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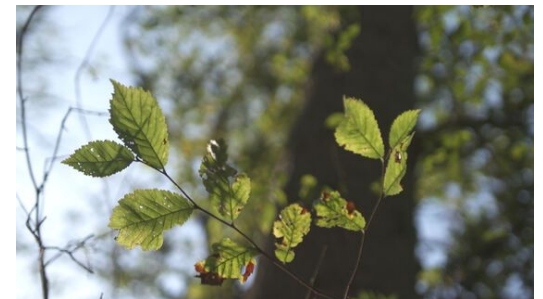
SAVE OUR FORESTS

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Healthy forests are essential for our climate and the diversity of flora and fauna.

“The forest stands black and silent,” wrote Matthias Claudius in 1779. 250 years ago forests were still healthy in most European countries. Unfortunately, this is not the case today. This habitat for countless animal and plant species is in grave danger. We need the forests, as they provide us with valuable raw minerals, stores water, and ensures a good climate. In recent years, drought and heat have been hurting the trees, pests have been multiplying, and illegal logging has been filling the pockets of criminal organizations. Even state-subsidized clear-cutting increases the profits of the deforestation industry. For these reasons, more and more people are fighting for their forests. In our series, we follow passionate individuals that are doing everything in their power to preserve their forests.

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1. The Fight Against Climate Change

The story of how the Counts of Bernstorff are using innovative methods to fight against climate change in order to save their beloved forests.

2. The Fight Against Industry

A glimpse at how the Sami minority group and activists are trying to protect their forests from the Finnish government and forestry industries.

3. The Fight Against Monoculture

The story of how a Franco-German couple are promoting sustainable forestry, demonstrating that there are healthy ways of deforestation.

4. The Fight Against Illegal Logging

A peek into Romania's illegal logging industry and what the Romanian government and activists are doing to solve this pressing issue.

5. Fight Against Ignorance

The City of Luebeck wants to share their innovative foresting techniques with the rest of Germany, but the other regions are less enthusiastic about their tips.