



Impact summary

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Luciebos Houthalen, Belgium 2023-2025

 1415 trees planted

The domain Luciebos is an estate east of Houthalen-Oost in the municipality of Houthalen-Helchteren in the Belgian province of Limburg. Luciebos has remained in the hands of the same (Bidlot-)Thorn family since its construction in 1874. In 1874, Lieutenant General Emile Thorn bought 64 hectares of heathland. In 1880, he added another 33 hectares to the original domain. Later these properties were expanded to approximately 250 hectares. Since Thorn was married to Lucie Roberti, the domain was named "Luciebois" or "Luciebos". In 1874, the estate was still completely covered with heather and some old sessile oaks that still exist today. Afforestation efforts were undertaken later in time. There were regular floods on the domain, as a result of the mine subsidence caused by the neighboring Zwartberg mine. In this project, four plots within the Luciebos in Houthalen are restored after many bark-beetle-affected trees were cut in 2023 to replant the following year. So, now we plant a wider range of tree species in the gaps. In total 1100 trees are planted: During the 2023-2024 season, 100 beech and 700 Douglas fir were planted (15/03/2024). In the following season of 2024-2025, 300 diversified trees including beech, Douglas fir, oak, and larch are planted. The positive impact of this project is diverse - Environmental: CO₂ sequestration and more green / cool environment. - Biodiversity: the forest includes ponds, animals, mushrooms... - Social: part of the forest is open to the public - Economic: in the long term, sustainably cut trees' timber can generate an income to be reinvested in the maintenance of the forest.



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