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ABSTRACT

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Endangered Forests are the most valuable forests on the globe, forests that would be irreparably harmed by industrial resource extraction. In practical terms this means these forests are “NO GO” and “NO BUY” forests. These forests comprise a large proportion of the world’s remaining old-growth, primary and ancient forests in tropical rainforest. These forests should be protected from industrial-scale resource extraction so that they may continue to provide the many goods and services they supply in their natural state, and to maintain biological diversity in forest ecosystems. The definitions of Endangered Forests are meant as a tool and guidance for consumers of wood and paper products. The protection of Endangered Forests complements certification of logging operations under the Forest Stewardship Council.

All forested regions of the world contain Endangered Forests. While the definition of Endangered Forests has been drafted and is currently being died for extensive peer review, maps are only under development. Until scientists agree upon precise maps,