



# Impact summary

7/10/2025

Supports



2474

trees planted



432.95

tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>  
absorbed during lifetime



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Alheembouw is a Belgian construction company based in Staden, founded in 1970. As a general contractor and project developer, it specializes in both new constructions and renovations across various sectors, including industrial facilities, offices, schools, healthcare institutions, and residential buildings.

The company is recognized for its high-quality construction standards and customer-centric approach. It emphasizes transparent communication, short decision-making lines, and a team of skilled professionals to deliver projects that meet and often exceed client expectations.

Alheembouw holds several certifications, such as ISO 9001 for quality management, ISO 14001 for environmental management, and ISO 45001 for occupational health and safety. These attest to its commitment to quality, safety, and environmental responsibility.

With a workforce of approximately 180 full-time employees, Alheembouw continues to play a significant role in Belgium's construction industry.

Alheembouw is committed to sustainability in various ways, including nature restoration as one of its initiatives. The company actively integrates environmentally friendly practices into its projects, aiming to minimize ecological impact and contribute positively to natural habitats.



## Steenhuffel project, Belgium 2024-2025

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The Steenhuffel reforestation project aims to transform 3.8 hectares of low-diversity grassland, formerly used as a hayfield, into a mixed hardwood forest with continuous canopy. Before the project, the site which is located near the Robbeek creek, had low ecological and economic value and offered significant potential for biodiversity enhancement and ecosystem services, including carbon sequestration, soil protection, water capture, and biodiversity conservation. A total of 9525 trees will be planted during the 2024-2025 season, representing numerous native species such as *Alnus glutinosa*, *Prunus padus*, *Betula pendula*, *Carpinus betulus*, *Fraxinus excelsior* and many others. The project will also include shrubs along the forest edge to protect biota. This project will significantly enhance local biodiversity and ecological value while contributing to climate resilience.

- Maintenance (2025–2028): Annual mowing of competitive weeds
- Biodiversity and Management: The site will be managed as a mixed hardwood forest, with no identified biotic or abiotic risks. No existing large deadwood or standing trees will require removal prior to planting. The field work will be executed by Bomenplanter.be (Meulebeke), with tree saplings supplied by SYLVA bv.
- Plantation updates:
  - Planting date: Trees were planted between 14 and 18 April 2025.
  - 9525 trees planted: The mix includes 12% *Alnus glutinosa*, 12% *Prunus padus*, 6% each of *Betula pendula*, *Betula pubescens*, *Carpinus betulus*, *Fraxinus excelsior*, *Prunus avium*, *Quercus robur*, and *Tilia cordata*. Additionally, 34% of the planting consists of native shrubs, mostly along the forest edge, including *Acer campestre*, *Cornus sanguineum*, *Crataegus monogyna*, *Euonymus europaeus*, *Ilex aquifolium*, *Ligustrum vulgare*, *Mespilus germanica*, *Prunus spinosa*, *Rosa arvensis*, *Rosa canina*, *Sambucus nigra*, and *Viburnum opulus*.
  - Monitoring summary: Due to prolonged wet conditions in early 2025, planting was delayed and the trees were stored in cold conditions to maintain dormancy. Planting was done in rows, with holes drilled for each tree. No sensitive habitats were affected.
  - Maintenance: Follow-up may be needed depending on soil and weather conditions.



# Care for communities

At Go Forest, we don't just plant trees. We engage in much more, such as ensuring sustainable support for local communities. We do so by using the UN Sustainable Development Goals, which serve as a blueprint for peace and prosperity for people and the planet, now and in the future. Depending on the region and the project, you'll be supporting different SDGs.

