

Why?

* Slash and burn 🡪 agriculture (34%)
* Logging (3%)
* Cattle ranching (55%)
* Hydroelectric power (2%)
* Road building (3%)
* Mining (3%)

How Much?

* Rainforests once covered 14% of the earth's land surface; now they cover a mere 6%. This is because they are disappearing at a of 2.47 acres per second (equivalent to two football fields).
* 5 out of the Top 10 Most Endangered Forests (2011) are located in the Asia Pacific Region. All of which have less than 10% of rainforest left.

Where?

* Tropical rainforests are located around the equator.
* Rainforests receive 400-1000 cm of rain each year.
* The largest rainforests are in Brazil, Zaire (Africa) and Indonesia.