

Preventing deforestation is a crucial element of climate action

Forests and natural ecosystems are crucial in our fight against climate change. Natural climate solutions can contribute up to one third of the climate mitigation needed to meet Paris agreement targets. Yet deforestation persists at alarming rates; the world lost 4.1 million hectares of tropical forest in 2022, 10 percent up compared to 2021. Agricultural expansion drives 90 percent of global deforestation, which increases carbon in the atmosphere and exacerbates the impact of climate change.

The biggest driver of deforestation and land degradation is demand for soft commodities, including palm oil, beef, soy, and wood. These are largely produced in tropical forest countries such as Indonesia and Brazil – regions where the largest tracts of intact forests are at risk.

AidEnvironment contributes to halting deforestation by urging and assisting investors, companies and civil society in their decision-making on deforestation.

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