



Deforestation In The Amazon

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What Our Survey Says

We conducted a survey to see what people know about the deforestation in the Amazon Rainforest and it showed us that the majority of people know about what is happening and the reasons to why and want to take action. But it is vital that everyone is aware of what is happening in the Amazon Rainforest so that we can all know what to do to stop the deforestation.

So here is information on the deforestation in the Amazon so that as many people can know what is happening and why:

Background On Deforestation

Some of the main reasons for deforestation in the Amazon are **cattle ranching** and **palm oil**.

Palm oil is one of the biggest causes of deforestation because of how high in demand it is. Some of the most common places you can find palm oil are in food, such as: Ice cream, Ritz Crackers, Peanut Butter, Oreos, and many other food products.

Cattle ranching is also an extremely large industry that is driven by the demand for meat. Hundreds of acres of forest and natural habitats are cleared so that cattle ranches can be put in place.

Here are pictures of a palm oil farm and a cattle ranch for reference when thinking about this topic:





How Deforestation Affects Indigenous Species

Deforestation is not only affecting the climate but also native species that live in the Amazon rainforest. Orangutan, monkeys, birds, jaguars and many other species are being pushed closer to extinction.

Deforestation provokes immense loss of wildlife habitat in the Amazon rainforest. The removal of trees, plants and other vegetation reduces essential living resources for these species, which are crucial for them to live, such as food, water and shelter. Without their habitat it would make it impossible for them to survive.



Here are some pictures of only some of the species deforestation in the Amazon effects:



How Deforestation Affects Native Peoples

When deforestation takes place in part of the Amazon where a group gets their resources from, they are forced to move to another place in the Amazon to get the resources they need. The group might have to get resources from a place where another group gets resources, such as food and water, thinning out and straining the available resources and making it harder and harder to survive.

Tribes will also be exposed to diseases that they have never encountered before, which could cause a widespread infection within the tribe killing hundreds of people and possibly wiping out the tribe.

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Deforestation Link to Global Warming

When trees are cut down and allowed to rot and decay or burnt they release CO₂ into the air giving heat to the atmosphere.



How can you help and take action!

- Take some time to go out and plant a tree where you can.
- Make a donation to plant trees. <https://www.milliontreesnyc.org/>
- Use less paper in your daily life.
- Buy recycled products and reuse them.
- Buy products that don't contain palm oil.
- Support the products of companies compromised and committed to reducing deforestation.
- Support indigenous populations
- Reduce your wood and paper consumption
- To make sure the furniture you buy is made with sustainable certified wood.
- Eat less or no beef