Africa: Forests under threat

This book gathers a selection of articles published in the monthly electronic bulletin of the World Rainforest Movement (WRM), addressing the issue of the processes leading to the destruction of African forests and the struggles developed there to protect and use these forests adequately.

The level of detail and analysis in the articles varies greatly, as a consequence of the nature of the bulletin, which is intended to serve as a tool, both for individuals and organisations acting on a local level and for those working on an international scale. However we have included most of the articles as we consider that in some way they can all serve to generate resistance and solidarity movements regarding a subject such as this, of vital importance both for the survival of the African people and for the future of humanity as a whole.

We have not included the numerous sources of information on which the various articles were based, due to a lack of space. However, those who are interested in accessing these sources may do so through our web page, entering the "bulletin" area and looking for the year and month corresponding to the article in question.

Responsibility for this publication is shared between the editor of the bulletin Ricardo Carrere (international coordinator of the WRM) and the numerous individuals and institutions who contributed articles or relevant information for the preparation of articles. Errors that may have been made are the exclusive responsibility of WRM.

Beyond the authorship of the different articles - which finally is of scant importance - the true protagonists of this work are the thousands and thousands of people who suffer from the impacts of deforestation and forest degradation, who resist appropriation of their territories and who generate environmentally and socially appropriate alternatives for its use. The articles attempt to reflect the struggles of these protagonists, with the central aim of supporting them. To all of them, we pay our most sincere homage.

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