

## Solutions to Deforestation

Forests are far more important to our well-being than most people appreciate and maintaining them is one of the key solutions to deforestation. We need them to breathe even; to \_\_\_\_\_ carbon back into oxygen. We also need them to survive; around the world, 300 million people live in forests and one billion people \_\_\_\_\_ on them. They support hundreds of millions of jobs. This is why we need more solutions to \_\_\_\_\_ deforestation.

So, what can we do? Luckily, \_\_\_\_\_ have developed a number of ways to fight the causes of deforestation. \_\_\_\_\_ deforestation is the quickest and most cost-effective way to stop climate change.

Decisions by private corporations on where and how they source raw materials has a huge \_\_\_\_\_ on forests. Better decisions would vastly reduce deforestation, including \_\_\_\_\_ logging. So, it's unsurprising that many non-governmental organisations work with companies towards this goal.

Trees store carbon dioxide, and \_\_\_\_\_ trees \_\_\_\_\_ the CO<sub>2</sub> back into the atmosphere. The effects of deforestation and illegal logging on a large scale can \_\_\_\_\_ to an excess of greenhouse gases, which cause global warming. Over eight million acres of forests are cut down each year. This mainly occurs in the tropics, including Nigeria and Brazil.

Another solution to deforestation is to empower Indigenous people and work with them to stop deforestation. This is important since forests have been home to Indigenous people for tens of thousands of years. Empowering them to \_\_\_\_\_ their traditional homelands is an important way to stop deforestation.

Another key \_\_\_\_\_ to deforestation is to empower and inform \_\_\_\_\_ and governments to make better choices. Ordinary people can help stop deforestation by eating less meat, avoiding single-use packaging, consuming sustainable food, and choosing \_\_\_\_\_ wood products. They can also go \_\_\_\_\_ at home or in the office, recycle products.