



The Forest Underground: Hope for a Planet in Crisis

by Tony Rinaudo

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“Farmer Managed Natural Regeneration is probably the largest positive environmental transformation in the Sahel and, perhaps, in all of Africa.”

Chris Reij, Sustainable Land Management Specialist at the World Resources Institute

“Tony Rinaudo presents practical solutions to counter desertification, famine and despair.”

Ole von Uexkull, Executive Director of the Right Livelihood Award Foundation

“For years I have longed to see this biography written. And it lives up to my every hope.”

Tim Costello, CEO World Vision Australia 2004–2016

“No research program—no matter how well funded—would have come up with this idea, because it expertly combines the subtleties of location-specific tree selection with farmer-specific opportunities and constraints.

Richard Stirzaker, Principal Research Scientist, CSIRO, Australia's national science agency

How do you regreen millions of hectares of land without planting a single tree?

In his 17 years in Niger, Australian agronomist Tony Rinaudo discovered an embarrassingly simple method of regreening land by reviving damaged trees rather than planting new ones. It's a technique that not only alleviates poverty and soaks up carbon, but also costs almost 36 times less than planting trees from scratch.

This is not some green fantasy. Farmer Managed Natural Regeneration (FMNR) has, from small beginnings, already regreened more than 25 million hectares in 27 countries, reduced our carbon footprint and transformed millions of lives and livelihoods.

The remarkable story of FMNR is told in Tony's new autobiography, *The Forest Underground: Hope for a Planet in Crisis*, to be published on **April 30th 2022** by ISCAST—Christians in Science and Technology.

This book offers tangible hope for climate change. In a seemingly hopeless crisis, this is the good-news story that will move hearts and hands to care for the planet.

The Forest Underground is now available to preorder as a hardcover through the [ISCAST site](http://iscast.org). Bulk orders can be placed by contacting Warren Linton at warrenlinton@iscast.org. The book will be available as an eBook, hardcover, and paperback.

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