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## [South Africa: Symposium on industrial tree plantations](#)

The Timberwatch Coalition of South Africa is organizing a symposium -that will take place on June 10th in the city of Pietermaritzburg- to discuss the issue of timber plantations. These constitute a cause of concern in that country since they are occupying vast areas of grassland -and are still expanding- provoking negative social and environmental impacts (see WRM Bulletins 7, 22, 23 and 26).

Representatives from the environmental, academic and official fields will take part in the event. The WRM has been invited to present the Plantations Campaign. A visit to four plantation areas has been programmed for June 11th. Those interested in participating can contact Timberwatch at the below email address.

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