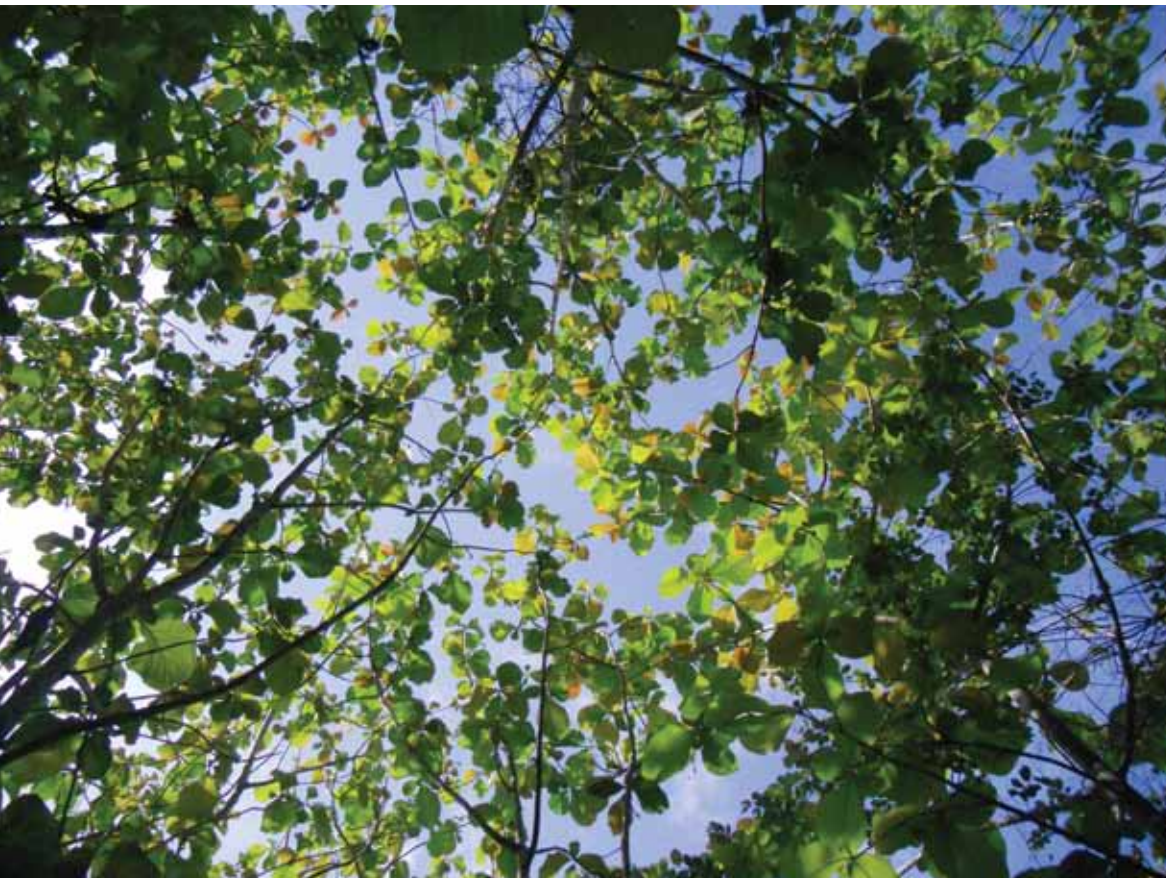


# FORESTS THROUGH YOUR LENS

In the final quarter of the International Year of Forests 2011, FAO Forestry solicited photographs of the **forests that people know and love**, through its Infosylva news clippings service ([www.fao.org/forestry/infosylva](http://www.fao.org/forestry/infosylva)), among other outlets. The competition sought images that showed their photographers' connections to the forests that they serve.

The winning photographs are presented in this section. These photographs and other standouts are available in the FAO Forestry photo library ([www.fao.org/mediabase/forestry](http://www.fao.org/mediabase/forestry)).



▲ Lina Farida Jihadah

Wanagama Educational Forest, Gunung Kidul District, Yogyakarta, Indonesia

"For me as young forester, (this photo shows) that trees and forests can inspire me to carve my forestry **dreams as high as the skies**, even higher."



► **Vidhi Billore**

Ralamandal Sanctuary, Indore District,  
Madhya Pradesh, India

"My son Joshua and his friend Rudraksh take a walk in the forest, reminding me of how my childhood is replete with memories of moments spent in the **lap of nature**, and leaving me wondering if my son will have the same privilege."

▼ **Noah James Chutz**

Wrangell-St. Elias National Park, Alaska,  
United States of America

"These forests exist in the Northern extremes, smashed between glaciers and jagged mountains, providing **habitat to both people and wildlife** and adapted to life at high altitudes ... I dedicate my life to forests so pictures like this can still exist."



▲ **Johnson Herve Rakotoniaina**

Market, Mahazo, Madagascar

"This photo shows **medicinal plants** – bark, trunk and root – from the north and south of Madagascar, for sale in urban areas. They are not just for the people around forests, but for all of us."





▲ **Supratim Bhattacharjee**

Birbhum District, West Bengal, India

“When you are living in a jungle of concrete, a forest is a place where a human can take a **fresh breath** without any kind of obstruction.”



▲ **Celso Coco**

Las Médulas (ancient Roman gold mines),  
Léon, Spain

“When the mining had ended, vegetation was planted in the area, forming what is now a forest of chestnut (*Castanea sativa*). The site is now a “natural monument”, a protected area under the Castile and Leon regions. For me (the photo) shows how **human development** has been linked to nature, through time.”





◀ **Francisco Miguel Agostinho Caetano**

Mafra, Portugal

"The forest means to me more or less the same as what **life itself** means to a medical doctor. The more you understand and deal with its complexity, the more you get amazed and thankful for the simple fact of its existence."

▲ **Janelle Bianca C. Fernandez**

Pagbilao Mangrove Experimental Forest,  
Quezon Province, Philippines

"The forest is a precious, living entity. It provides everything and is **the source of all.**"