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## ***Xerox and The Nature Conservancy: Advancing global forest conservation efforts in the Canadian Boreal forest***

The Xerox/Nature Conservancy Partnership is advancing sustainable forest management in Brazil, Canada, Indonesia and the U.S. Now in its third year, [Xerox's \\$1 million grant to The Nature Conservancy](#) funds efforts to identify and promote best practices based on sound science that enables environmental scientists, forest managers and paper suppliers to work cooperatively toward protection and sustainable management of the world's forests. Much of the work of this partnership has focused on protection of the Boreal forest in Canada, an important source of paper and wood and the largest block of contiguous intact forest left in the world.

### **Canadian Boreal Data Center:**

The Xerox/Nature Conservancy partnership supported the launch and deployment of the Canadian Boreal Information Centre linking Boreal forest data and information to diverse users to improve resource management, monitoring and conservation planning. Users of this data center have access to relevant and objective Boreal forest conservation planning data and information of the highest standard possible to help inform industry decisions and actions to conserve biodiversity. This science based approach supports several key goals of the partnership such as providing forest managers with accessible biodiversity data where there is currently little information available, and further incorporating biodiversity considerations into forest management, particularly on those lands that ultimately supply the fiber used to make Xerox paper.

### **Canadian Boreal High Conservation Value Forest Pilot Project:**

The Xerox/Nature Conservancy partnership is helping forest companies identify important ecological areas and implement appropriate biodiversity management practices, by providing the necessary tools and assessment procedures for areas with high conservation value. High Conservation Value Forests (HCVF) have conservation, biodiversity or social values that have been evaluated to have outstanding significance or critical importance. The partnership is supporting the full implementation of the HCVF concept in Canada's Boreal forests, from forest identification to the development of management prescriptions and monitoring protocols, to protection of special forested areas. The Nature Conservancy, along with WWF Canada, First Nations, industry, and conservation partners are producing a model in Northeastern Ontario to demonstrate how the HCVF approach can be successfully applied to several forest tenures within a particular ecological region. The Nature Conservancy has also reviewed HCVF assessments for over 4 million hectares of concessions in Ontario, Quebec, Nova Scotia, and Saskatchewan.

### **About Xerox's Sustainability Commitment**

Xerox has a long history of [social corporate responsibility](#) and has achieved global recognition for our environmental programs and pioneering leadership in environmental practices. Our [environmental sustainability strategy and goals](#) are aligned with four commitment areas where we can make a significant impact across the entire value chain of products and services we offer. As part of that commitment, Xerox is firmly committed to advancing the development of a [sustainable paper cycle](#). For more information about Xerox Corporation's commitment to the environment, please visit [www.xerox.com/environment](http://www.xerox.com/environment).

### **About The Nature Conservancy**

The Nature Conservancy is a leading conservation organization working around the world to protect ecologically important lands and waters for nature and people. The Conservancy and its more than 1 million members have protected nearly 120 million acres worldwide. Learn more at [www.nature.org](http://www.nature.org).