

Rainforests are found near the equator. They can be found in every continent except Antarctica. They are located in countries such as Brazil, India, Peru, Mexico, Australia and Malaysia.



Significant People and Tribes

Francisco de Orellana	Born around 1490. He was the first person to navigate the entire Amazon River
Mbuti Tribe	A community indigenous to the Ituri rainforest in Central Africa.
Ed Stafford	Holds the Guinness World Record for being the first human ever to walk the length of the Amazon River.

Deforestation is the cutting of trees to create fields for farming cattle and growing crops, to produce timber and wood pulp to make furniture and paper.

Positive Impact

- Jobs are created in logging and transporting timber and manufacturing products.
- Selling land raises money for local people

Negative Impact

- People's homes are destroyed.
- Animals and plants may become extinct through habitat loss.
- Plants that may have been useful could be lost.

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Into the Forest

How are humans affecting habitats?

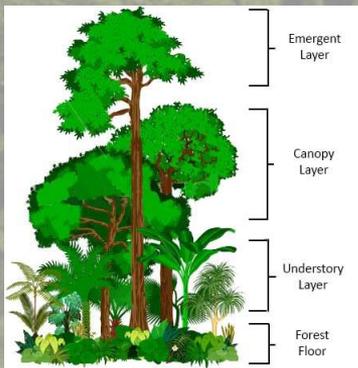
Layers of Rainforest

Emergent layers - trees can be up to 60m tall. They receive a lot of sunlight. Key animals found in this area- birds, bats, monkeys and butterflies.

Canopy Layer - trees form a roof over the plants below. Lots of sunlight and plenty of rain. Key animals found in this area - snakes, toucans and tree frogs.

Understory layer - trees grow to less than 4m tall. There is very little sunlight. Lots of insects in this area.

Forest Floor - very few plants in this area and there is almost no sunlight. Animals found in this area - gorillas, anteaters, leopards and tigers.



Word	Definition
climate	The average weather conditions over a long period of time.
deforestation	The cutting down and clearing of forests.
equator	An imaginary circle running round the centre of the earth.
humid	Feeling very damp due to water vapour in the air.
natives tribes	The original settlers of an area.
species	A group of similar animals or plants
weather	The specific condition on a given day.

Science

