



## LIFE17 NAT/GR/000511 LIFE PRIMED

#### WHY SHOULD WE PROTECT THEM?



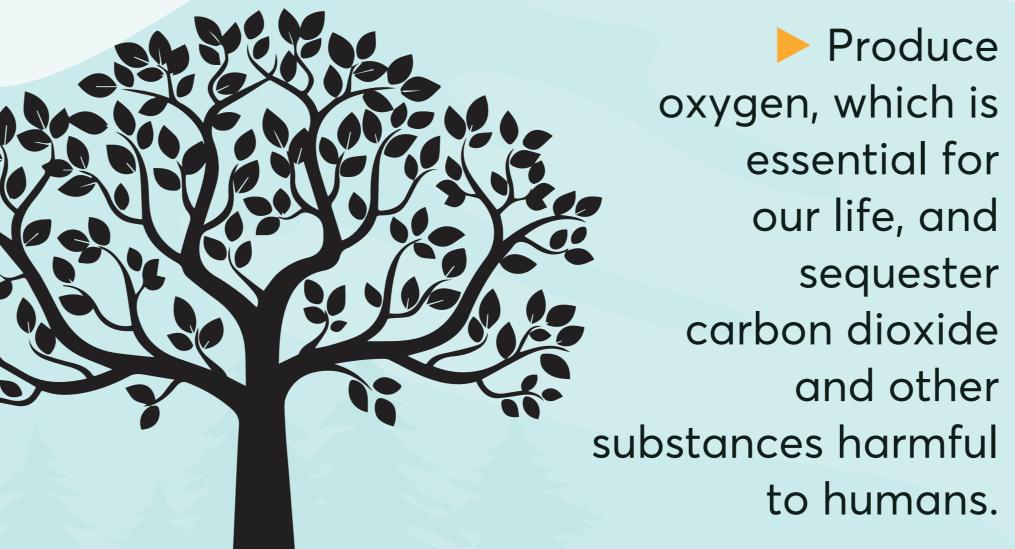
- Uncontrolled tree felling may cause soil instability and erosion, leading to flooding after heavy rainfall.
- Without trees to contain them, floods may cause material damages and even cost the lives of local residents.
- Instability and erosion affect soil fertility, leading to significant economic losses for cultivators and farmers in the local community.
- The decline of trees leads to biodiversity loss, which subsequently affects humans even in non evident ways.

# FOREST TREES, A SOURCE OF LIFE



# DID YOU KNOW THAT THE TREES...

- Alders, ashes, elms, willows and other trees of the area offer shelter to a variety of animals such as pheasants, woodpeckers, jackals, wildcats.
- Retain rainwater with their roots, thus enriching the aquifer and preventing flooding.
- Improve water quality by trapping and filtering sediment and pollutants.



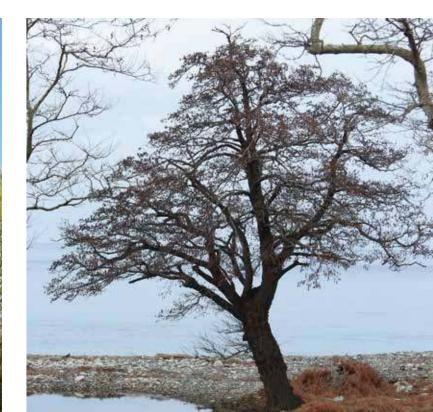
Hold the soil in place by sheltering it from wind and water and thus preventing ground erosion.







White Willow (Salix alba)



Black (Common) Alder (Alnus glutinosa)

## STOP

### THINK IT OVER!

Uncontrolled logging has significant impacts on the forest ecosystem, therefore, any action related to tree felling must be accompanied by relevant trade or use permits.



In any other case, cutting down trees is illegal, punishable under national law and subject to a fine or imprisonment.

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