

Save the rainforest!

It is crucial that we take care of the amazing rainforest in South America, before they're destroyed! I feel that it will take less than a century to destroy all rainforests. The rainforest provides us with medicines, 50% of housing for animals and the trees give us oxygen from the harmful carbon-dioxide.

The amazon rainforest is home to more than 2 thirds of the world's population of plant species. Moreover, the plants depend on the animals for pollination, the animals depend on the plants for food. I feel that, the soil in which the plants and trees of the Amazon grow tends to be very poor, cutting the trees down is making this eco-system at risk. The Amazon rainforest is the largest tropical rainforest in the world, covering over 5 and a half million square kilometres (1.4 billion acres). Over half of the amazon rainforest is located in Brazil but it is also located in other South American countries including Peru, Venezuela, Ecuador, Columbia, Guyana, Bolivia, Suriname and French Guiana.

More than 20% oxygen comes from the Amazon rainforest, a tree takes in the carbon-dioxide from the air and turns it into oxygen, if they are chopped down the carbon-dioxide will be released into the air again, over all, the trees absorb more carbon than they release. The Amazon absorbs about 2 billion metric tons of carbon. Do you want people to die or have poor air quality?!

The Amazon fish species is the largest number with approximately 3,000 staggering species of fish, bird species come in next with over 1,200 species. There are about 400 species of mammal, reptiles and amphibians. Some believe that, the Amazon is home to the pink dolphin, also known as the elegant Amazon River dolphin, at over 6 feet (1.8 meters) in length it's one of largest freshwater dolphins on the Earth. Plants and trees help animals survive in the Amazon. This rainforest is referred to as the "Lungs of the planet" The Amazon is home to the fatal poison dart frog. Some commonly known predators are jaguar, anaconda and Caiman. There are so many animals living in rainforests, scientists think there's lots of other species not yet discovered! We need to look after these precious animals because they only live in the Amazon we can't re-instate them! The Manatee and lots of other animals are in danger, so we need to protect them. Young jaguars learn to defend themselves by playing and fighting with one another. We need to think about what we are doing. It's effecting their lives! (It's irreversible!)

As you can see the rainforest is near to extinction, so we need to do whatever we can to save it. Some animals are near to being wiped out for ever! The trees that provide us with oxygen are disappearing! The soil is poor! We need to stop it now!

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