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This paper looks at the history of attempts to influence the conservation and management of the world's forests through the creation of international organisations since the 1890s. The attempts are seen in the context of changes in the world political economy, changes to the forests themselves, and changing ideas about how forests should be conserved and managed. The turning points between stages of increasing organisational complexity were the Second World War, the 1972 UN Conference on the Human Environment, and the 1992 UN 'Earth Summit' Conference on Environment and Development. The numerous organisations and their inter-relationships have created a network of influence that spans the world's forests in the twenty-first century. It is a phenomenon of globalisation that is regarded as an additional layer to the forms of forest conservation and management.

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