

Worksheet 3: DEFORESTATION

1- After watching the Power Point presentation answer the following questions:

- a) Where are the rainforests located?
- b) Who lives there?
- c) Why is deforestation a problem? Who is affected by deforestation?
Animals? People? Plants?

2- Aquí debajo encontrarás dos textos que contienen más información sobre el Gran Chaco y la deforestación.

-Read both texts and the excerpt below.

LA DEFORESTACIÓN PONE EN PELIGRO A CHACO

Nada detiene la tala indiscriminada en el **Gran Chaco**, el principal pulmón verde sudamericano después de la Amazonia. Se talan los bosques, se queman ilegalmente a cielo abierto sus restos y se siembra soja. En los últimos 20 años se ha perdido un 70% de bosques en la región de Gran Chaco.

La importancia de este espacio radica en que es el mayor bosque subtropical seco del mundo con enormes reservas de agua y biodiversidad. Allí conviven variedades de plantas, especies de aves, mamíferos, reptiles, anfibios y más de 4 millones de personas.

La deforestación trae consecuencias y riesgos severos, uno de ellos es que las comunidades campesinas e indígenas, cuyo modo de vida está relacionado con el bosque, quedan aisladas en zonas pequeñas sin recursos de subsistencia. En estado de debilidad, pasan a depender de los planes de asistencia social o migran hacia las ciudades. Otro de los riesgos advertidos es la extinción de la biodiversidad, sobre todo la del yaguararé - el felino más grande de América y el tercero del mundo.

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Argentina is the first global exporter of soy, and the biggest provider of crop. Crop is an important source of money. According to the coordinator of Greenpeace forest campaign in Argentina, Hernán Giardini, *"The soy and crop production are the principal causes for forests extinction in the country"*.

According to the Food and Agriculture Organization, Argentina is one of the top ten countries that destroy their forests the most. *"We are facing serious forest emergency"*, Giardini said. *"This has to end. To destroy forests is a crime, and it should be penalized."*

What's more, some indigenous people are losing their homes and their natural way of life. They have to change their habits, culture and lifestyle. Some are leaving the forest and moving to cities.

Excerpt from the Argentina Constitution:

*Dentro de la Constitución de la Nación Argentina, hay un artículo que garantiza **el respeto a la identidad de los pueblos originarios** y el **reconocimiento a la posesión y propiedad comunitaria de las tierras que tradicionalmente ellos ocupan**.*

3)- Now, answer the following questions:

1. According to the texts, is this law respected?
2. Is it good that indigenous tribes have to leave their homes?
3. How would you feel if you have to leave your home and change your lifestyle? Sad? Angry? Happy?

4)- Read the texts again and complete the following sentences:

1. The Gran Chaco is the _____ after the Amazon rainforest.
2. _____ of the Gran Chaco is in Argentina.
3. Argentina is one of the _____ countries that destroy their forests the most.
4. The _____ and _____ production are the principal causes for _____.

Deforestation consequences:

5. The indigenous tribes in the Gran Chaco are losing their _____ and have to change their _____.
6. Biodiversity extinction. _____ and _____ species are disappearing.