

GREEN DESERTS ?

The irony of this myth is that if critics really understood deserts, they'd know that they are actually teeming with life.

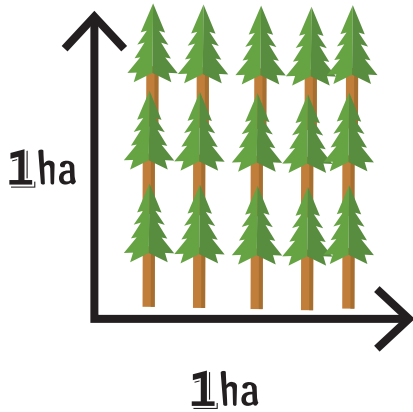
You just need to know where to look! The same is true for timber plantations.

At the scale of a timber compartment or stand, plantations are **MONOCULTURES**.

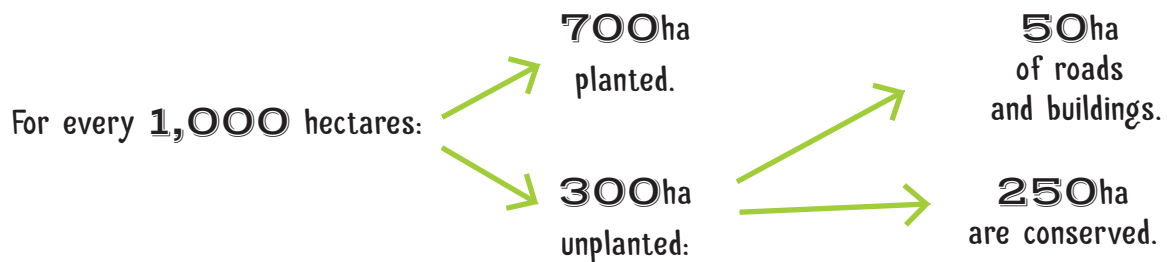
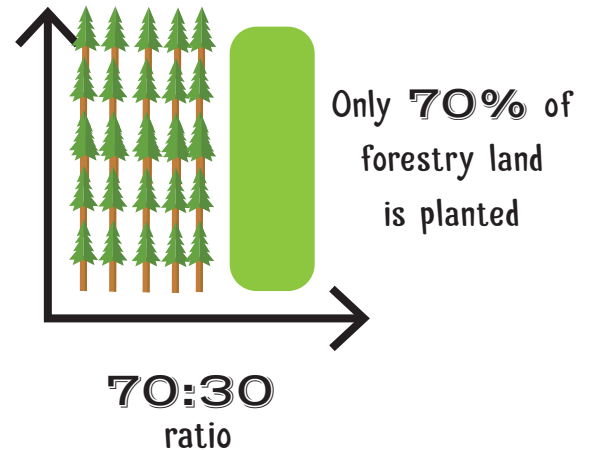
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At a **LANDSCAPE LEVEL** they actually contribute to **CONSERVING** biodiversity.



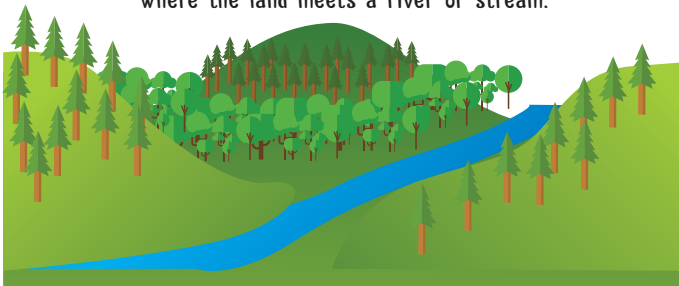
Stands may only have **ONE** species of tree, but there will be **HUNDREDS** of other plants and animals found within them.



WHAT'S CONSERVED?

Conserved riparian areas*, grasslands and indigenous forests provide important habitats for flora and fauna and increase water production.

*A riparian area is the interface where the land meets a river or stream.



As a result, there is a network of wildlife corridors running through plantations.

AERIAL VIEW



PLANTATION ■
CORRIDOR ■

CREATED, MANAGED AND PROTECTED by timber plantation owners in South Africa.