

Forests for People



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The United Nations General Assembly declared 2011 as the International Year of Forests to raise awareness on sustainable management, conservation and sustainable development of all types of forests. Under the theme "Forests for People", the year also provides an excellent opportunity to highlight non-wood forest products, their uses and users.

*From left to right: a craftsman in the Democratic Republic of the Congo weaves a rattan chair; condiments and spices on sale in a Cameroon market; women preparing baby food with a combination of flowers and fruit from *Adansonia digitata* and the leaves of *Tamarindus indica*; making bamboo furniture in the Philippines; and forest-based ecotourism in Dominica.*