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USA

FERN works with different NGOs in the USA on a range of issues. On certification with NRDC and American Lands, on ECAs with Pacific Environment, Environmental Defense and to a lesser extent with CIEL, WRI and FoE USA.



Old-growth logging in California, USA

Europe

FERN has been co-ordinating the Forest Movement Europe for over 10 years. It is one of the oldest European NGO networks, and has members in most European countries.

Since 2002 FERN has co-ordinated the European ECA Reform Campaign, which brings together a coalition of social, environmental and human rights groups in 11 European countries.

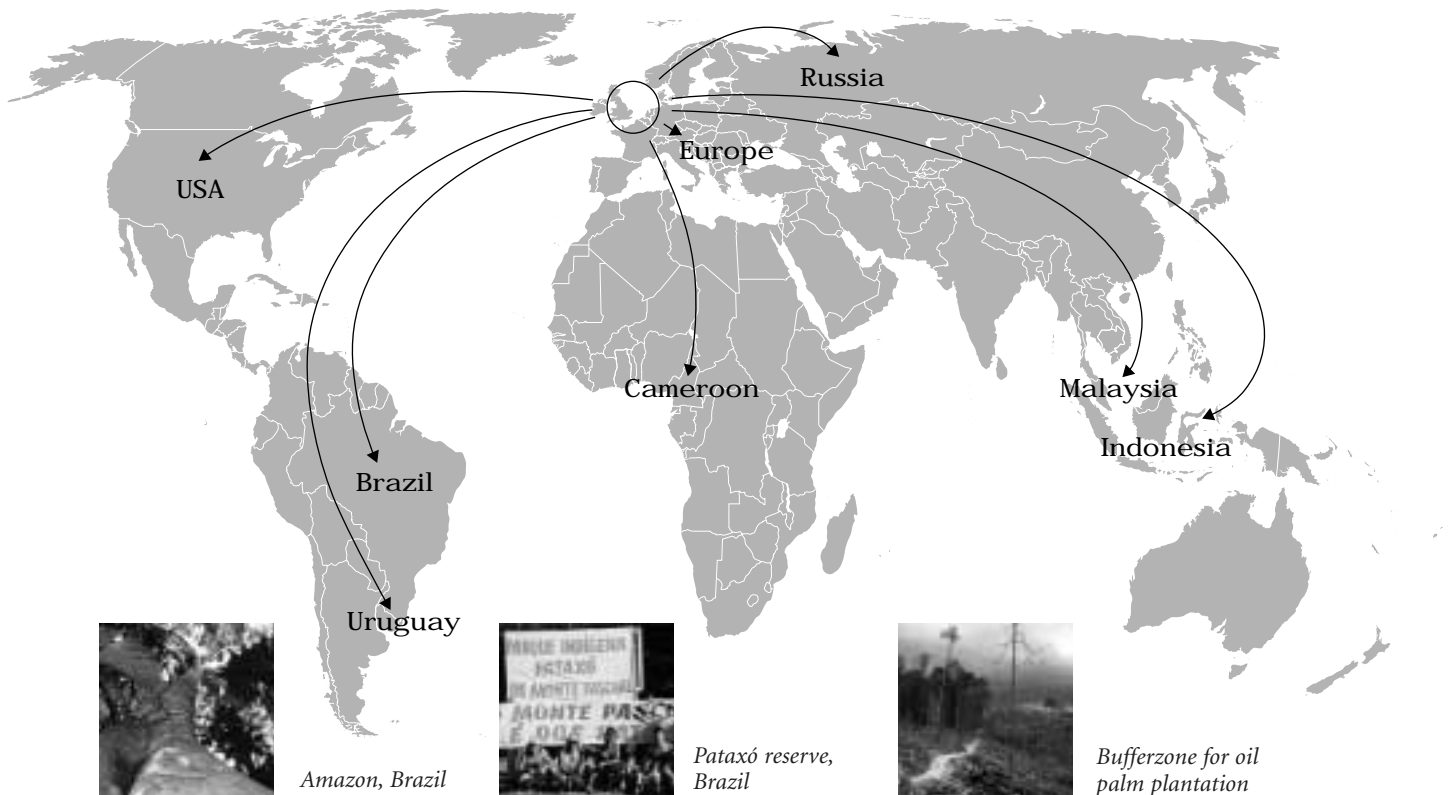
SEU, Russia

FERN works with Russian NGOs on illegal logging issues and with Friends of Siberian Forests on international issues.

Clearcut, Karelia, Russia



European forest, Spain



Amazon, Brazil



Pataxó reserve, Brazil



Bufferzone for oil palm plantation

Green Desert Movement, Brazil

Plantations which are robbing local people of land and income is a big issue in Brazil, where FERN is working with the Green Desert movement to stop plantations being 'certified' as sinks.



WRM, Uruguay

FERN, together with FPP, hosts the Northern Secretariat of the World Rainforest Movement which has its international secretariat in Uruguay.

CED, Cameroon

CED is one of FERN's partners in our EU Forest Platform.

Cameroonian village

Telapak, Indonesia

Telapak is one of FERN's partners in our EU Forest Platform.

IDEAL, Malaysia

IDEAL is one of the organisations FERN is working with in Malaysia on indigenous rights and forest certification.

Logging in Sarawak



About FERN

Who we are and how we work

FERN is a non-governmental organisation (NGO) created in 1995 by the World Rainforest Movement. We work closely with many local, national and international NGOs. Our overall goal is to promote the conservation and sustainable use of forests and respect for the rights of forest peoples in the policies and practices of the European Union. We co-ordinate several NGO networks and work co-operatively to achieve change.

FERN stands for Forests and the European Union Resource Network, although we are more widely known by our acronym – the name was chosen for its symbolic value, as ferns are among the few plants found in all forest types.

With so many issues affecting forests globally, FERN has decided to focus on the underlying causes that in many cases lead to forest loss. These include financial flows and the international trade in timber and other forest products, as well as government policies. Within this framework, FERN's main campaign areas in 2004 were climate change, Export Credit Agencies and the European Investment Bank, illegal logging, aid and development co-operation, intergovernmental fora, EU forests and biodiversity policies and forest certification. FERN's main activities in all of these areas involves researching and disseminating accurate information; producing detailed analyses on key forest issues; working to build common NGO positions on these issues; and facilitating grassroots and national organisations' work in putting a wide range of complex information to practical use.



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