

## Earth Human Conflicts

The rain forests in Brazil have been cut down at a drastic rate; the main reason is because of logging. Commercial logging companies chop down mature trees that they select for their timber. The more wood that is needed, the more trees in the rain forest are being destroyed. The amount of rain forests being cut down does not need to increase; there is a reason behind recycling. It's to reuse materials that we have already used before, saving several rain forests from being cut down every year! If rain forest destruction continues, one day, all of the rain forests in the world will be wiped out. Scientist has said that if there is to be a cure to cancer, it is a high chance that it will come from the rain forests. If all of the rain forests are cut down one day, we will never be able to know the cure that will save several people's lives.

Rain forests are being cut down for man-kind's wants. It's not something that we need, but something we desire. This desire has led to rain forest destruction's all over the world, including the continent that contains the biggest rain forest, South America. In South America, Brazil itself covers 60% of the Amazon rain forest, which is a fairly large section. Brazil holds about one-third of the world's remaining rain forests. Brazil's rain forest is part of the Amazon rain forest, and is usually referred to as the Amazon rain forest. The percentage of rain forest that is left in Brazil is beginning to decrease, and the same to all of the other rain forests all over the world. More and more rain forests are being cut down every year. Brazil's large rain forest is starting to get smaller in size, and one day might be gone for good if we don't stop cutting down rain forests. Brazil's rain forest might actually be wiped out, and every living thing that lives in it is going down with it.

Astonishingly, 33% of all species in the world live in the Brazil rain forest. Amazon Rainforest is a habitat to about 2.5 million different types of insect species, tens of thousands of different plants, and about 2000 birds and mammals. Even to today, about 40,000 plant species, 3,000 different fishes, 1,294 birds, 378 reptiles, 427 amphibians, and 427 mammals have been identified in this region. As the amount of rain forests decreases, their homes are disappearing as well. Trees are being cut down so there is no home for the birds. Plants are dying because they need to be cleared to make room for the freshly cleared land where they will put in buildings. We're increasing our population, while decreasing theirs. So many living things are living in Brazil's rain forest, but they might not be there for long. The rain forest is filled with such unique living species, species that, like us, need a home to live in.

Although several rain forests have been cleared because of humans, some have been destroyed by natural disasters, like wildfires. Because there are several trees in the rain forest that stand next to each other, the fire can spread very quickly. Fire can never control itself, causing a big area of the rain forest to burn to ashes. During wildfires, animals may be caught up in it, along with other living things. An area so big being lit into flames can cause a major problem, air pollution. The smoke that is being exposed into the air spreads rapidly, and causes a big threat to us humans. Since it is

located in the atmosphere, air pollution can travel easily. The smoke pollutes the air that humans, and other living things, breathe in. Every time we breathe, we risk breathing in dangerous chemicals that found their way into the air.

Even though rain forest destruction is still happening, several people are trying to stop it from happening any further. Some people do not know that they are even helping the rain forest, but they are. By recycling paper, they are helping trees from the rain forest from being cut down. Paper is used by practically everyone almost every day. Students at school need paper to take notes in class, write their essays, do their quizzes, etc. Even adults use a lot of paper at work, printing several things from their computers, or scanning other papers to make more copies. Not all people recycle their paper after their done with them; some just throw them away in trash cans without even thinking about recycling it. Recycling helps us use paper without having to cut down any more trees.

Another way to help is to donate money to the rain forest organizations. People of all ages donate to the rain forest organizations, even children still in school. Children that have briefly learned about rain forest destruction in school sometimes want to help make a difference. Although they're not fully aware how big of a problem this is, they still know that it's not right to clear so many rain forests. They raise money by organizing a lemonade stand, bake sale, talent show, and several other things to help raise money. There are several ways to raise money, and they don't even have to be something big.

One big reason rain forests are being destroyed is for the beef. Millions of acres of the rain forest are being destroyed and burned in order to clear it. The cleared land is used to turn the grass pastures for cows. The cows get butchered and are sent off to be put in fast-food hamburgers, frozen meat products, and canned pet foods. In order to save the rain forest, some people eat less red meat. You don't have to quit eating red meat all together, but you can start eating less of it. Little things like this can actually help save something so big like the rain forest.

Lastly, another way you can do to help save the rain forest is to educate yourself and others around you. By doing so, you learn how important the rain forest is to all of us. By educating others, your helping them understand the importance of helping save the rain forest as well. Educating yourself allows you to change the way you do things in your life. You'll begin to notice small things that you've never done before, and start to do now. Many ways to save the rain forest are things that you can do in your everyday life. No matter your age, everyone can make a difference to help save the rain forest.