



Logging

Cattle ranching

Fires

Agriculture

25% of the medicines we use come from plants in the rainforest



DEFORESTATION



South America (covers one third)

extends from the Andes Mountains to the Atlantic Ocean



World's largest tropical rainforest (5.5 million square kilometres)



GEOGRAPHY

FLORA & FAUNA

Produces 20% of Worlds oxygen 'Lungs of the Planet'



Amazon River 2nd largest in the world



warm and humid



receives a lot of rain – at least 200cm every year



40,000 plant species



1,300 bird species



3,000 types of fish



430 mammals



2.5 million different insects.



80% of life in the rainforest can be found in the canopy

