and conservation funds.

Forest Trends and the USDA Forest Service begin a new partnership to support the communication and implementation of their 10-year Wildfire Crisis Strategy.

2023

Forest Trends' Communities and Territorial Governance Initiative holds a training course on "Climate Finance and Indigenous Peoples" for staff of Brazil's Ministry of Indigenous Peoples and some of its authorities as Brazil determines how to structure its carbon market.

Forest Trends helps lead the development of the CASH Coalition (Climate Action for Smallholders)

2024

Over 50 enforcement officials from Europe and North America join Forest Trends' Timber Regulation Enforcement Exchange to share investigative insights and new technologies for tackling illegal timber trade.

2025

Forest Trends partners with Brazil's Ministry of Indigenous Peoples and Greendata to launch a historic two-year, nationwide project to strengthen Indigenous leadership in governance, climate finance, and biodiversity value chains, while respecting traditional knowledge and cultural contexts.

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