

Causes of Destruction of the Tropical Rainforest

Mining
Products

Gold

Oil

Diamonds

Damage

Roads- damaged forest-loss of
habitat

Soil erosion

Deforestation



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Logging

Roads-damage to forest

Loss of habitat

Soil erosion

Fish stocks killed due to silt in river systems

Mass wasting - slope failure due to lack of tree cover - mud slides



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Ranching

Products - mainly beef for western markets

Damage

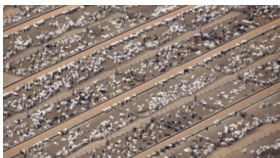
Soil erosion

Clear cutting of forest for pasture lands

Loss of habitat


Desertification - e.g. Africa

Global Warming



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Cash cropping
Products
Coffee
Bananas
Eucalyptus
Fruits
Damage
Loss of biodiversity
Destruction of a sensitive soil system
Deforestation



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Large Scale problems associated with the destruction of the rainforest
Global warming
Deforestation
Desertification
Soil erosion
Mud slides
Loss of biodiversity
Extinction
Extirpation
Medical research
Native cultures
Disease

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