

“Between every two pines is a doorway to a new world.” - John Muir

The Gifted Tree welcomes you to the virtual world of finding your tree planting location. As you know, someone has planted a gift tree in honor of you or someone you love. Your tree has been or will be planted in northern Sumatra, Indonesia. Today, Indonesia is the most deforested country in the world. The Indonesian forest disappears twice as fast as the Amazon forest: the equivalent of the surface of a soccer field is destroyed every ten seconds. The northern province of Sumatra is particularly affected by deforestation. In 1987, the province had 500,000 acres of mangroves. Today, there are less than half of them left.

This massive deforestation is mainly due to the replacement of mangroves by palm oil trees. The palm oil trees do allow for the production of palm oil, an important financial source for the country, but it threatens the rich biodiversity of Indonesian forests, which shelter 10% of the world’s plant species, 12% of mammalian species, 16% of reptile species and 17% of bird species.

Your gift tree planted in Indonesia will be one of five different species of mangroves helping to reforest the area and enrich the diversity of the species. Its effects will be multiple. One will be in preserving biodiversity as the mangrove forest is an ecosystem essential to the life of many animal and plant species. Second, it will help fight climate change as mangroves retain 10 times more carbon than other tropical forest trees allowing the capture of large amounts of greenhouse gases. Third, mangroves act as a natural protection against soil erosion and therefore help protect the coastline and coastal communities. Finally, the mangroves have a positive economic benefit to the population allowing for the development of sustainable fisheries and producing natural ink and different foods.

You can view the general area of your planting by clicking here: <https://binged.it/3mffZIX>. Once connected to the map, feel free to zoom in and out to get a feel of the general planting area in Sumatra as well as its location in Indonesia and the world.

Please understand that this is the general area of your tree planting. Your tree is planted among thousands of other gift trees and there is no plaque designating your gift tree.



Enjoy your gifted tree and know that it is making a monumental difference for the earth and opening a new doorway to the world for future generations. If you have any questions, please view our contact information at: www.thegiftedtree.com/contact-us/. If you would like to plant a tree for someone else, please visit our website at www.TheGiftedTree.com.

