

Rainforest Threats

Rainforests are amazing, but they are in danger. Find out how to help.



Year 5-6

Learning Outcomes:

At the end of the session:

- ✓ All pupils will know some characteristics of the rainforests, including the diversity of animals that live in them
- ✓ Most pupils will understand the complexity of the major threats to rainforests and rainforest animals
- ✓ Some pupils start to recognise how they can take positive action locally that can help rainforests globally

Session Outline:

The session begins with an introduction to rainforest features—plants, animals, and climate—along with the locations of major rainforests by country and continent. Unique animals and their adaptations are discussed using biofacts. Threats to rainforests are introduced, focusing on specific dangers to animals, such as the pet trade and hunting for clothing, souvenirs, and medicine, with pupils getting up close to real confiscated items from this wildlife trade. Habitat loss as a broader threat is explored, and the session concludes with ways pupils can help protect the rainforest.

Curriculum Links

Science

Evolution and inheritance

Living things and their habitats

Geography

Location knowledge

Human and physical geography

Citizenship