Beirut's RiverLESS Forest / Native Forest / Climate Change

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Beirut's RiverLESS Forest aims to restore the native forest ecosystem near the city's most polluted river. The Miyawaki afforestation method we use is scientifically proven to be the best method for cities to combat climate change, by sequestering 30x more CO2 & pollution, reducing temperatures and bringing 100x more biodiversity into the city compared to conventional landscaping. Our initiative engages the public in every phase of the forest-making process, from site excavation to planting & maintenance until the forest becomes completely self-sustaining within 3 years. Our urban forest becomes a shared habitat for humans and other organisms

This project to reforest Beirut's urban forests is extremely important for real climate change: reducing CO2, temperature, and air and water pollution. Especially after the devastating explosion catastrophe in August 2020, which destroyed large parts of the city, reforestation is an important part of . reconstruction

Jury Statement

We are ecstatic to be among the winners of the iF SOCIAL IMPACT PRIZE 2020. We will use the prize money to further develop our research into the beneficial impacts of our Miyawaki urban forests on the city's air pollution level. At a time when Lebanon has been sadly ranked by Greenpeace as the country with the highest death rate due to air pollution, this prize is very timely in helping us address this issue!

Winner Statement

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