ANNUAL REPORT









Our Eco forest

The Green Core

Annual Report 2026/2027

We grow a forest. Together.

Dear Stakeholders, Sponsors, and Friends,

It is wonderful to see how far our forest has come.

This year, after around 40 days of continuous rain, a team of four volunteers planted 3,500 young trees by hand on approximately 1.5 hectares in just two days.

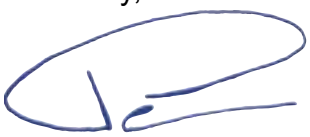
Our forest is also becoming a home: wild boar, hares, foxes, deer and badgers live here. And we are working towards Gestion durable de la forêt, this means that the forest remains protected and is never used commercially.

We are also starting on a new project: a natural wildlife pond in in our forest.
Fed by rainwater and sealed with clay. It is meant to become a place where amphibians, red deer and fallow deer can drink, wade and wallow. This project is currently in the design phase. You can read more about it later in this report.

None of this would be possible without our sponsors, donors, volunteers and Recypack.
There is still a long way to go towards our goal of a 100-hectare forest.
One tree at a time. Our mission continues.



Sincerely,



Olaf Perlee
Founder of The Green Core Foundation

What we have achieved

The infographic below gives an impression of our achievements.
We will keep you updated on our website: www.thegreencore.org
(Updated: october 2026)

Land:
Now 25 hectares,
our goal 100 hectares.
In due 4 new parcels.

2026	35
2025	33
2024	33
2023	23
2022	9

Parcels

Mix of Planted & Regained trees:

Equivalent to:
6.110 adult trees

Adult trees: 210
Young trees: 13.310
Regained : 2.275

Inc. 2026

CO2 reduction:

2026	252.959
2025	231.795
2024	158.880
2023	128.675
2022	83.348

Kg CO2 p/j

Donated trees:
7.004
Inc. 2026

15.795 trees planted
1.500+ branches planted
2 hectares of insects mix
flowers planted.

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Protected for a sustainable FUTURE

Read more:Thegreencore.org

This forest is 100% dedicated to a sustainable future and not to commercial use. But how can we guarantee this?

Sustainable Forest Management.

We are currently working towards Gestion durable de la forêt, the official sustainable management of our forest in France. Through a Plan Simple de Gestion, the future management and protection of the forest are formally documented and regulated.

Forest management rules by PEFC certification standards.

The forest is not intended for commercial exploitation, meaning its trees cannot simply be harvested for profit. Any future management must comply with the agreed framework, ensuring the forest remains protected for the long term. This ensures that every tree planted through The Green Core contributes to a forest that is protected and managed for generations to come.



Statement of income and expenditure

Income and expenditure	2024 (%)	2023 (%)
Donations Recypack B.V.	46.72	23.36
Donations trees customers Recypack B.V.	61.17	64.75
Donations trees suppliers Recypack B.V.	5.52	5.52
Total income	**113.40**	**93.63**
Depreciation equipments	8.65	8.65
Exploitation costs	88.85	85.98
Sales costs	3.80	0.99
General costs	3.16	4.38
Total expenditure	**104.45**	**100.00**
Result income and expenditure*	**8.95**	**-6.37**

*Data for 2024 and 2023 indexed based on the Total Expenditure of 2023 = 100.





We achieved this

Together

It is wonderful to see how far our forest has come.
What started with planting young trees,
has grown into a place full of life.





Trees getting stronger and nature slowly taking its course.
Every tree represents another step towards our goal:
Creating a lasting, sustainable forest for future generations.



COMPLETED FOREST

**2.500 maritime pine trees and 1.000 deciduous trees,
including sessile oaks and birch trees.
have been planted here in Q2 2026**



Lobou plot #90, #13

- Location: WT0090, WX0013
- Land size 1,3 + 2,9 ha;

1.5 hectares of new forest in France!

Watch the video:

In 2026, a team of just four volunteers planted 3,500 young trees by hand on approximately 1.5 hectares of land.

The land had been prepared carefully,
but the planting itself was entirely manual.
After around 40 days of continuous rain,
the ground finally became dry enough for the farmer
and our team to prepare the land.
When the planting could begin, there was no time to waste.

Four volunteers worked together and planted all 3,500 trees in just two days.
That means thousands of individual trees. Thousands of times bending down, planting, covering and moving on. It was physically demanding. But every tree has its place now.



COMPLETED FOREST

200 oak, 4 yew, 4 walnut trees and 120 thorned scrubs have been planted here in Q1 2025



Lobou plot #13

- Location: WX0013
- Land size 2,9 ha;

Watch the video:

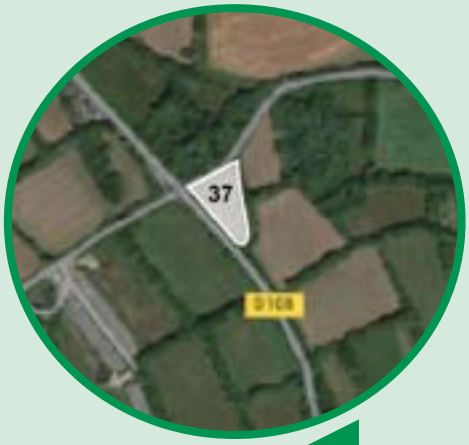
This forest has been planted with older trees of around eight years old. An eight-year-old tree is equivalent to 3.79 of the smaller saplings in terms of growth and resilience. These saplings are specially cultivated for us, enabling us to plant in an innovative manner.





COMPLETED FOREST

500 beech trees, 50 taxusses have been planted here in Q1 2024



Lobou plot #37

- Location: 37
- Land size 0,51 ha;
- 40 regained trees;
- The ground has been prepared: cleared and ploughed before the trees were planted;
- We have also planted various native shrubs and crops for the benefit of biodiversity.



Perennial flower mixes sowed in plot 37



Trees planted in plot 37



COMPLETED FOREST

500 oak trees and 140 poplar trees have been planted here in Q1 2024



Lobou plot #T57

- Location: T57
- Land size 1,04 ha;
- 100 regained trees;
- The ground has been prepared: cleared and ploughed before the trees were planted;
- We have also planted various native shrubs and crops for the benefit of biodiversity.





COMPLETED FOREST

2.575 oak and 925 beech trees have been planted here in Q1 2023



Lobou plot #127

- Location: 127
- Land size 1,32 ha;
- 923 regained trees;
- The ground has been prepared: cleared and ploughed before the trees were planted;
- This is a so called King's & Queen's forest, watch the video to learn why!

Watch the video:





COMPLETED FOREST

2.500 oak trees have been planted here in Q1 2022



2.500 oak trees were planted by using our new planting machine. These trees will absorb carbon dioxide, save water and reduce fine dust.

Watch the video:



Lobou plot #31

- Location: 31
- Land size 0,84 ha;
- 660 regained trees;
- The ground has been prepared: cleared and ploughed before the 3.500 trees were planted;





COMPLETED FOREST

3.000 oak trees have been planted here
Our first completed forest in Q1 2020



In 2020 The Green Core made a dream come true by planting this first piece of forest. This land has turned into a CO2 giving land. Before we planted this **0,97 ha land** it was just a land growing weeds not supporting or growing the local biodiversity of Lobou.

The indigenous oak trees were all planted by hand, by our amazing volunteers!

Watch the video and see our first tree being planted!



Lobou plot #20

- Location: 20;
- Land size 0,97 ha;
- 792 regained trees;
- 3.000 indigenous oak trees have been planted;





We are growing a forest of 100 hectares.

Not for commercial purposes, but for nature.

A forest where trees can grow, where biodiversity can return, and where flora and fauna have the space and time they need to develop.

We plant indigenous trees and create new forest areas that will remain standing for generations.

One tree at a time.

One piece of land at a time.

Our mission continues.

We achieved this

Together

None of this would be possible without the people behind The Green Core.
Our sponsors,
Our donors,
Our volunteers. Recypack.

And everyone who follows, supports and shares our mission.

The next FOREST

What comes next?

There is still a long way to go. More land needs to be prepared. More trees need to be planted.
More habitats need to be created. And the forest needs to be maintained year after year.

But that is exactly what makes this journey so special. We can see the progress. We can walk through the forest and see trees that were once only small saplings. We can see biodiversity returning. And we can keep adding to it. One tree at a time.

New project:
A natural drinking and wallowing pond.

Trees are only part of a living forest. Animals also need water. That is why The Green Core is working on a new project: a natural wildlife pond in our forest. A place where animals can drink, wade and wallow in the mud, fed by rainwater.







Our work does not stop after planting. Young trees need care.
Grass and weeds quickly grow higher than the trees themselves.
That is why we return to our Eco Forest regularly.
We clear grass and unwanted growth.



This is not the most glamorous part of planting a forest.
But it is one of the most important. Because planting a tree
is one thing. Helping it survive and grow is another.

A forest becomes a home

As our forest grows, more animals are finding their way into it.

Birds build nests in trees. Insects find food and shelter among flowers, bark and leaves. Small mammals use the forest floor for food and protection. And larger animals move between the wooded areas and open spaces. Animals eat from the corn and help spread seeds.

Our forest is home to a variety of wildlife. Among others, wild boar, hares, foxes, deer and badgers live here, benefiting from the natural surroundings and peaceful environment

The relationship between trees and animals is essential.
Trees create habitats. Animals help spread seeds. Insects pollinate plants. And together they create a living ecosystem.

Watch our video with spotted animals!









Evolution of our planting process

Over the years, The Green Core's planting process has evolved.

For our first forest in 2020, we planted 3,000 trees entirely by hand. This labor-intensive process demanded a substantial amount of time and effort from our dedicated volunteers.



In 2021, we invested in a planting machine. This advancement allowed us to increase our efficiency considerably.

In 2025, we decided to transition from planting young saplings to planting young adult trees of about eight years old. To accomplish that, we also required a tilling machine.

In 2026, we switched to planting by hand again. Each plot of land is different and requires its own approach. Some areas can be planted efficiently with machinery, while others require more careful preparation and manual planting. That is why we continue to assess each new plot and consider which method will give the trees the best possible start.



We have learned that planting a forest is not only about the number of trees we put into the ground. It is about the quality of the land. The diversity of the trees. And the maintenance afterwards.



How to prepare land for planting

Creating a forest starts long before the first tree is planted.

Our volunteers carefully prepare the land. We clear and weed the ground, work the soil and make sure it is properly aerated. By ploughing, harrowing and levelling the land, we create the right conditions for young trees to take root and grow strong.

This is important work, but also a rewarding part of creating our Eco Forest. We want to give every tree the best possible start, with healthy soil, enough water and space for its roots to develop. Once the land is ready, we can finally start planting the trees and watch our forest grow.

Watch our video:



During



Before



During



After

A pond for wildlife.



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The pond is designed for amphibians and for the red deer, fallow deer and other animals that visit our land from time to time. Our terrain lies on higher, mostly dry sandy, granite ground, so natural water is not always within reach. The aim is that water remains available, even during dry summers.

What will it look like?

- A natural, irregularly shaped pond of around 180 m² of water roughly 18 by 13 metres.
- A wide, gently sloping muddy bank of about 50 m² where deer can drink and wallow safely.
- A shallow wading zone and a deeper core of up to about 1.60 metres, so water remains even when levels drop.
- A small settling basin where sand and silt can settle before rainwater flows into the pond.
- A sandy soil does not hold water by itself. We have chosen a natural layer of clay to keep the water in.

The project is currently in the design phase. You can see the location in the picture below. The rest of the pictures are examples.

We will keep you updated!



How you can HELP

Do you have a green thumb and enjoy working outside?

And would you like to do more for our planet? Then we need you! Because our Eco forest needs care and attention from loving volunteers.

You can sign up as a volunteer by sending us a message on **www.thegreencore.org** or on our socials. **We hope to hear from you soon!**

Follow our journey!

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More trees, more habitats, more life.



Creating space for biodiversity.

A healthy forest is not one large area of trees with nothing else in between. Open spaces, shrubs, flowers, grass and and trees can all form part of one ecosystem. That is why we continue to develop different areas within our forest. A wildlife pond, native shrubs and flowering plants create variation in the landscape.

Our goal is not simply to plant as many trees as possible.

We want to create a healthy and diverse ecosystem.
That means creating space for native plants, insects, birds and animals. Oak trees, beech trees, birch trees, pine trees and native shrubs all have their own role to play. A diverse forest creates more opportunities for life.

We have sowed mixtures of native perennial flowers that are ideal for bees, bumblebees, and hoverflies next to the trees in three selected fields: plots 37, 15, and 11. These fields blossom with flowers like poppies, buckwheat, and sunflowers.



These initiatives demonstrate our commitment to creating sustainable ecosystems that support wildlife, contributing to a healthier environment.

Wildlife pond





