

## Deforestation of the Amazon rainforest

The Amazon rainforest is the largest rainforest in the world. However, at the rate it is currently being cut down, this will not last much longer. Deforestation of the Amazon Rainforest affects all living things on Earth and unless it is stopped or limited, there will be serious consequences in the future. Do you care about the 'lungs of our world', as it has been described, might be under threat?

Firstly, deforestation causes devastating loss to animal and plant life. Cutting down the enormous Amazon trees means that animal habitats are destroyed and plants are crushed. This is leading to many animals becoming endangered and extinct – each year, many animal and plant species are becoming extinct. Can you really imagine a world without certain species of animals?

Secondly, deforestation is causing climate change and global warming to worsen. The Amazon rainforest is described as the lungs of the Earth, but if we are cutting down these lungs, they won't be able to breathe in many of the harmful gases that cause climate change and global warming. Surely someone as smart as you, knows that if we carry on cutting down trees, that the Earth will become a place where no life will be able to survive!

Finally, deforestation is cutting the supply of oxygen to all living things. The Amazon rainforest is responsible for 20% of all oxygen produced on Earth. We are carelessly killing the Amazon and at the same time, killing ourselves! Deforestation means there are fewer trees available to absorb carbon dioxide and release vital oxygen needed for all living things to stay alive. It is like we are slowly suffocating ourselves and nobody cares!

We must do something to prevent the changes that have already started because of deforestation. We must stop animals becoming endangered and extinct. We must act to reduce climate change and global warming as the amount of oxygen on Earth is decreasing. If these aren't reasons to act now, then the future of mankind and all living things is in great danger.

Act now; act for the rainforest; act for the future.