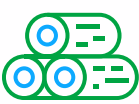


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Keys to understanding deforestation in the world



Disappearance of forests

In the last two decades, almost **100 million** hectares of forest area have been lost.



High risk of extinction

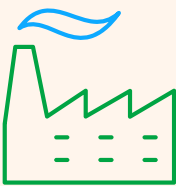
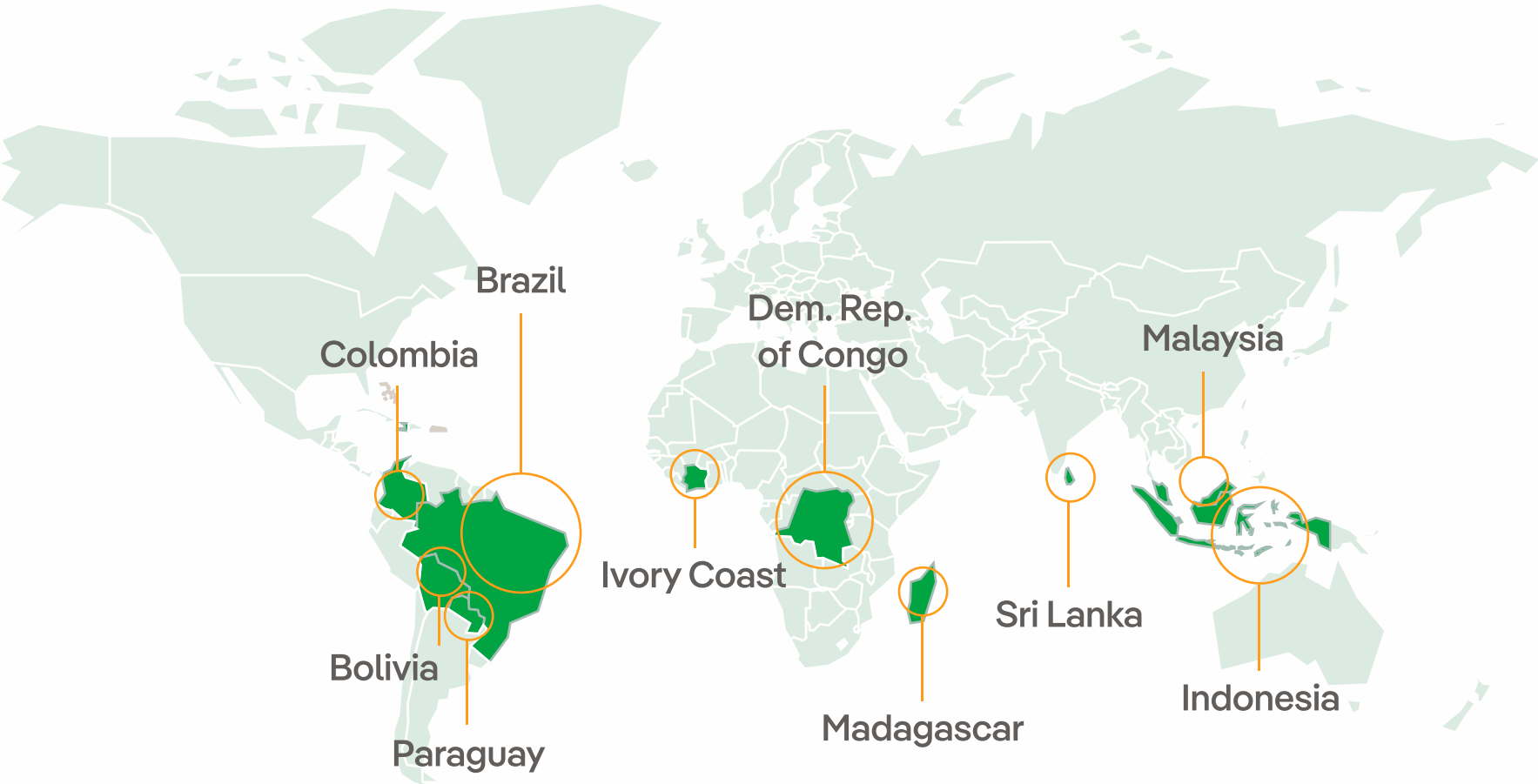
Of the **8 million** species that currently exist on the planet, one million are at risk.



Need for forests to subsist

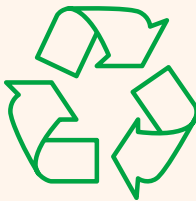
Around **1.6 billion** people need forests for their livelihoods.

Countries with the most hectares of forest lost



Main causes

The main causes of deforestation are: increasing agricultural and urban expansion; the proliferation of industries that want to use wood as fuel; natural disasters, such as fires and tropical storms; and the absence of laws protecting green areas in some countries.



How can we put an end to it?

We need to recycle and reduce paper and plastic consumption; reforest burned land and plant fast-reproducing trees; forestry education programmes must be established to raise public awareness; and global policies must be put in place to ensure the protection and development of forests.

Sources: Global Forest Watch and World Resources Institute, UN, FAO and World Bank.