

Deforestation in Brazil

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Do you know the word, “ deforestation”? It means too many trees are cut down that causes people lost many kinds of materials. Brazil have the highest deforestation in the world! Read this article and it will tell you more about it!

Before, Brazil was a wonderful place full with trees, but then, in 1970, more than 700,000 square kilometers are destroyed in Brazil! Amazon rainforest used to be the largest rainforest in the world! But, in 2012 only have 5.4 million square kilometers, which means it only have 87percent of it was left! These numbers might causes more than 500 kinds of animal to extinct! And 50 percent of them are not discovered yet! If Brazil doesn't stop deforestation, then maybe one day, there won't be any trees left in Brazil!

So, what is the causes and effects of deforestation? The causes are mostly by people: Mining, too much paper, over population, logging, and climate change. The effects of deforestation might cause many things: extinction, pollution, and acidic ocean. All things that is bad to nature!

Deforestation don't only affect animal, it can also effect native people! Do you know? Back in time, almost 30 percent of a rain forest is native people! Now, that so many trees are cut down, 60 percent of them lost their home! Now, most of their home are destroyed, they have nowhere to go! And they are people, just like you and me, so it is like punching your self right in the face!

Then, if deforestation is that bad, what can we do to stop it? Here are 5 ways to help stop deforestation:

1. You can plant a tree! If everyone in the world plant 1 tree, there would be millions of trees all together!
2. You can go paperless, over using paper is a big problem in deforestation, you can use paper and write on both sides of them
3. You can eat vegetarian meal as often as you can, it could help stop extinction
4. You can recycle, you can make anything out of plastic bottles!
5. Look for forest steward ship council(FSC)certification on wood and wood products.

And now, you know what deforestation is, with your help, maybe one day, deforestation will stop. People will stop destroying forests. And maybe Earth will be filled with blue and green again some day.

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