

S W E D E N

THE PAPER FOREST

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WHEN WE THINK ABOUT DEFORESTATION OUR MIND GOES DIRECTLY TO THE AMAZON FOREST IN SOUTH AMERICA. BUT THERE IS ANOTHER PIECE OF UNTOUCHED NATURE THAT IS DISAPPEARING:
THE SWEDISH FOREST.

UNDER THE NEW SLOGAN "BIOECONOMY", MANY INDUSTRY SECTORS WANT TO USE MORE TREES AS RAW MATERIAL: FUEL FOR CARS, SINGLE-USE PACKAGING, DRINKING CARTONS, PAPER, HOUSE CONSTRUCTION JUST TO MENTION A FEW. FORESTS ARE CALLED GREEN GOLD. LOGGING COMPANIES ARE BUYING THE RIGHTS TO CLEARCUT FOREST LAND AND NOBODY SEEMS TO BE ABLE TO STOP THIS PROCESS SINCE THE SWEDISH LAW PROTECTS JUST NATURE RESERVES OR EQUIVALENT. SOMETIMES TREES PLANTATIONS REPLACE THE ANCIENT FOREST BUT THESE MONOCULTURES ARE NOT ABLE TO SUSTAIN THE LIFE OF MANY SPECIES THAT ARE CURRENTLY DISAPPEARING.

ONLY 4,7% OF THE SWEDISH LAND IS PROTECTED BY LAW. RESEARCH SHOWS THAT AT LEAST 20% OF THE NATURAL FOREST LANDSCAPE NEEDS TO BE PRESERVED IF A DIVERSITY OF SPECIES ARE TO SURVIVE. MANY NGOS, SUCH AS GREENPEACE, ARE CURRENTLY CAMPAIGNING TO CONVINCING THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT TO REACH THE GOAL OF 20%.

MANY PEOPLE WANT TO KEEP THE FOREST ALIVE FOR DIFFERENT REASONS AND STAND AGAINST DEFORESTATION. THEY ARE PORTRAYED IN CLEAR-CUT AREAS OR IN OLD AND UNTOUCHED FOREST OF SWEDEN AND ANSWERED THE QUESTION "WHY DO YOU CARE THIS FOREST?"



LINA BURNELIUS WORKS AT GREENPEACE NORDIC AS FOREST CAMPAIGNER.

"IF YOU ASK ME TO DRAW A TREE, I DRAW THE ROOTS TOO. I CARE THE FOREST 'CAUSE WHEN I'M THERE I FEEL WE SHOULD CHANGE FROM EGO TO ECO"



A CLEAR-CUTTED AREA OF THE SWEDISH FOREST IN THE COUNTY OF JÄMTLAND. SOME TRUNKS ARE LEFT STANDING BECAUSE THEY SHOULD BE HELPFUL IN THE PROCESS OF MAINTAINING THE BIODIVERSITY OF THE FOREST. THE COMPANY SCA, CURRENTLY LOGGING IN THIS REGION, MANAGES 2,6 MILLIONS HECTARES OF FORESTLAND. 2 MILLIONS OF THEM ARE USED FOR TIMBER PRODUCTION.



LARS CATO WORKS AS A CHEF IN A RESTAURANT IN BRÄCKE, A SMALL VILLAGE IN THE COUNTY OF JÄMTLAND.
"I TRAVELLED ALL OVER SWEDEN AND THIS IS THE PLACE WHERE I WANT TO LIVE. I CARE THE FOREST BECAUSE IS UNTOUCHED AND UNEXPLOITED."



A TRUCK LOADED OF TRUNKS IN THE COUNTY OF JÄMTLAND.



BIRGITTA PERSSON IS A RETIRED GYM TEACHER. SHE OWNS A PART OF THE FOREST WHERE SHE HAS A SMALL COTTAGE BUILT BY THE HUSBAND'S GRANDFATHER AT THE BEGINNING OF THE 20TH CENTURY. "I CARE THE FOREST BECAUSE EVERYTHING WE NEED IS IN THE FOREST. NOW I CAN HEAR THE SOUND OF THE DEVIL, THE MACHINES CLEAR-CUTTING AN AREA OF THE FOREST NEARBY."



TIMBER STOCKED IN THE COUNTY OF JÄMTLAND.



WHEN HUNTING SEASON BEGINS ANDREAS AXELSSON RENTS A SMALL HOME IN THE FOREST IN THE NORTH OF SWEDEN FOR HUNTING WITH HIS DOG LOKE.
"IN THE FOREST I CAN PROVIDE MEAT FOR MY FAMILY FOR THE WHOLE YEAR".



A TRAIN PASSING IN THE SWEDISH FOREST IN THE COUNTY OF JÄMTLAND.



OLLI MANNINEN IS A BIOLOGIST INVENTORING THE LIFE AND BIODIVERSITY OF THE FOREST PLANNED TO BE CLEAR-CUTTED BY THE SWEDING COMPANY SCA THAT MANAGES 2,6 MILLION HECTARES FORESTLAND. "I CARE THE FOREST BECAUSE IS MY FRIEND".



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FREDRIK ULANDER WORKS AS TYRE DEALER IN BRÄCKE, A SMALL VILLAGE IN THE COUNTY OF JÄMTLAND, HE OWNS PART OF THE FOREST. "I WOULDN'T WORK WITHOUT THE FOREST, 70% OF MY CLIENTS COME HERE BECAUSE OF THE FOREST."



A CLEAR-CUTTED AREA OF THE SWEDISH FOREST IN THE COUNTY OF JÄMTLAND.



AXEL NAVER WORKS IN COMMUNICATION AND MEDIA AT GREENPEACE NORDIC.
“WE POINT OTHER COUNTRIES FOR DESTROYING THE PLANET BUT WE DO THE SAME. I CARE THE FOREST BECAUSE IT PUTS MY LIFE IN PERSPECTIVE”.



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BARBRO NORBERG IS A BIOLOGIST AND POLITICIAN LIVING IN THE COUNTY OF JÄMTLAND, IN THE SWEDISH FOREST. "IT'S SENSATIONAL WHEN I'M IN THE FOREST, HORRIBLE WHEN I'M IN A TREE PLANTATION. I CARE THE FOREST BECAUSE IS THE ROOM OF LIFE".



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