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CLIMATE CHANGE



Dig it!

Trees and forests play a huge part in climate change and its prevention, says Ed Pomfret of The Woodland Trust

● In 2004, 17.4% of global greenhouse gas emissions were caused by forestry - through deforestation, decay of biomass after deforestation and CO₂ from peat fires and drained soils.

The response of forests to rises in global temperatures is complex. As the planet gets hotter, the capacity of woodland to absorb CO₂ may diminish. Climate change models show that, as temperatures rise, the release of carbon from soils will outstrip the ability of vegetation (including trees) to absorb it. Substantial tropical forest dieback may occur, as areas become warmer and drier, leading to further release of carbon. While increases in CO₂ are likely to enable northern hemisphere forests to grow faster, the overall result is a substantial increase in projected CO₂ concentrations and the rate of climate change.

Climate change will impact upon forest habitats and their wildlife by creating problems for species life cycles, upsetting the balance of nature. Climate impacts already observed include beech trees suffering from increased periods of summer drought stress, particularly in south-east England, while oak is generally coming into leaf three weeks earlier than in the 1950s, with knock-on effects on the insects and birds it supports. The cumulative impact of climate-induced stress on our woods is uncertain, but they will certainly be different from today and may well be less diverse, as the wildlife they support struggles to cope with rapid change.

Protection, restoration and creation of forests will help wildlife to be more resilient and better able to disperse to new areas in response to climate change. Retention and expansion of forests will also deliver many benefits to us all, which may help to counter other negative impacts of climate change by protecting soils from erosion (new forests should avoid carbon-rich soils), significantly reducing major flooding where new forests are planted on floodplains, and helping to control storm surges and the impacts of rising sea levels in tropical areas.

We should protect woods and forests and get out there with our spades to plant more. We need to do this because of woods' intrinsic value, their benefits to society and the essential role they play in helping nature adapt to climate change.

Ffi: www.woodland-trust.org.uk/campaigns/climate

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INTERNATIONAL Organisation for the conservation, welfare and appreciation of all species of whales, dolphins and porpoises. Its aims are to raise awareness of whale and dolphin killing and to work towards the abolition of all scientific and commercial whaling. *Contact: Brookfield House, 38 St Paul St, Chippenham, Wilts SN15 1LJ. Tel: 0870 870 5001 Fax: 0870 870 5002 Email: info@wdcs.org.uk Web: www.wdcs.org.uk*

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THE WILDLIFE TRUSTS

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