

# FOREST NURSERIES IN VENEZUELA: CURRENT EFFORTS AND FUTURE PERSPECTIVES

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Current production of forest seedlings in Venezuela totals more than 100 million plants per year. There are four large nurseries that account for more than 75% of the total production with several hundred small nurseries that account for the remainder. Major species used are pines, eucalypts, mahogany, and numerous other native tree species. Limitations in forest nurseries in

Venezuela include access to continued funding, improved seed availability and adequate nursery techniques to produce all of the desired species. Renewed interest in forest plantations in Venezuela has given rise to rapid expansion of nurseries in the last three years. The total number of seedlings could expand by 50% in the next 3 to 5 years.