



dry woodlands in West Africa



wildlife at a woodland waterhole in Southern Africa

What can be done: The remaining tropical and sub-tropical forests can be saved by:

- creating networks of parks and protected areas for the most biologically important areas
- educating people about the importance of biodiversity and the role of protected area,
- logging only in forests that can be sustainably managed,
- helping farmers and ranchers to produce more from their existing lands so they won't have to cut down forests

CIDA and Forestry: Canada is assisting the countries of Southern Africa in their reforestation and forest management programs through the Tree Seed Centre Network Project. Training, appropriate technology and technical assistance are being provided to help national seed centres to collect, store and distribute tree seeds. The seeds are used to grow trees for many uses: timber, agroforestry, firewood and soil conservation. Canada is also providing support for tree seed development and forest management to the countries of the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN). These projects are helping to train African and Asian foresters through short courses and workshops as well as university-level education in Canada

Protected Areas-The percentage of the total land area in parks and protected areas:

- Africa 4.6%
- Asia 4.4 %
- Latin America 6.4%

More can be done. In North America, 12% of the land is protected.