

Fact Sheet: The Rainforest

Surface of Indonesia: 1,192,684 sq miles

Forest: 550.000 sq miles

Rate of logging: Ca 12,500 sq miles per year.

Threats: Forest destruction and fires.

Illegal logging: Estimated to constitute 50 - 88% of all logging.

BOS forest plantation and conservations projects:
Mawas and Samboja Lestari.



Only in Borneo you can find 10 - 15,000 different species of flowers and around 3000 different kinds of trees. The same diversity applies to the animals and a large number are endemic to this area and can be found no where else. Every year new animal and plant species are discovered and scientists barely have time to investigate before they disappear forever.

The Indonesian rainforest is the second largest in the world with an area of nearly 546.806 square miles. This is about 10% of the world's rainforest and is twice the size of Texas or nearly the size of Alaska.

Logging and fires are making the forest disappear at an unsustainable rate. Hundreds of animals and plants are disappearing because of this and entire ecosystems are transformed into desert.

One of the biggest problems in Indonesia is the illegal logging that is being fueled by the international demand for cheap timber. There are different opinions as to the extent of the illegal logging, but it is clear that more than half of all logging in the country is illegal.

