



Canarygeog Worksheet

Coniferous Forests - Answers

1. What is the global distribution of coniferous forests ?

They exist between 50 and 60 ° latitude mainly in the northern hemisphere.

2. Why are coniferous forests important to the world ?

- They supply the timber industry with softwoods such as pine as well as tree pulp for paper production.
- The trees help stabilize the global climate by absorbing the carbon dioxide and releasing oxygen controlling global warming.
- There is a large number of animals in this habitat and many of them depend on this forest for survival.

3. What is meant by sustainable forest management ?

These forests use controlled felling without compromising the longevity of the forests and the ability of future generations to benefit from the forests.

4. What sustainable methods can be used to secure the future of coniferous forests ?

- Afforestation allowing the rapid generation of the forests as they coniferous forests grow quickly.
- Organising forest reserves in where some trees are completely protected while in other areas some controlled economic activity is allowed protecting wildlife at the same time.
- Minimising waste in industry by ensuring that all parts of the felled tree are used.