

Table 2.1: Tropical moist forests extent and deforestation rates as of 1989. [After Myers (1991)]

Country	Original extent of forest cover (million ha)	Present extent of forest cover (million ha)	Present extent of primary forests (million ha)	Current amount of annual deforestation (million ha p.a., with percentage)	
Bolivia	9.00	7.00	4.50	0.15	(2.1%)
Brazil	286.00	220.00	180.00	5.00	(2.3%)
Cameroon	22.00	16.40	6.00	0.20	(1.2%)
C. America	50.00	9.00	5.50	0.33	(3.7%)
Colombia	70.00	27.85	18.00	0.65	(2.3%)
Congo	10.00	9.00	8.00	0.07	(0.8%)
Ecuador	13.20	7.60	4.40	0.30	(4.0%)
Gabon	24.00	20.00	10.00	0.06	(0.3%)
Guyanas (French Guina, Guyana and Suriname)	50.00	41.00	37.00	0.05	(0.12%)
India	160.00	16.50	7.00	0.40	(2.4%)
Indonesia	122.00	86.00	53.00	1.20	(1.4%)
Ivory Coast	16.00	1.60	0.40	0.25	(15.6%)
Kampuchea	12.00	6.70	2.00	0.05	(0.75%)
Laos	11.00	6.80	2.50	0.10	(1.5%)
Madagascar	6.20	2.40	1.00	0.20	(8.3%)
Malaysia	30.50	15.70	8.40	0.48	(3.1%)
Mexico	40.00	16.60	11.00	0.70	(4.2%)
Myanmar (Burma)	50.00	24.50	8.00	0.80	(3.3%)
Nigeria	7.20	2.80	1.00	0.40	(14.3%)
Papua New Guinea	42.50	36.00	18.00	0.35	(1.0%)
Peru	70.00	51.50	42.00	0.35	(0.7%)
Philippines	25.00	5.00	0.80	0.27	(5.4%)
Thailand	43.50	7.40	2.20	0.60	(8.4%)
Venezuela	42.00	35.00	30.00	0.15	(0.4%)
Vietnam	26.00	6.00	1.40	0.35	(5.8%)
Zaire	124.50	100.00	70.00	0.40	(0.4%)
TOTAL:	1362.60	778.35	532.10	13.86	(1.8%)
	= 97% of esti- mated total orig- inal extent of tropical forests, around 1400 million ha.	= 97.5 % of present total extent of tropical forests viz. 800 million ha.	= 67 % of total remaining tropical forests, viz. 800 million ha.		