



LANDSCAPE APPROACH IN ACTION

IMPACT NOTES #02

1 Promoting forest certification for small landowners

Since 2000, the Eastern Ontario Model Forest (Canada) has been assisting private landowners and local municipalities in achieving Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) certification for their forests. Today, over 12,000 hectares of private forest and 40,000 hectares of community forest have been certified. The Model Forest has also facilitated the use of the FSC logo for the marketing of secondary forest products and non-timber forest products (including maple syrup) produced from certified forests.



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CANADA AND SWEDEN

Transferring traditional knowledge on caribou and reindeer to Aboriginal youth

Researchers in the Prince Albert (Canada) **A** and Vilhelmina (Sweden) **B** Model Forests are working with youth and elders from indigenous communities in both countries to gather traditional knowledge on caribou hunting and reindeer herding in boreal forest ecosystems. They are analyzing how climate change is impacting these activities. This project has highlighted the importance of young people reconnecting with elders and acquiring their knowledge.



Video: youtu.be/BFnsqEEMGzc

2 Enhancing livelihoods in a Mayan community

The Maya Q'eqchi 'of Rocja Pontila community is located in the buffer zone of the Lachuá National Park, Guatemala. The Lachuá Model Forest has worked with the community to design and develop projects aimed at improving their quality of life. Today, the community produces cocoa and honey, restores the nearby forests and develops ecotourism projects. They also built a computer centre with an internet connection running on solar energy.



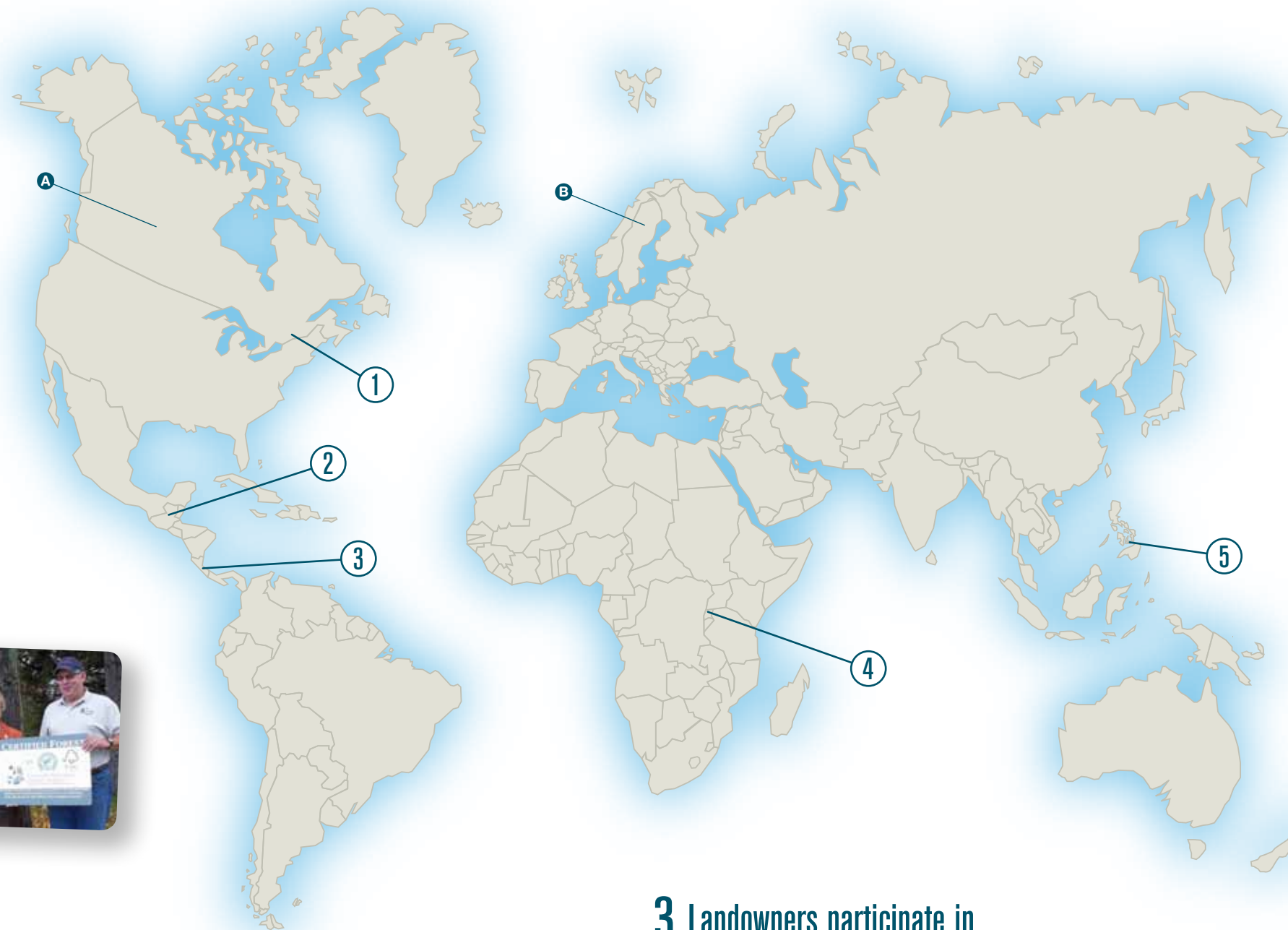
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3 Landowners participate in management planning of a protected area

The Reventazón Model Forest (Costa Rica) has facilitated dialogue between the members of a multi-stakeholder commission charged with developing a management plan for the protected area of Cerros de La Carpintera. For the first time in Costa Rica, private landowners with an interest in maintaining development activities, and other local stakeholders, participated in the development of a mixed land tenure plan for a protected area.



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CANADA

Building on the strengths of your community: A guide in 8 simple steps

Developed by the Canadian Model Forest Network, this guide aims to help communities with an important step in the local development process – doing a community assessment. There is no one-size-fits-all approach to community assessment. Instead of prescribing a specific approach, this guide provides an 8-step process for conducting a community assessment. The guide also includes a resource section, which features a wide variety of tools, techniques and information sources that are readily available. Users of the guide can thereby pick and choose from amongst these options to tailor their community assessment to their own needs. Specific resources for Aboriginal communities are also integrated into the guide.



For more information: modelforest.net

5 Mangroves increase fish habitat and protect shorelines

A few years ago, Carood Watershed Model Forest (Philippines) partners established a mangrove plantation near the mouth of the Carood River. The mangroves buffer strong waves and provide spawning habitat for coral fish, which are important for the livelihood of local fishermen. The plantation consists of 40 mangrove species to help conserve its diversity.



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4 Planting trees, reducing erosion and feeding communities

In an effort to control the soil erosion which is responsible for the sedimentation of Karago Lake, Rwanda, the Model Forest is helping people to plant multi-purpose tree species in their agricultural fields. This landscape restoration initiative is also providing firewood and an additional food source for people.



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