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## Information Sheet



### **Bergwald Project, Allgäu, Germany**

**In brief** - The Bergwald Project, gives volunteers the opportunity to work on forestry conservation projects. Since 1991 the project has planted over 180,000 indigenous trees in the Allgäu region to help stabilise the ecosystem giving the forest the best opportunity to withstand global warming. In addition to planting the project volunteers work to block drains and re-establish high level wetlands, and maintain trails.

**Project** - The project aims to plant 6,500 trees, from Mono to Admix stands, to cultivate 5 Hectares of Biotope (habitat) for the rare Wood Grouse, to build 1.2km of mountain trails and to recreate 1 Hectare of upland wetland near Wertach. The work will be carried out by small volunteer groups, each group will undertake a mixture of work which might include planting, maintaining of tree stands, work to block drains and re-establish high level wetlands and trail maintenance and construction. The project weeks are supervised by experienced foresters that guarantee the work and ensure the health and safety of the volunteers. The volunteers also get the opportunity to build their knowledge by going on guided excursions with the foresters.

**Organisation** - The Bergwald Project was started in Switzerland in 1986, over the years 15,000 people have been given the chance to work on forestry conservation projects. Since 1991 the Bergwald Project has planted over 180,000 indigenous trees in the Allgäu region of Germany with the objective of maintaining the Allgäu Barrier and stabilising the ecosystem to give the forest the greatest ability to withstand global warming. (Achieved by changing from a Labile Spruce Monoculture to Structured Admixed Stands of Fir, Beech and Common Maple.)

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