

Miombo forest

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About Miombo forest:

- The Miombo is a biome that includes **tropical and subtropical grasslands, bushlands**, and savannahs.
- It is a vast **African dryland forest ecosystem** covering close to 2.7 million square kilometres across southern Africa, including Angola, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Malawi, Mozambique, Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe.
- The woodlands are characterized by the **dominance of Brachystegia species**, either alone or in association with Julbernardia and Isoberlinia species.
- It also encompasses **four bio-regions** and is responsible for maintaining the **Greater Zambezi**, one of the most important transnational river basins.
- It is facilitating trade in the border region between **Mozambique and Zimbabwe**.
- **Significance of this forest:** This forest is vital for millions of people in rural areas, providing essential resources such as firewood, food, and water.

Key facts about the Food and Agriculture Organization

- It is a **specialized agency** of the **United Nations** that leads international efforts to defeat hunger and improve nutrition and food security.
 - Its goal is to achieve food security for all and make sure that people have regular access to enough high-quality food to lead active, healthy lives.
 - **Member countries:** With 195 members – 194 countries and the European Union, FAO works in over 130 countries worldwide.
 - Its sister bodies are the **World Food Programme (WFP)** and the **International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)**.
 - **Headquarter:** Rome (Italy).
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Q1: What is a Biome?

A biome is an area of the planet that can be classified according to the plants and animals that live in it.

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