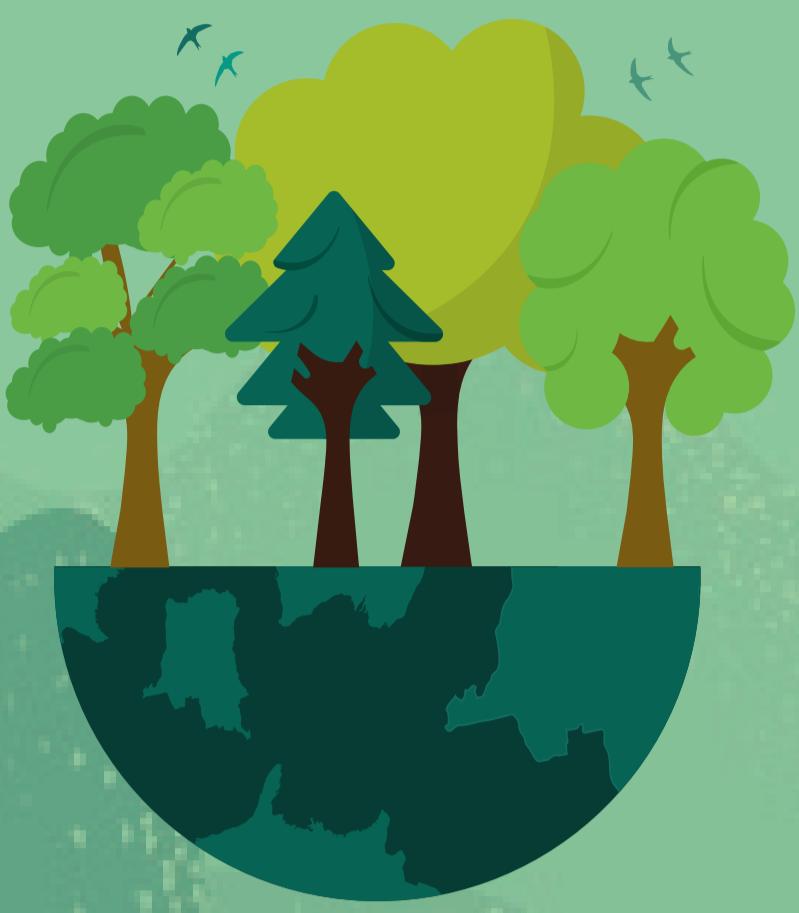


SUSTAINABILITY WEEK

MARCH 21ST:

INTERNATIONAL FORESTS DAY



✓ **Macarena is a ceiba tree that lives in the tropical forest of Colombia.** It and many other trees make up the forests, a source of oxygen for the planet and are crucial for the fight against climate change.

✓ Macarena is tickled by the animals that scamper through its branches and the nests that birds build in it provide warmth at night. **Imagine the number of insects, birds and mammals that have made these trees their home in all the forests of the planet!**



✓ For her enormous contribution, the United Nations General Assembly gave Macarena, the trees, and all the world's forests a very important award: **the proclamation of the International Forests Day every March 21st.**

✓ This year the theme is **"Forests and Innovation: New Solutions for a Better World"**, and at Cementos Argos we are familiar with this. Our commitment to the environment and climate change mitigation has led us to innovate and find new solutions to protect and conserve ecosystems.



✓ **In 2023, we rehabilitated 341 hectares that were part of our mining operation.** In addition, and in line with our commitment not to operate in areas of high biodiversity value, we continue to relinquish mining titles in these types of ecosystems. Through these actions, we are enabling the conservation of trees, flowers, and fauna.

✓ **In alliance with the National Natural Parks of Colombia, the Tolima Regional Autonomous Corporation and the Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS), we created "Saldaña River, a basin of life", a commitment to the conservation of biodiversity and water resources.** We planted more than 10,015 seedlings of native species, rehabilitated 18.5 hectares of land - the equivalent of 25 soccer fields - and made progress with sustainable production systems in 22 properties. In addition, we have signed 13 conservation agreements and expect to impact more than 1,981 hectares of forest.



✓ Our relationship with the forests is of mutual care. By protecting trees like Macarena, we ensure our protection against poor air quality and the supply of oxygen for life. **Reforestation, responsible consumption, and water care are just a few ways to take care of the forests. What are you waiting for to join this great effort?**