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THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF FORESTS

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On the 21st of March the world celebrates the International Day of Forests. The theme this year is **Forests and Sustainable Cities**. In this context FAO is focusing on urban forestry: *Trees and urban forests can make our cities greener, healthier and happier places to live.*

To contribute to this important event, please find below some pertinent literature on the topic of urban forests and forestry.



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FORESTS AND SUSTAINABLE CITIES
Let's make our cities greener, healthier, happier places to live!



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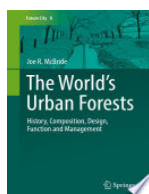
THE FAO LIBRARY COLLECTIONS CONTAIN **150 PUBLICATIONS** ON URBAN FORESTRY.

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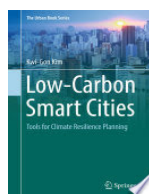
E-BOOKS



Directrices para la silvicultura urbana y periurbana (FAO, 2017)
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The world's urban forests: history, composition, design, function and management. (Springer, 2017)



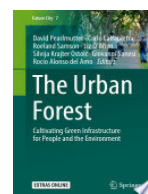
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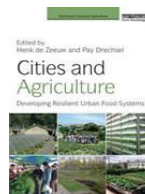
Handbook of sustainability science and research. (Springer, 2018)



Towards green cities: urban biodiversity and ecosystem services in China and Germany. (Springer, 2018)

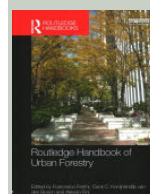


The urban forest: cultivating green infrastructure for people and the environment. (Springer, 2017)



Cities and Agriculture - Developing Resilient Urban Food Systems. (Routledge, 2016)

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Routledge handbook of urban forestry. (Routledge, 2017)

FROM THE WEB OF SCIENCE

Write to fao-library-reference@fao.org to receive the full text of any of the articles mentioned in this section.



WEB OF SCIENCE

267 articles have been published on "urban forestry" in high impact peer-reviewed scientific journals since 2015.



HIGHLIGHTED JOURNAL

59 of these articles feature in the journal *Urban Forestry & Urban Greening*.

The FAO Library has a print and an online subscription. [Online access](#) from 2014.

11 URBAN FORESTRY AND AGROFORESTRY

Fabrizio Sabatini, Simone Borelli and
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Introduction
Banks have already been shown a better group
would continue to influence sustainable develop-
ment concentrated in cities, particularly in Italy

HIGHLIGHTED FAO AUTHOR

The book chapter “Urban forestry and agroforestry” of the book “Cities and agriculture: developing resilient urban food systems” was co-authored by S. Borelli (FOA).

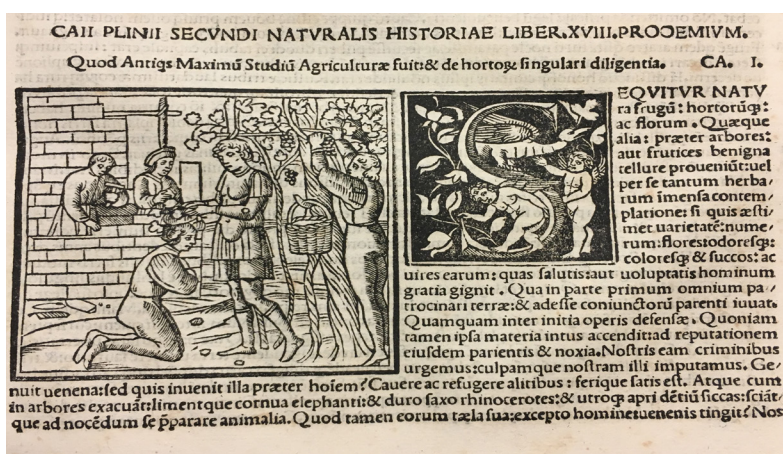
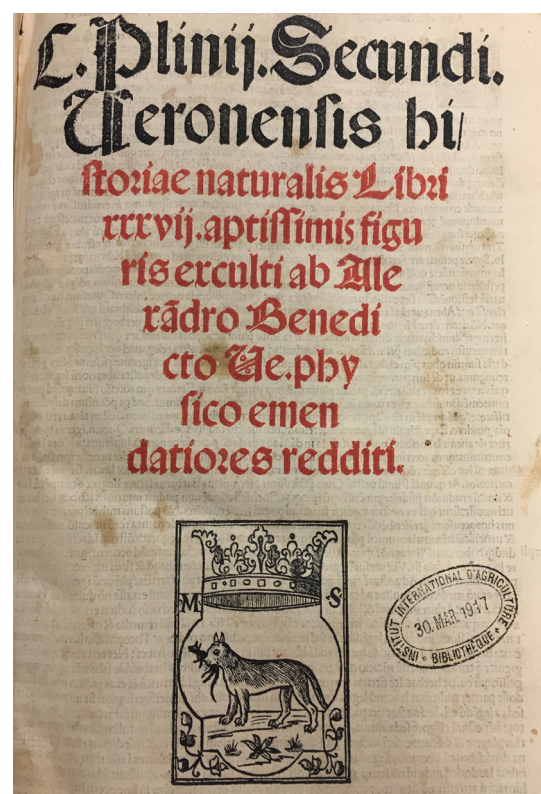
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Trees in the ancient city of Rome

During Roman times the city of Rome not only contained gardens for the wealthy citizens, but also public gardens open to all citizens. Trees were also planted around the thermea, libraries, and recreation grounds for the benefit of the general public.¹

The Roman natural philosopher Pliny the Elder (AD 23–79) wrote about the Roman gardens in his masterpiece *Naturalis historia*, the largest work to have survived from the Roman Empire until today covering the entire field of ancient knowledge. He mentions among others: cherry, peach, apricot, and pistachio trees.

The FAO Library has an edition from 1513.



Pliny, the Elder, AD 23-79C. Plinij. Secundi. Veronensis Historiae naturalis libri 37. aptissimis figuris exculptis ab Alexandro Benedicto Ve. physico emendatiores reddit. - Impressus Venetiis : summa diligentia per Melchiorum Sessam, 1513 die XX Augusti. - [14], CCXIX, [1] c. : ill. ; fol.

“These uses of trees in urban areas are not unlike those found today in metropolitan areas throughout the world. [...] Centuries were required to regain this knowledge, a level of urban security, and the economic means needed to replicate the variety of uses of trees seen in the cities of the Ancient World.”

(McBride, J.R. 2017. *The world's urban forests*)

[1] McBride, J.R. 2017. *The world's urban forests: history, composition, design, function and management*. Future city No. 8. Cham, Switzerland, Springer International Publishing AG. p. 40.