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Forest Coverage (Global)

- **Indonesia Records Worst Wildfire Season in Decade:** Indonesia logged **1,061,746** wildfire hotspots as of **October 14, 2026**, surpassing the **885,037** recorded in 2019. Burned area reached **895,657 hectares** by **August 2026**, versus **2,631,469 hectares** for all of 2019. Driven by Super El Niño dry conditions and banned slash-and-burn land clearing, smoke has degraded air quality in Malaysia and Singapore, with a possibility of traveling across the Bay of Bengal toward India.
- **Masoi Farming Could Sustain Papua New Guinea Conservation:** In Papua New Guinea's **214,696-hectare** Managalas Conservation Area, home to over **22,000** people, communities have wild-harvested...





... masoi bark for about **10 years**, raising overharvesting fears similar to eaglewood's near-exhaustion. Under the EU-funded MOPP project, **4 clans** trained **8 stewards** and built a **2,000-seedling** nursery. Stewards are monitoring **30 marked trees per clan** from **December 2025 to December 2026** to secure seed supply and promote planted masoi over forest stripping.

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