



BETTER CHOICES FOR THE PLANET



Please note: In view of the ongoing invasion of Ukraine by Russia, which originated from Russia with the support of Belarus, SFI is categorizing any fiber from Russia and Belarus as conflict fiber as defined in SFI's Fiber Sourcing and SFI's Chain of Custody standards. This also aligns with the Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification's (PEFC) decision to declare all forest fiber originating from Russia and Belarus as conflict timber.

SFI and PEFC share the same definition of conflict timber:

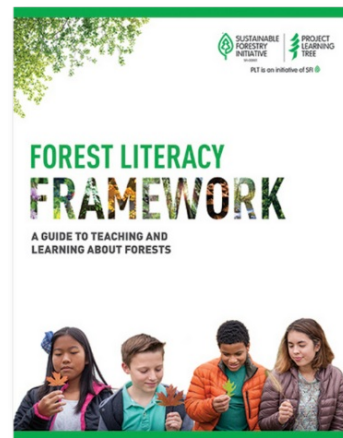
"Timber that has been traded at some point in the chain of custody by armed groups, be they rebel factions or regular soldiers, or by a civilian administration involved in armed conflict or its representatives, either to perpetuate conflict or take advantage of conflict situations for personal gain. (...) Conflict timber is not necessarily illegal."

It is important to note that the PEFC Board decided not to revoke the endorsement of the Russian and Belarussian forest management standards, nor has it rescinded the PEFC membership of Russia and Belarus, as they do not hold them accountable for Putin's actions. Learn more about SFI's statement [here](#) and PEFC's statement [here](#).

FOREST LITERACY FRAMEWORK OUTLINES FOREST-RELATED PROGRAMMING FOR NATURAL RESOURCE PROFESSIONALS, EDUCATORS, AND OTHERS

March 21 was International Day of Forests. Now more than ever, people are waking up to the fact that sustainably managed forests offer solutions to some of the world's biggest challenges.

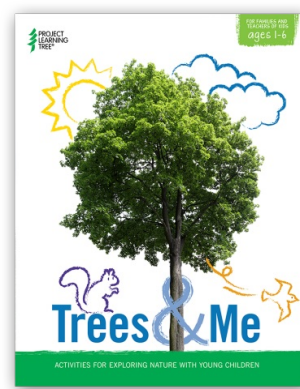
The [Forest Literacy Framework](#) is designed to increase people's understanding of forests and empower them to take actions that benefit forests and people. The framework, which is available for [US](#) and [Canadian](#) audiences, translates the complex language of forests, trees, forest practices, and sustainable forest management into concepts that are appropriate for ages five through eighteen.



PLT RELEASES TREES & ME: ACTIVITIES FOR EXPLORING NATURE WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

Project Learning Tree has released a new activity guide for families and caregivers of young children, ages 1–6. The new guide includes hundreds of hands-on experiences organized around 12 topics.

The guide is available in both print and digital. [Learn more](#) about the guide and [purchase a copy](#) today!



CELEBRATING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF BLACK AMERICANS IN CONSERVATION

Deepen your learning and elevate the many important contributions of historic and current Black American women and men working in forestry and natural resources conservation.

MELODY STARYA MOBLEY



DID YOU KNOW?

Melody Starya Mobley was the first professional Black female forester in the history of the U.S. Forest Service, and the first Black woman to graduate from the University of Washington, School of Environmental and Forest Sciences' (SEFS) Forestry Management Program. Mobley worked for the U.S. Forest Service for 28 years and remains a leading voice on the challenges that people of color face when working in federal land management agencies.



SFI CELEBRATES INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

The women who comprise our staff, network of partners, SFI-certified organizations, and many other facets of our work show the value of SFI's commitment to a diverse and resilient workforce. Join us in celebrating the contributions of women every day.



WOMEN AND GIRLS IN SCIENCE ADVOCATE FOR COMMUNITY GREENING AND CLIMATE ACTION

Carley Archibald, SFI's GIS and Conservation Research Coordinator, shares how a recent tree planting reminded her of the importance of representation for women and girls working in science.



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