

# ONCE THERE WAS A FOREST

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Lars Brydesen, Denmark, 1989

59 min. | DK/Documentary | Development aid films



The Usambara Mountains lie in North-Eastern Tanzania, and are the land of the Smbaa. Once they contained some of the richest rain forests in all Africa. Long before the colonial era the Smbaa had developed a fruitful method of farming that resembled the structure of the forest itself. During colonialism and since independence, many modernization programmes have come and gone; Today, most of the forest has disappeared. The soil has been ruined by western-style commercial agriculture and does not respect the cycle of nature. Food production is falling, while the population is growing. But now the farmers are starting to return to the old ecological systems. Time is pressing; farming will have to change rapidly if the soil is to be saved. The fate of tree and man are inextricably linked.

## Basic information

## Credits

## Festivals & awards

## Materials

<b>Original title</b>	Skoven som forsvandt
<b>Danish title</b>	Skoven som forsvandt
<b>Keywords</b>	Rain forrests, Enviroment, Ecology, Farming, Tanzania, 1980-1989
<b>Director</b>	<a href="#">Lars Brydesen</a>
<b>Screenplay</b>	<a href="#">Lars Johansson</a>
<b>Director of Photography</b>	<a href="#">Simon Plum</a>
<b>Sound</b>	<a href="#">Mikkel Bo</a>
<b>Composer</b>	<a href="#">Gunner Møller Pedersen</a>
<b>Production country</b>	Denmark
<b>Production company</b>	<a href="#">Lars Brydesen Film</a>
<b>Domestic distribution</b>	<a href="#">Statens Filmcentral</a>
<b>Danish theatrical release</b>	06.03.1991
<b>Cinemas</b>	Delta
<b>Danish rating</b>	Allowed for all

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