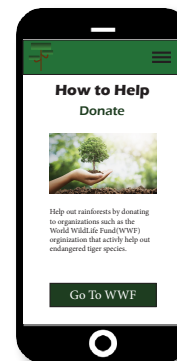
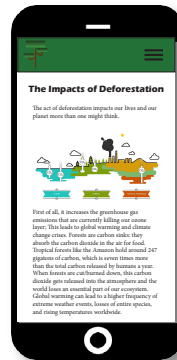


The Amazon Has Lost 17%

Of its forest In the last 50 years

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What is Deforestation?

Deforestation is the act of permanent tree removal to create space for other projects. These projects include clearing the land for agriculture, animal grazing, or using the timber for fuel, construction, or manufacturing.



Why is Deforestation An Issue?

Deforestation is a major worldwide issue, as forests cover more than 30% of the Earth's land surface. Forests provide food, medicine, and fuel to everyone living on Earth. Besides this, forests provide jobs to more than 54.4 million people. Even without the use to humans, these forests house a number of endangered species and ecosystems.



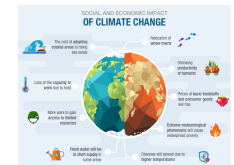
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The Impacts of Deforestation

The act of deforestation impacts our lives and our planet more than one might think.

First of all, it increases the greenhouse gas emissions that are currently killing our ozone layer; This leads to global warming and climate change crises. Forests are carbon sinks: they absorb the carbon dioxide in the air for food. Tropical forests like the Amazon hold around 247 gigatons of carbon, which is seven times more than the total carbon released by humans a year. When forests are cut/burned down, this carbon dioxide gets released into the atmosphere and the world loses an essential part of our ecosystem. Global warming can lead to a higher frequency of extreme weather events, losses of entire species, and rising temperatures worldwide.

Forests also are a key factor in the local water cycle. They keep the balance between the water in the atmosphere and the water on land. When these forests are getting cut down, the local ecosystems lose that balance. This can cause complications with precipitation and river flow.



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How to Help Donate



Help out rainforests by donating to organizations such as the World Wildlife Fund (WWF) organization that actively help out endangered tiger species.

Go To WWF

Other ways to Help

- 1) Plant trees in your local area
- 2) Go paperless at work and at home
- 3) Buy recycled products
- 4) Recycle
- 5) Buy certified wood products: look for the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) mark
- 6) Support companies who are committed to reduce deforestation
- 7) Do not buy excess items
- 8) Don't buy anything with palm oil