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The Kids Campaign to Cool Our Earth!



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Rainforests and Global Warming

Rainforests are precious and beautiful. They can help protect Earth from global warming. They are called rainforests because they receive a lot of rain. They only cover about 7% of Earth's surface but about 50% of our plants and animals live in these magical forests.



We are having huge problems with our planet warming up too much. The major cause is that we are all using too much energy from gas, oil and coal. When these fuels are burned to run our trucks, cars, factories, and more, they release carbon dioxide (CO₂) into the air.

We need some CO₂ in our atmosphere around Earth but now we have way too much. This thick blanket of CO₂ is keeping Earth too warm causing climate change.

What is exciting is that scientists have found that rainforests can soak up millions of tons of CO₂ from our atmosphere. This will help our climate stay cooler.

Sadly our rainforests are disappearing very quickly. Too often they are being cleared away by big companies who want to create farms. Also they are being cut down for wood. The clearing away of forests is called deforestation. We have to stop this to help plants and animals and to reduce global warming.



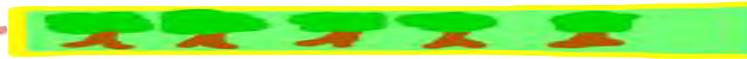
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Here are some ways you can help protect our rainforests!



We can help protect rainforests but we have to hurry. They are disappearing at the rate of many thousand football fields each day.



Learn more about rainforests so you can talk to adults and ask them to help you protect these important places. Check out this [KSE fact sheet](#).



Draw pictures of plants and animals of the rainforest. Find animal species [here](#) and plant species [here](#). Next create a **rainforest bulletin board** in your classroom. You can also scan them and email them to your government leaders. Ask them to help you protect rainforests.



Kids for Saving Earth works with Duke University and the Organization for Tropical Studies to protect sections of a rainforest in Costa Rica. We call it the [Kids for Saving Earth Rainforest](#). You can help protect this rainforest by donating [here](#). You'll receive a poster and a certificate.



There are many Earth-saving ways you can earn funds for your environmental activities. Check out these suggestions: **Reading for the Earth**. Order buttons from **KSE** that you can design yourself. Sell them as a fund-raiser.



Finally join the [Cool Earth Team](#). "United with friends we will save the Earth."





Rainforest Project Resources

The Nature Conservancy

<http://www.nature.org/ourinitiatives/habitats/rainforests/index.htm>

The Rainforest Foundation US

<http://www.rainforestfoundation.org/>

Deforestation

<http://www.nationalgeographic.com/environment/global-warming/deforestation/>

Rainforests Can Slow Global Warming.

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/brett-byers/rainforest-up-to-half-the-global-warming-solution_b_8760622.html

Rainforest Charitable Trust.

<http://www.amazoncharitabletrust.org/>

Kids for Saving Earth Rainforest Programs

<https://kidsforsavingearth.org/programs/rainforest.htm>

<https://kidsforsavingearth.org/RainforestFacts.pdf>

<https://kidsforsavingearth.org/AmigosDeLaSelva.pdf>

Rainforest Animals

<http://www.activewild.com/rainforest-animals-list/>