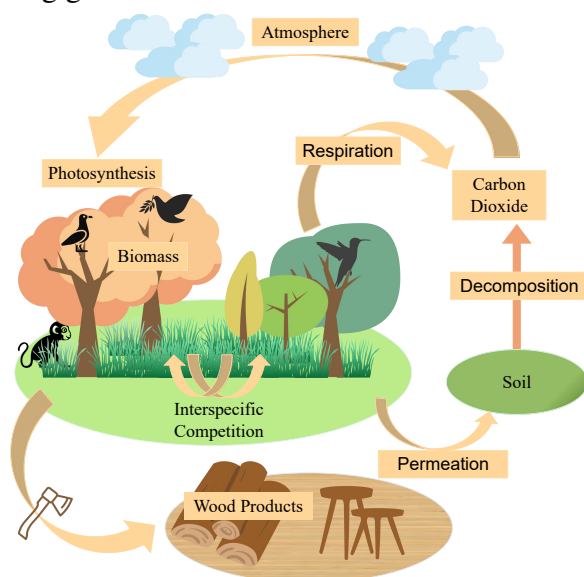


## HARVESTING TREES IS GOOD FOR ALL!

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Harvesting trees has become a symbol against environmental protection in recent decades thanks to the over whelming propaganda of tropical rain forests falling down, causing great damage to our ecosystem and so on. However, there is one thing that needs to be claimed: Appropriate harvest of trees is good for all! It's not only beneficial to the environment and the ecosystem, but also good for us human-beings, in no matter short or long term.

As is known to all, climate change has become one of the top agendas concerning the future of humanity, which is primarily caused by greenhouse gases, in which carbon dioxide ranks very high. Plants can absorb carbon dioxide vented by animals or released by burning fossil fuels, and forests are playing a significant role in sequestering carbon from atmosphere, preventing it from making greenhouse effect even worse.



Some people may wonder why should we harvest trees if they are so important in sequestering carbon dioxide? There are two reasons for this.

First of all, if we cut those mature trees whose capacity of sequestering carbon is declining, we make surviving room for those younger trees who sequester more carbon than those harvested during the same period of time. Besides, wooden products made of harvested trees can reserve the carbon they sequestered much more longer than the deadwood do, because people are quite careful about preventing corrosion from their furniture and house. Thus, harvesting trees helps sequester more carbon.

The second reason why cutting down trees is better than not cutting down trees is that cutting down trees is better for people.

In social and economic perspective, forest harvest brings larger profit to many industries. The storage, processing, transportation and transaction of wooden products profoundly stimulate economic growth of our society, without which there will be lots of unemployment.

What's more, wooden products facilitate our daily life, lifting people's quality of life. Generally speaking, the quality of mature trees in forests is better than that of planted trees, and they will have an advantage in terms of wood density, hardness, flatness and longevity. With most people now more interested in product quality, wood sources from forests will become more popular in the market and the public.

In a nut shell, harvesting trees benefits both natural and social environment enormously. Thus, appropriate forest harvest is the best decision under the consideration of the balance of environmental protection, economic benefits and quality of life. Hopefully we can be more tolerant of harvesting trees and establish a better home for all of us!