

Partnerships for Forests

Critical transitions:



Innovation: Incubators and accelerators

Geographic focus: Central, East and West Africa, South East Asia and Latin America

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Partnership for Forests (P4F) is an eight-year incubation programme managed by Palladium and SYSTEMIQ funded by the UK Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) and the UK Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS).

Partnership for Forests’ goal is reducing deforestation by supporting regenerative business models such as (i) “standing forest” models that generate immediate revenues, e.g. through the low-impact harvest of products such as nuts and resins or the delivery of ecosystem services, such as carbon sequestration and conservation credits; (ii) Agriculture production-protection” models that produce deforestation free products and generate increased revenues per hectare, whilst reducing costs through reduced inputs, and the utilisation of increasingly sophisticated precision-farming techniques; (iii) “value from forest regrowth” models that can generate multiple, parallel cash flows – as diverse as bioplastics and biochar - from different plant species, which are particularly suited to local conditions.

In 2020, P4F has mobilized over £244m in private investment, forged 67 forests focused partnerships, worked with 24 commodities, and increased the sustainable use of 1.1m hectares of land in 17 countries.²²² Example projects include Adum Bansa Sustainable Oil Palm pilot, which aims to transform the palm oil sector in Ghana, producing replicable and scalable produce and protect models for communities in the area; COOPAVAM, where P4F supports the sustainable collection and commercialisation of Brazil Nuts to protect forests and improve livelihoods in the Amazon; and the PT Bumiampo Investama Sejahtera, where P4F supports the development of a 638 hectare, 80 percent community-owned, Kemiri Sunan biofuel plantation on degraded lands in Flores, Indonesia.²²³

Stakeholders:

UK Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office; UK Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy; Palladium; SYSTEMIQ

Status:

● Operational