Asia-Pacific Rainforest Partnership

The Asia-Pacific Rainforest Partnership promotes action and provides a platform to progress activities to reduce emissions from deforestation and forest degradation in the Asia-Pacific region.

The Partnership works with governments, the private sector, and civil society to support the implementation of the Paris Climate Change Agreement and REDD+ in the region.

The Paris Agreement highlights the importance of forests in combating climate change, with many countries making commitments under the agreement to decrease deforestation and forest degradation. Alongside the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, the Paris Agreement reinforces the value of regional multi-sectoral partnerships between governments, the private sector and civil society in reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

**Partnership objectives**

Regional collaboration under the Partnership focuses on:

- Restoring degraded landscapes and protecting high-conservation-value forests.
- Informing national policies that contribute to reducing rainforest loss and support sustainable economic development.
- Increasing the knowledge, understanding and conservation of the region’s biodiversity, threatened species and watersheds.
- Enhancing collaboration with international partners to strengthen forest governance, combat illegal logging and support regional capacity for sustainable forest management practices.
- Building national systems to measure and monitor forest resources to facilitate participation in REDD+.

**Private Sector Roundtable**

A Private Sector Roundtable ([https://www.asiapacificrainforestpartnership.org/private-sector-roundtable/](https://www.asiapacificrainforestpartnership.org/private-sector-roundtable/)) works alongside the Partnership to provide private sector insight into public policy and to progress opportunities for private sector investment in the sustainable management of forests.

The Roundtable was formed by a range of leading organisations including timber, palm and other commodity based companies, restoration focused companies, financial institutions, and professional services, among others. Roundtable members collaborate on projects to share lessons and provide opportunities to scale-up and multiply investment by the private sector aimed at forest conservation and restoration.

Asia and the Pacific are covered by 740 million hectares of forests, accounting for 26 per cent of the region’s land area, and 18 per cent of global forest cover.¹
More than 450 million people in Asia and the Pacific depend on forests for their livelihoods.²

Asia-Pacific Rainforest Summit

Asia-Pacific Rainforest Summits have been successfully held in Brunei Darussalam in August 2016 (https://www.asiapacificrainforestpartnership.org/summits/brunei-2016/) and Sydney in 2014 (https://www.asiapacificrainforestpartnership.org/summits/sydney-2014/). Summits such as these cement commitments made by countries and leverage private sector efforts on climate change and forests.

The summit in Brunei was held from 3-5 August 2016 and attracted over 600 stakeholders from more than 40 countries. Governments, private sector executives, leading practitioners from non-government organisations and world-class researchers came together to exchange knowledge and highlight leading practices to slow, halt and reverse deforestation in the Asia-Pacific region. The Summit discussed innovation forest – climate financing, the role of the private sector and new opportunities for public-private-people partnerships.

Contact the Partnership

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