

Anonymous French Man Donates Millions to Save Forests

VOCABULARY WORDS

1. anonymous /əˈnɒn.ɪ.məs/ made or done by someone whose name is not known or not made public
Example: The donation was made by an anonymous man.
2. endowment /ɪnˈdaʊ.mənt/ money that is given to a college, hospital, etc. in order to provide it with an income, or the giving of this money:
Example: The school has received an endowment of \$50,000 to buy new books for the library.
3. revitalization /riːˌvʌtəlaɪˈzeɪʃən/ /riːˌvʌtəlaɪˈzeɪʃən/ the act or process of giving new life or fresh vitality or energy to someone or something
Example: A new indoor sports arena has played a key role in the revitalization of its neighborhood.
4. winnings /ˈwɪn.ɪŋz/ an amount of money that has been won
Example: What are you going to spend your winnings on?
5. hand-in-hand /hand in hand/ together
Examples: Gossiping and lying go hand in hand.
We will rebuild this community hand-in-hand.



An **anonymous** Frenchman won €200,000,000 in the Euromillions jackpot lottery in April 2022, and donated it for the preservation of tropical rainforest in West Africa, and forests in his native country.

The lucky winner started the Anyama **Endowment** Fund, named after a town in Côte d'Ivoire where it's understood he spent a lot of time, and to it his prize money will go for "the protection and **revitalization** of forests, the preservation and restoration of biodiversity and the support of family caregivers."

"I only played during large jackpots, for one purpose: to devote most of this sum to the creation of a foundation," he wrote in an open letter on the Fund's website. "During my life, I have seen in Côte d'Ivoire the continuous passage of trucks loaded with trees cut in the forests of Burkina Faso," he told Le Parisien, a French daily newspaper.

"We have never seen such a huge ability to take action, but there again, we have rarely seen such high **winnings**," said an operator of the French National Lottery. "Often, these things go **hand-in-hand**."

DISCUSSION

1. What do you think of the man's action of donating the money to preserve the rainforest?
2. What can individuals do to protect the environment and nature?
3. What can you do to protect the environment and nature?
4. What would you do if you won a huge amount of money?
5. If you will build a charity, what kind of charity will it be?
6. Which is better to donate in cash or in kind? Why?