

# #ForestChallenge

A Social Media Campaign

Cities  Forests

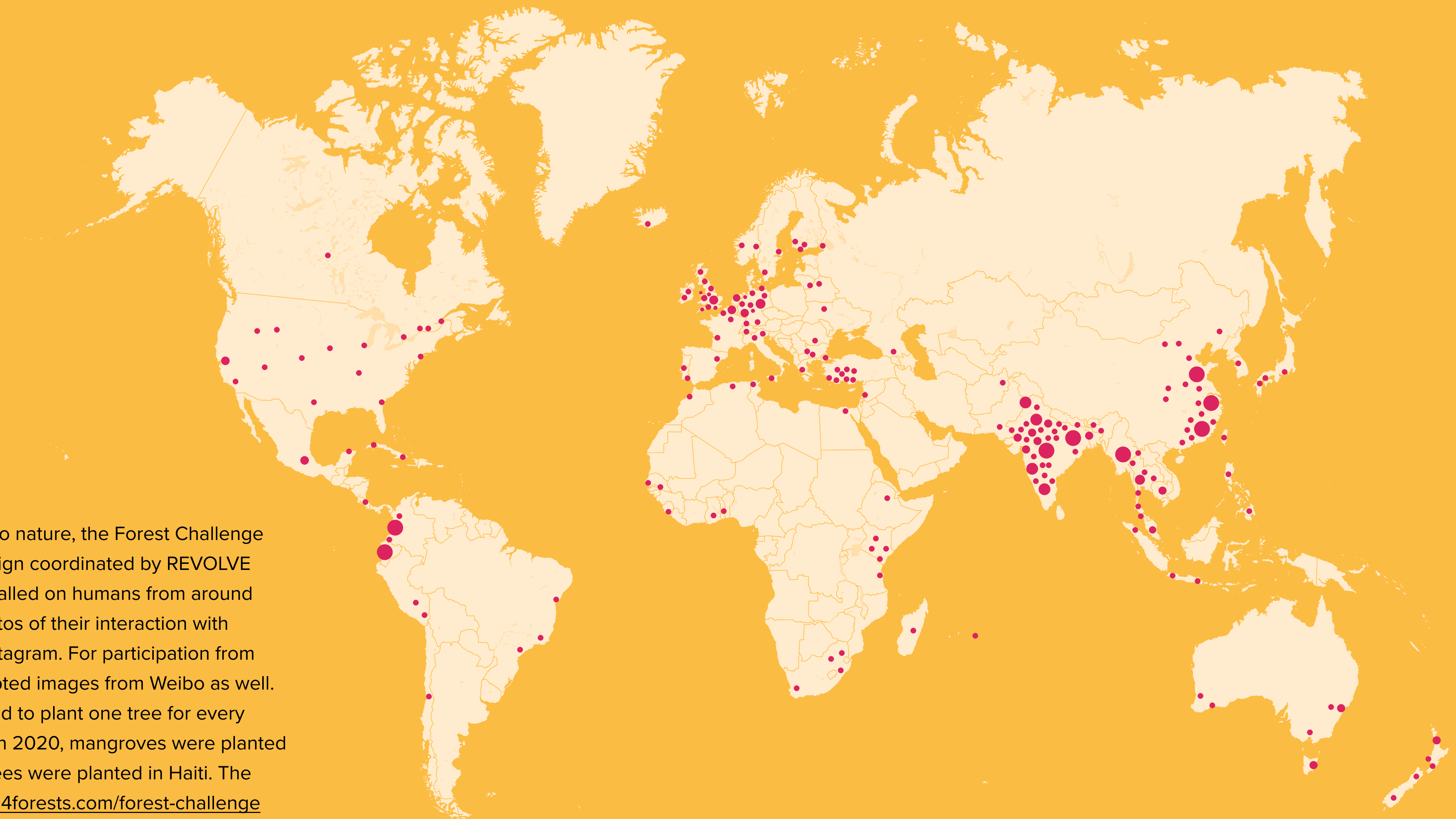


1539  
Submissions

418  
Cities

53  
Countries

Bringing people closer to nature, the Forest Challenge is a social media campaign coordinated by REVOLVE for Cities4Forests that called on humans from around the world to submit photos of their interaction with trees and forests via Instagram. For participation from China in 2021, we accepted images from Weibo as well. Cities4Forests committed to plant one tree for every valid image submitted: in 2020, mangroves were planted in Indonesia, in 2021, trees were planted in Haiti. The journey continues: [cities4forests.com/forest-challenge](https://cities4forests.com/forest-challenge)



NB: Cities are indicative of locations that were tagged in images on Instagram but the images do not always reflect or portray that city if it was taken nearby for example.

# Europe



# Europe

– Belarus –

## Mogilev

An environmental event in which 200 people took part, and more than 1,000 trees were planted.



## Mogilev

Nature feels the care of every person, and needs it.





### Brussels

Good morning! #goodMorning  
#Brussels #bonjour #bruxelles #park  
#Belgia #Belgium #belgique #drone  
#mavicmini #shootondrone #I4I  
#summer #arissetya #forestchallenge

# Europe

– Belgium –



### Brussels

Into the wild.





### Vysoké Tatry

Who loves pine forests as much as we do?



# Europe

– Slovakia –



### Záhorie

“Be water, my friend.” – Bruce Lee

#november #swim #forest #lake  
#routine #coldwater #boost #nofilter  
#slovakianature #forestchallenge  
@cities4forests #forestbathing  
#naturelovers #zajooutdoor #merino  
#wintercap”

# Europe

– Spain –

## Valencia

FREEDOM – “Freedom is one of the most precious gifts heaven gave to men; the treasures under the earth and beneath the sea cannot compare to it; for freedom, as well as for honor, one can and should risk one’s life”.  
#migueldecervantes.

Ne @nereacoll GENIA, infinite thanks always and much love!

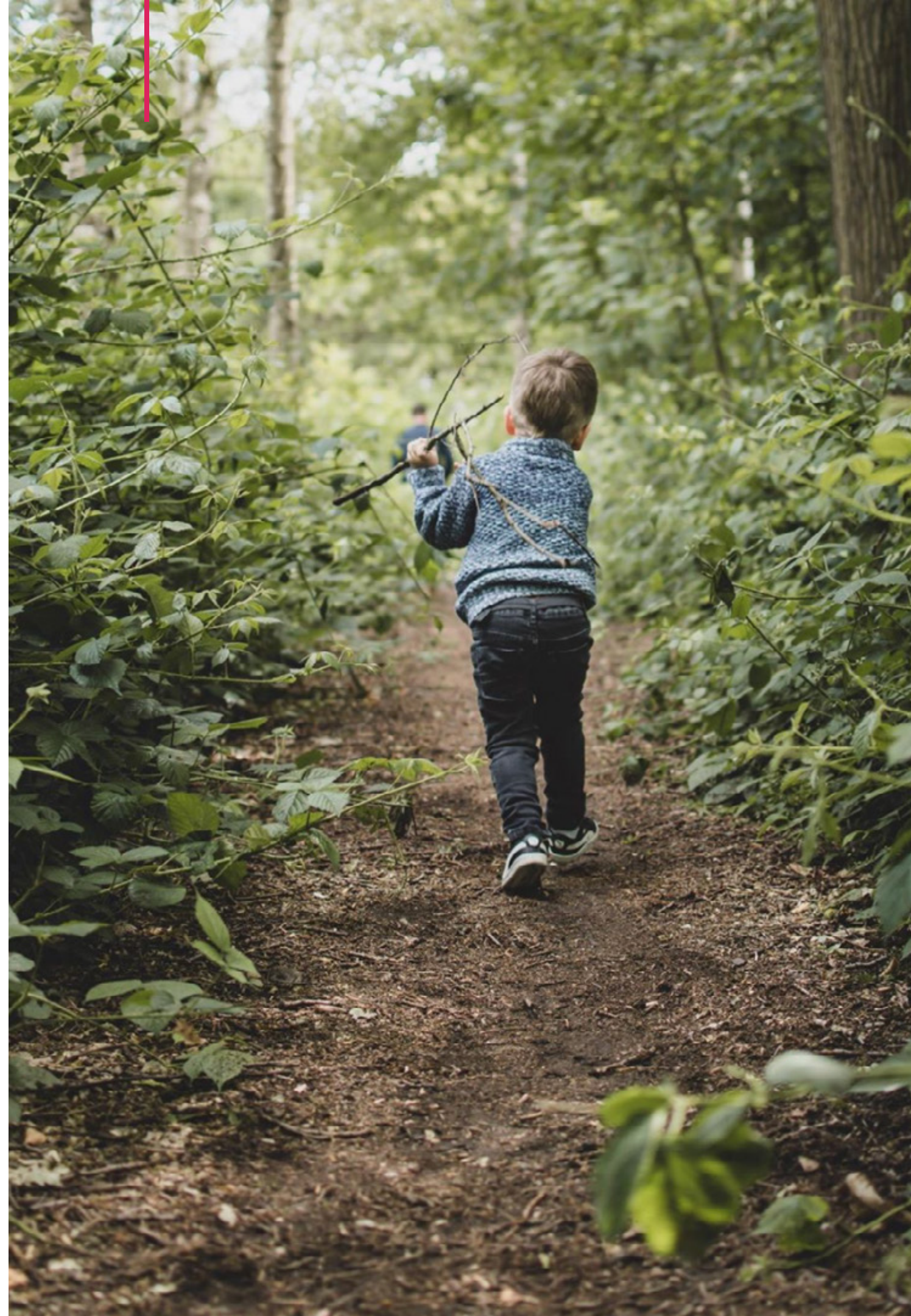


# Europe

– United Kingdom –

## Aveley

Somewhere deep in the woods.



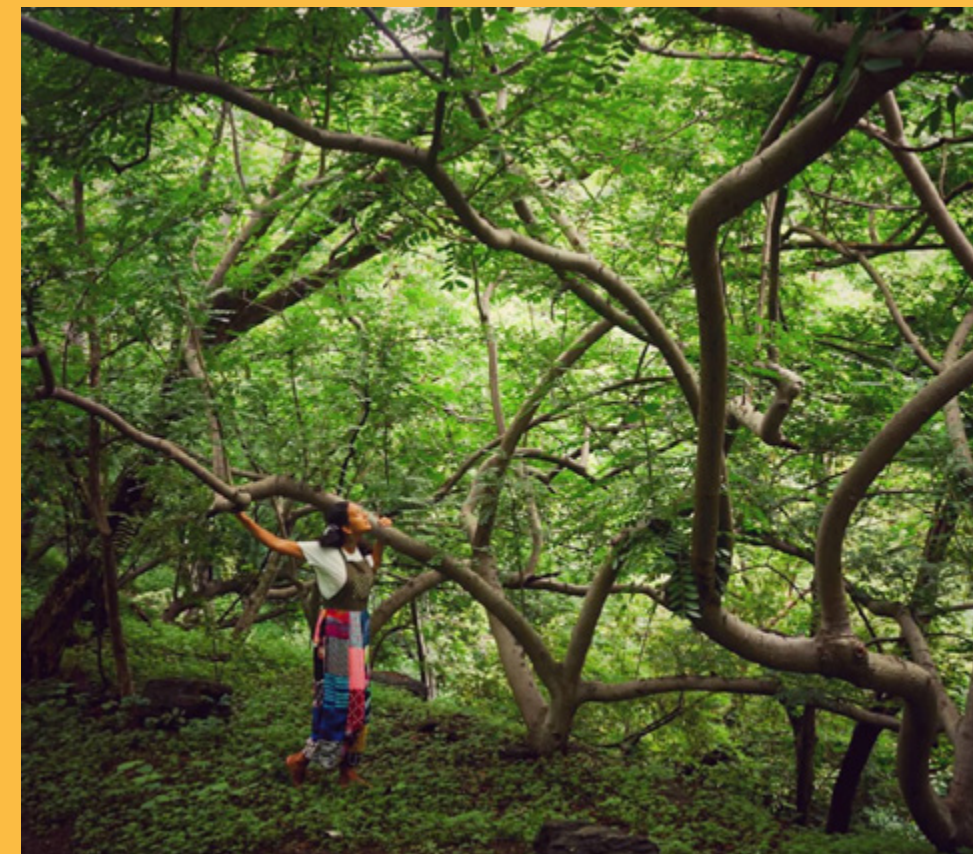
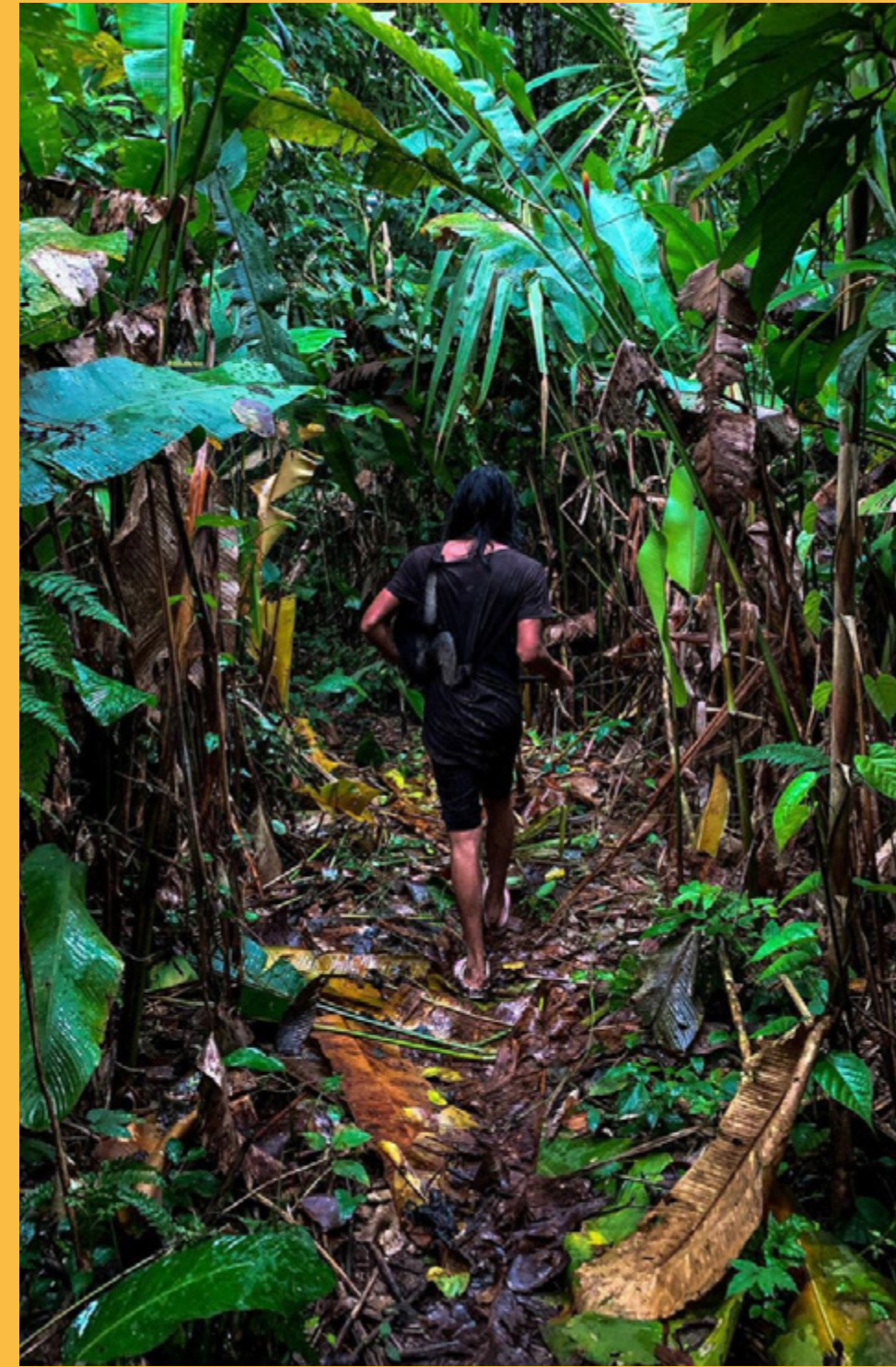
## Swansea

This was when my University society (Swansea University Tree Society) planted 800 trees on a hill recently devastated by an arson attack!





# South America



# South America

– Ecuador –

## Guayaquil

En el bosque. Vayan, es hermoso, pero cuidenlo.



Festejamos el #DíaInternacionaldelosbosques, los ecosistemas terrestres más diversos del planeta. Albergan más del 80% de las especies animales y vegetales y cubren 1/3 de la superficie terrestre. Más de 1 000 millones de personas —incluidas más de dos mil pueblos indígenas— dependen de los bosques para sobrevivir: les proporciona alimentos, medicinas, combustible y abrigo por lo que son fundamentales para combatir el cambio climático.





Grupo Futuro and all its companies are committed to calculating the emissions generated by their daily operations, managing reduction strategies and compensating the rest through the protection of a forest extension in the Tayra Reserve and Mashpi Reserve. In these reserves, technicians and rangers such as Edison Torres (pictured) continuously work to measure the capture capacity of forests.



## South America

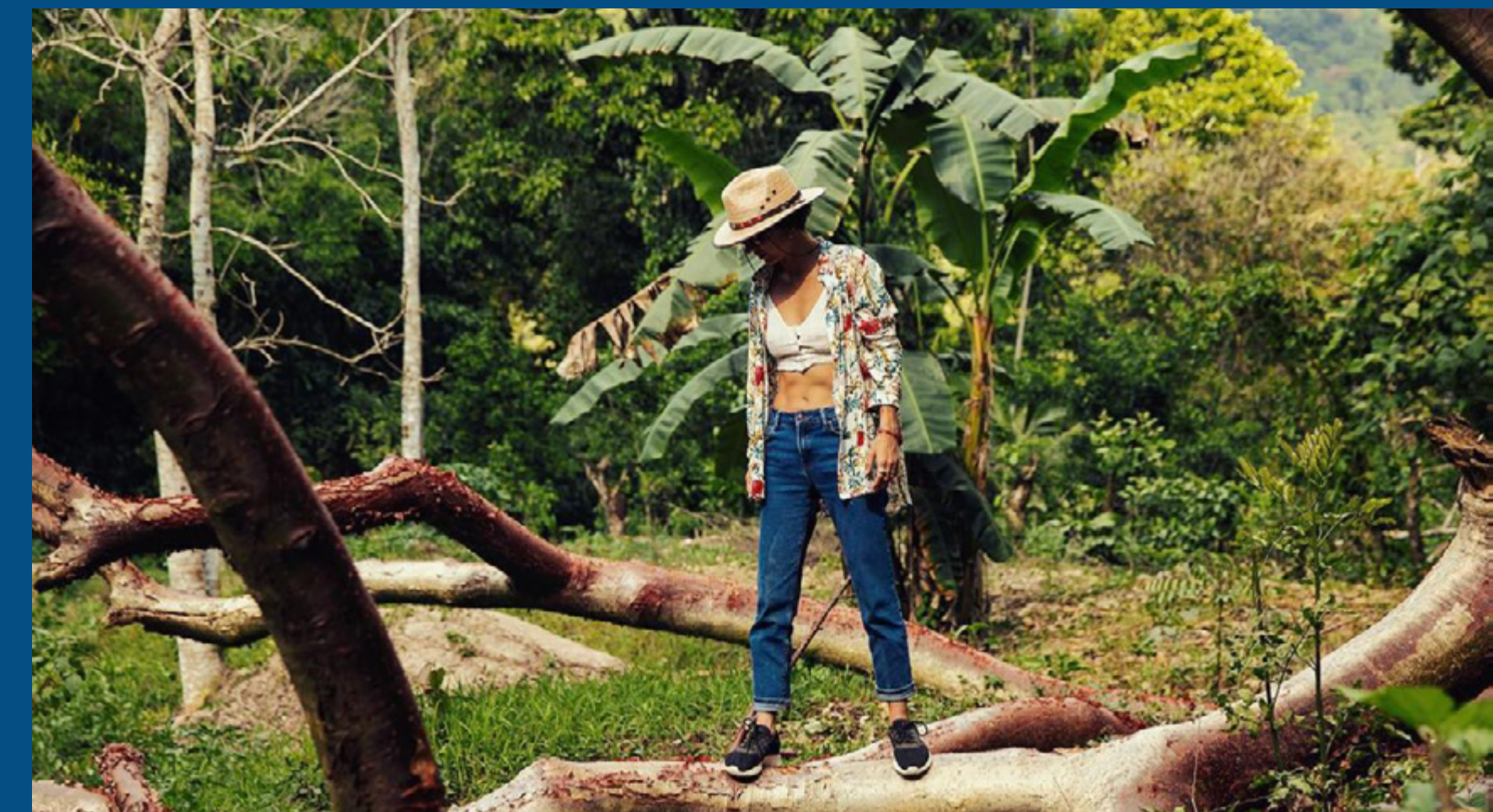
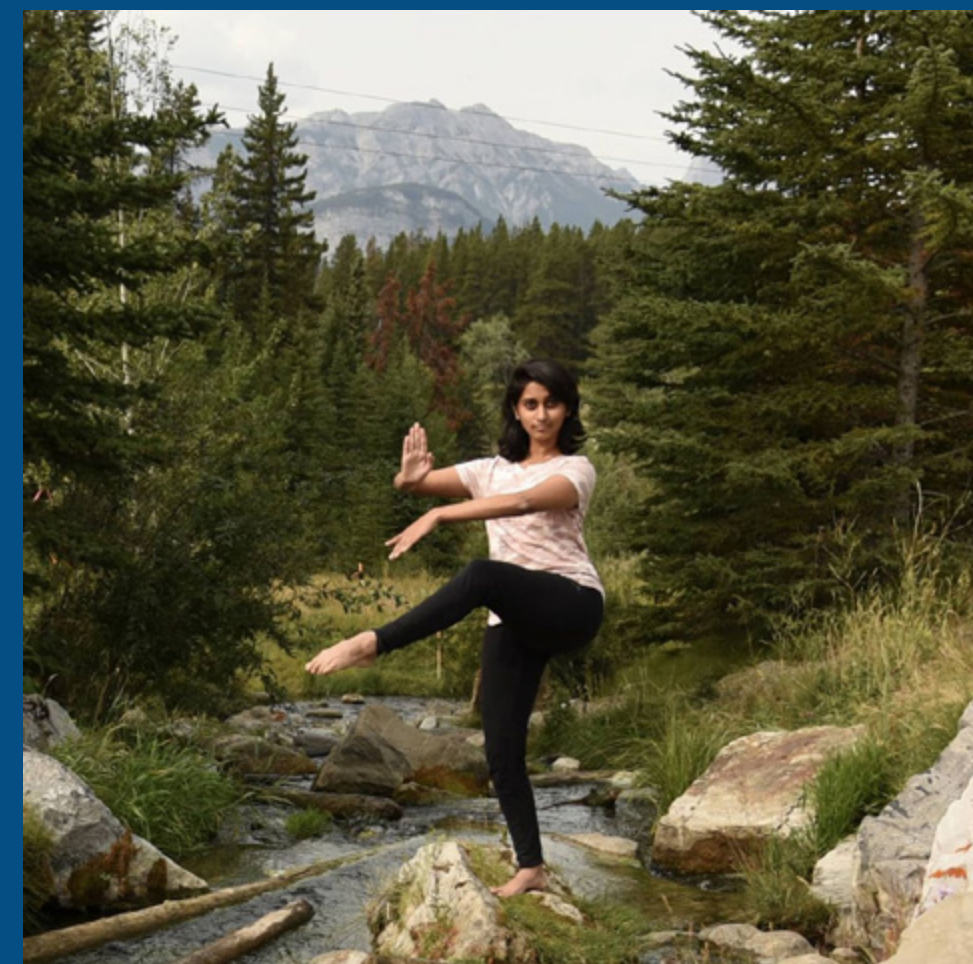
– Ecuador –



### 2020 Winner of Best Image

Our actions as humans are key to guarantee the sustainability of our lands. Regenerative activities such as agroecology contribute to the well-being of people and the entire ecosystem.  
#PaisajesSostenibles

# North America





A year back, around this time I was at this utterly beautiful place! Dear Banff, I miss you!

Grid post alert! Visit my profile to see the full picture :)

Pic credits: @niranjan\_nomadictravellers

#worldenvironmentday

#worldenvironmentday2021 #greenery

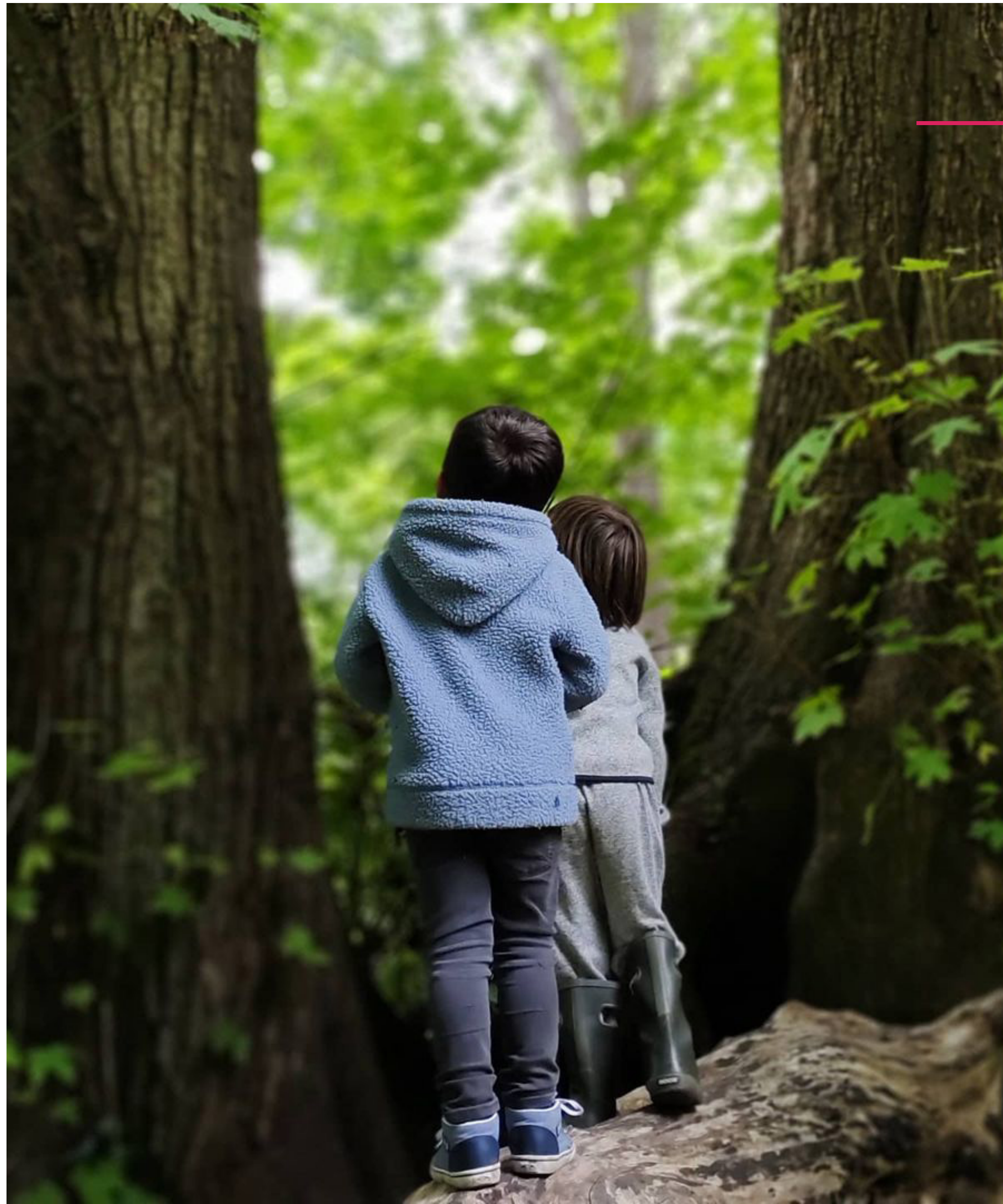
#banffnationalpark #banff #banffcanada

#lake #canadalakes #memories #imissbanff

#albertacanada #dancepose”

# North America

– Canada –



## Vancouver

Looking for squirrels

Nature is our teacher. Nature is our favourite playground. Nature is our place.



# North America

– Mexico –



## Palenque

I found my favorite tree in the #chiapas forest, it is called #mulatosh and it has an intense reddish bark!

## Palenque

Kayum





Zempoala

Today, it's gonna be the day.



# North America

– Mexico –



Chiapas

Cacao team!

# North America

– USA –



## Phoenix

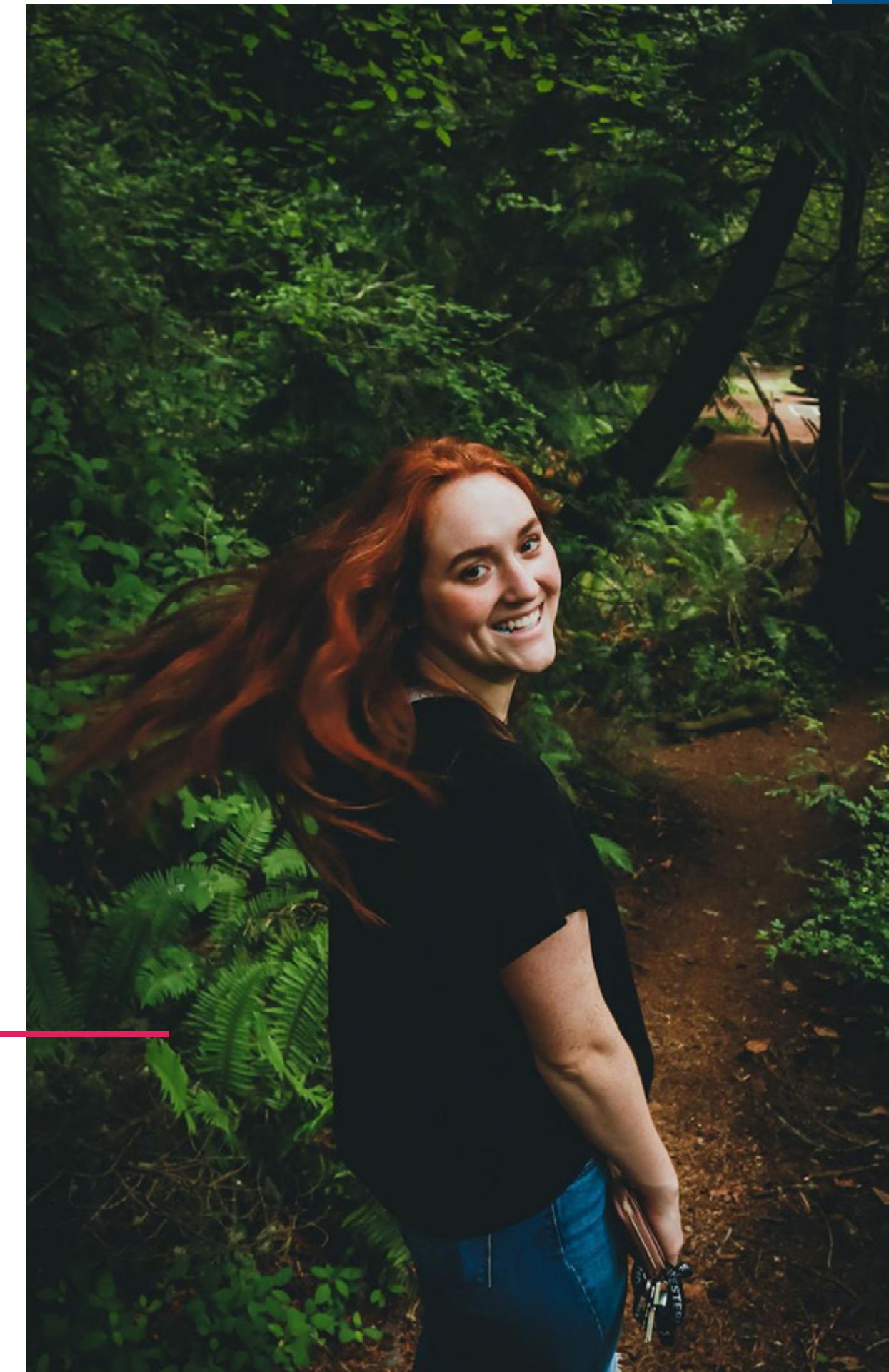
### 2021 Winner of Best Image

Catching surreal views like this one makes the sleep deprivation worth it. Waking up at 2 to summit vision quest for first light was definitely one of the most beautiful and eventful hikes I've ever been on. Slight concerns of being mauled by a bear kept me on my toes but @minwenig kept them at bay with her intimidating aura.

Left my phone at the peak as a sacrifice to the forest spirits. They love phones.

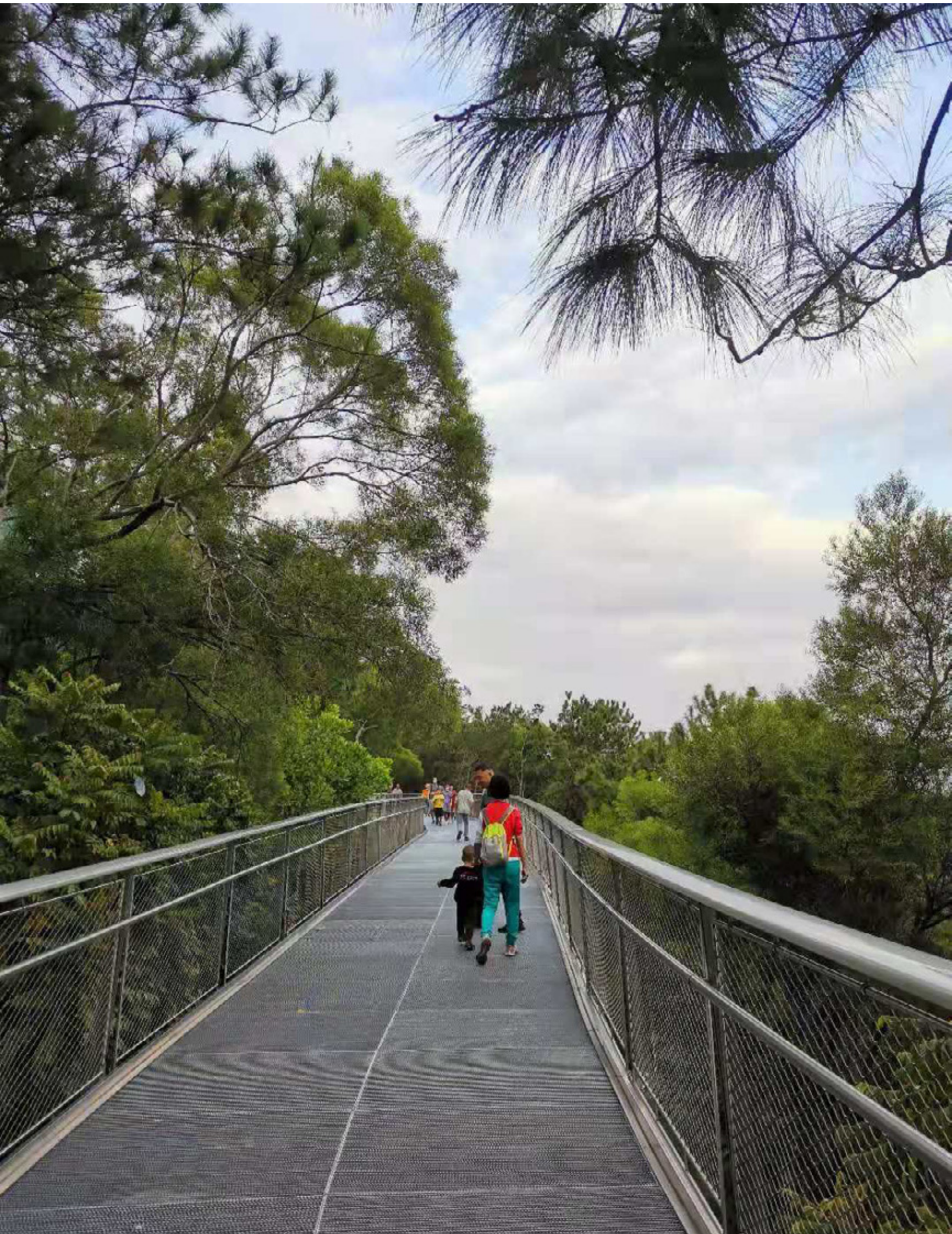
## Washington

Very whimsical









Asia  
– China –



# Asia

– Malaysia –



## Kuala Lumpur

We always love discovering new megalopolises. It is so inspiring to experience new ways of life, means of transportation, and street food that help a city to create its unique atmosphere.

Besides its skyscrapers, each more impressive than the last, Kuala Lumpur offers many parks and gardens that bring a bit of nature inbetween the buildings. With its jungle-like vegetation, KL Forest Eco Park is one of them.





**Mumbai**

Re-posting this one from our time in the woods last monsoon for #forestchallenge ... They are planting one tree for every photo entered, and undeniably, we have been in need of this since time immemorial now.

Hopefully, we as a species can correct our course towards a symbiotic future where development is not detrimental to nature.

**Rajasthan**





**Mumbai**

And into the forest we go... to lose our mind and find our soul.



**Asia**  
– India –



**Gajapatnagaram**

He who plants a tree plants HOPE.



Mumbai

Nature's Beauty

Bangalore

This photo was taken in Ooty Botanical Garden in summer 2018. Climate change is happening because of peoples' lack of appreciation for forests, and it is essential that we learn to love and protect forests and natural areas.





## Merabu

It is a real hope, to be able to bring in my mom and my sister feeling the fresh air and the cold water of Lake Nyadeng in the @kampungmerabu forest area. One more unforgettable thing, the warm hospitality of the people.

Hopefully one day we can go for a walk in complete formation with our big family in Samarinda.

Thankyou Decky for accompany us to visit Lake Nyadeng and make the great journey. Lets go to Mount Rinjani for the next trip.

#forestchallenge

Talakag

Standing at the peak of the 5th highest mountain peak, Mt. Kalatungan.





# Africa





Nairobi

Dare to live, quarantine had us visiting the lows often.



Tsavo East National Park

Happy World Environment Day from my little climate ambassadors, my climate change squad living at the border of Tsavo East National Park.. to help save the earth there should be NO tomorrow ... Hmm.. start today to save tomorrow..



# Africa

– Kenya –

# Africa

– Madagascar –

## Antananarivo

Sunset at the most photographed site in Madagascar: the Avenue de Baobabs near Morondava. Once upon a time these magnificent *Adansonia grandidieri*, which can grow up to 30m in height, would have been surrounded by dense forest such as that in the nearby Kirindy Forest Reserve. But today, the baobabs are isolated in a denuded landscape of scrub and rice fields; trees that can live for over 2,000 years are on the IUCN Red list of threatened species. I'm posting today to continue the @cities4forests challenge by which every photo showing people and trees will result in one tree being planted in Indonesia... in some ways though, I'd rather see baobabs being planted in Madagascar. Six of the world's 9 species of baobab can be found in Madagascar. The trees have more than 300 uses - medicinal, communal, leaves rich in iron, fruit pulp with more vitamin C than oranges, water for thirsty travellers, and today, they're a massive draw for the country's tourism industry. But baobabs are dying in droves and more investment is needed to protect these iconic species. Antananarivo, Madagascar's capital, has joined the #cities4forests initiative which helps cities around the world invest in forests in the city, nearby and far away, I truly hope that baobabs are at the top of their agenda.





# Africa

– Madagascar –

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## Antananarivo

The desire of these children to green the planet.



# Africa

– Tanzania –



## Kilimanjaro

Never before had i heard of such kind of vegetation. These are the Giant Groundsels from the sunflower family. They are found only on high altitude mountains in equatorial East Africa. Kilimanjaro route threw lot of surprises everyday.



Every city, and our collective future, depends on healthy forests around the world. It is time for cities and their residents to join the global effort to conserve and restore forests — both inside and outside of city boundaries.

From distant rainforests to city parks, forests provide tremendous benefits to urban areas including cleaner air and water, climate resilience and biodiversity, and improved human health and well-being. Forests also provide jobs, spaces for recreation, and a suite of nature-based solutions for city infrastructure.

Cities4Forests helps cities around the world to connect with and invest in inner forests (such as city trees and urban parks), nearby forests (such as green corridors and watersheds), and faraway forests (such as tropical and boreal forests). We encourage our cities to better conserve, manage, and restore these forests, as well as provide technical assistance to align local policy, share knowledge, and access peer-to-peer learning and communication activities to take climate action together.

**Cities4Forests is an initiative by Pilot Projects, REVOLVE and the World Resources Institute (WRI)**

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