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**Now online:** [Unasylva 225 – National forest programmes](#)

The term “national forest programme” (NFP) designates the wide range of approaches to planning, programming and implementing forest activities in a country based on a common set of guiding principles. This issue opens with reflections on [why NFPs are so important and how FAO supports them](#) (J. Heino), followed by an [overview of principles and process](#) (C. Sepp & E. Mansur). It gives examples of how some countries have approached their process: from [Kyrgyzstan](#) (I. Kouplevatskaya), [the Philippines](#) (P. O’Hara & J. Pulhin), [Canada](#) (J. Cinq-Mars), [Guatemala](#) (E. Oliva Hurtarte, E. Sales Hernández and I. Bustos García) and [Senegal](#) (O. Diaw). Regional programmes enhancing national efforts are addressed in articles on the [Puembo process in Latin America and the Caribbean](#) (Thies, J. Rodríguez & E. von Pfeil) and [harmonization of forest policies and programmes in Central Africa](#) (J. Koyo & R. Foteu). The last article discusses links between [NFPs and poverty reduction strategies](#) (S. Geller & McConnell).

**Committee on Forestry: "Weaving knowledge into development"****Capacity building: Strengthening knowledge to combat forest fires**

Rome, 5 March 2007 - The number of forest fires caused by people without the knowledge or the means to prevent, control and fight them, has grown exponentially in certain parts of the world. Building the capacity at all levels, including government officers, private forest owners and local communities, to prevent, control and fight forest fires has been a major task for FAO.

[http://www.fao.org/forestry/newsroom/en/news/110909/highlight\\_110993en.html](http://www.fao.org/forestry/newsroom/en/news/110909/highlight_110993en.html)

**The invaders are here: Sharing knowledge to prevent and control pests from harming forests**

Rome, 5 March 2007 - Outbreaks of forest invasive species are no longer confined to one country or region. An increase in travel, trade and transport as well as climate change have made invasive species a growing transnational problem. Invasive species are spreading quickly from one country to another and may cross continents. Sharing knowledge with people beyond one's border is therefore essential.

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**Killing two birds with one stone: Transferring knowledge to fight poverty and land degradation**

Rome, 5 March 2007 - With help from FAO, farmers in six sub-Saharan countries have been able to increase their income from the sale of gums and resins and to restore degraded land.

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**Using knowledge handed down from generations to produce commercial products in bamboo**

Rome, 5 March 2007 - Knowledge and skills handed down from generation to generation have found a new life in the production of marketable goods to provide much-needed cash to local producers.

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### **History of forestry as it developed in Central Europe, unveiled.**

Rome, 5 March 2007 - For the first time, FAO will display at the upcoming Committee on Forestry (13-16 March) historical collection of rare forestry books dating back to the eighteenth century that provide a snapshot in time state of forest research as it first developed in Central Europe and evolved through the beginning of the twentieth century.

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Malanje - \$200,000 Released for Knotgrass Reforestation

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200702270782.html>

#### **Brazil:**

Brazil biofuel program has environmental risks, opportunities, UN official says

<http://www.iht.com/articles/ap/2007/03/05/america/LA-GEN-Brazil-Amazon-and-Biofuels.php>

Le Brésil redoute l'instauration de critères écologiques internationaux

[http://www.lemonde.fr/cgi-bin/ACHATS/acheter.cgi?offre=ARCHIVES&type\\_item=ART\\_ARCH\\_30J&objet\\_id=](http://www.lemonde.fr/cgi-bin/ACHATS/acheter.cgi?offre=ARCHIVES&type_item=ART_ARCH_30J&objet_id=)

#### **Costa Rica:**

País tiene 84.000 hectáreas reforestadas

<http://costarica.capitalfinanciero.com/edactual/negocios1010510.html>

#### **Guatemala:**

Guatemala pierde 73 mil hectáreas de bosque anualmente

<http://www.adital.com.br/site/noticia.asp?lang=ES&cod=26571>

#### **India:**

Forest dept seeks Japanese funds for biodiversity project

<http://cities.expressindia.com/fullstory.php?newsid=224955>

#### **Indonesia:**

2006 Indonesian forest fires worst since 1998

<http://news.mongabay.com/2007/0301-nasa.html>

#### **Malaysia:**

EU furniture buyers may bear cost of ruling

[http://www.btimes.com.my/Current\\_News/BT/Monday/Nation/BT611277.txt/Article/](http://www.btimes.com.my/Current_News/BT/Monday/Nation/BT611277.txt/Article/)

#### **Namibia:**

Communities Urged to Act Early On Fire Prevention

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Wildlife And Human Conflict - Striking a Balance

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#### **South Africa:**

Government Calls for Transformation in Forestry, Timber Processing Sector

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200702261347.html>

**Vietnam:**

Green thumb: State looks to up forest cover

<http://vietnamnews.vnagency.com.vn/showarticle.php?num=01AGR050307>

Southern province closes forests for fire prevention

<http://www.thanhniennews.com/society/?catid=3&newsid=25731>

**Africa:**

23,000 elephants killed each year for ivory

<http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/news/uk/science/article1443967.ece>

Africa Asked to Augment Budget for Environment Protection

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Apilo Uses Waste Paper to Make Charcoal Balls

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Body Demands Action On Forests

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