

# Ecological

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Cork flooring is unique in providing a natural flooring product with low VOC's. Cork has a high-quality water-based polyurethane rather than solvent-based varnish. As well as being a designer product, cork is a first-rate natural insulation material with an 'R Factor' of 2.6. All of this combines to provide peace of mind to families that want a healthy home.

Cork comes from ancient Mediterranean forests. It is a totally natural, renewable and recyclable product. Cork harvesting is one of the most environment-friendly processes in the world. Cork forests support one of the highest levels of biodiversity in the planet, including the critically endangered Iberian lynx, the Iberian imperial eagle, the Barbary deer, many species of rare birds as well as many fungi, ferns and other plants. They also play a key role in maintaining watersheds, preventing erosion and keeping soils healthy.

They are a great example of balanced conservation and economic development. Their preservation is vital for the well-being of the Mediterranean region. More than 100,000 people in the seven Mediterranean-region countries depend directly or indirectly on cork for their livelihoods. (See [www.panda.org](http://www.panda.org) for more WWF information)



By choosing cork you gain a healthy living environment, support sustainable livelihoods and promote protection of endangered ecosystems.

***Each cork tile is of the highest quality, these tiles are assessed at each stage of their journey from the sustainable cork forests of Portugal to your floor.***