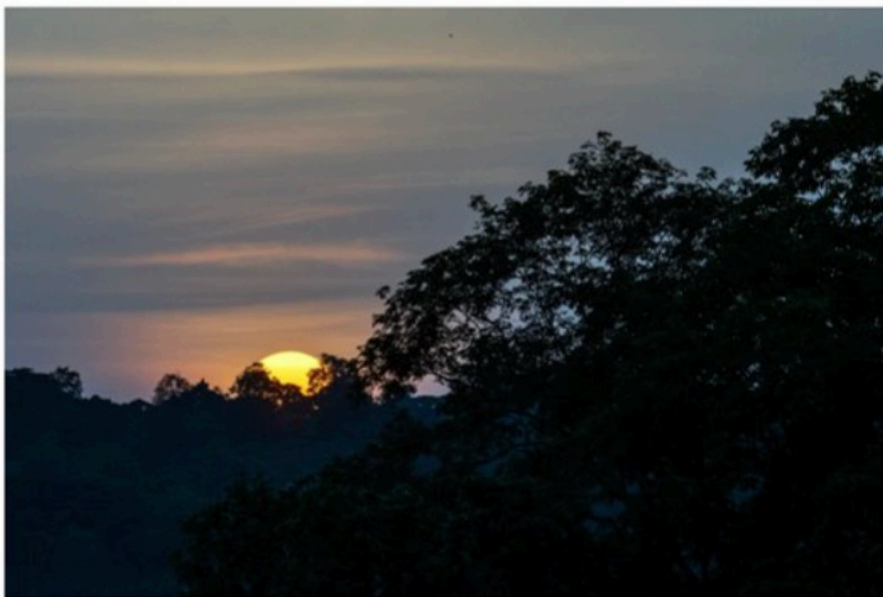




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## Gabon sets example of how to preserve the Congo Basin rainforest

*As Gabon hosts the Africa Climate Week, its environmental industry is setting the pace for the region and continent.*



The sun sets over Gabon's Pongara National Park forest on March 12, 2020 [AP Photo/Jerome Delay]

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**Libreville, Gabon** – In a thick tropical rainforest in a tiny country in Central Africa, a guide pauses next to a huge tree. The Niove tree, he explains while cutting it with a machete, produces a dark red sap that looks like blood and can be used as an antiseptic to treat wounds.

After wiping the sap off his hand, Abdul Koumangye, a ranger at the Pongara National Park in Gabon, thanks the tree for allowing him to slash it and patches it back up.