

Deforestation Effects



	Positive Impact	Negative Impact	
Most Important			Most Important
Least Important			Least Important

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Wood from the removed trees can be used to make paper and other products.	Rain falling on the bare soil causes soil erosion.	Palm oil grown on deforested land is used in many food and toiletry products.
Water that would have been taken up by tree roots can cause flooding.	The soil where the trees grew is full of nutrients for growing crops.	People's homes may be destroyed.
Jobs are created in logging transport and manufacturing products.	Plants that may have been useful as medicines could be lost.	Selling land raises money for local people.
Land cleared can be used to farm cattle for meat production.	Products such as chocolate and coffee can be grown more cheaply on areas of deforested land.	Animal habitats are destroyed.
Less CO ₂ is captured by the forests, worsening the effects of global warming.	Animals and plants may become extinct through loss of habitat.	Tribes lose their cultural identity.