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An aerial photograph of a dense rainforest. The upper half of the image is filled with a thick canopy of green trees. The lower half shows a body of water, likely a river or lake, with ripples and some small trees growing out of it. A white text box is overlaid on the right side, and a white title is in the bottom left corner.

About Rainforest Trust

Our Mission

Rainforest Trust saves endangered wildlife and protects our planet by creating rainforest reserves through partnerships, community engagement, and donor support.



Our Impact

Each region in which we work is as vast and varied as the landscapes themselves, with its own spectacular ecological characteristics and species, diverse and unique communities, and equally significant challenges.

With our partners and donors, we are building a growing mosaic of protected and conserved areas to benefit all life on Earth. Using every method of land protection available—land purchase, legal recognition of Indigenous territories, government designation of community forests and national parks, and more—we are working to build conservation outcomes that are sustainable for the long term.



**Our solution works: 98.8% of the forests
in our reserves remain standing.**



By the Numbers

Since 1988, we have protected more than 60 million acres by establishing protected areas in partnership with local organizations and engaged communities **across more than 67 countries** in Latin America and the Caribbean, Africa, and Asia-Pacific.

60M

Acres Protected

63M

Acres In-progress

67

Countries with
Protected Areas

3,284

Threatened Species
Protected

Storing the CO₂
equivalent of

4.2B

Gas-powered vehicles driven
for one year

We Protect Wild Lands

Through highly effective, strategic partnerships, we achieve sustainable results necessary for the long-term protection of tropical ecosystems and the wildlife they hold. Our reserves are exemplary models of international conservation.

Rainforest Trust identifies critical sites that provide a refuge for endangered species that face immediate and direct threat of deforestation and degradation from logging, mining, ranching, and other development.



**For Wildlife.
For People.
For the Planet.**



“Creating Indigenous Territories for groups in voluntary isolation—the last people on Earth living independently from Western culture and markets—is a moral obligation.”

— Fábio Ribeiro, Co-founder and Executive Coordinator, Observatory of the Human Rights of Isolated and Initial Contact Indigenous Peoples (OPI)

Cost-effective, Long-term Conservation

We know that the simplest and most cost-effective solution to prevent deforestation is to create legally recognized protected areas where forests and their species can continue contributing to the health of the global ecosystem. Our unique, cost-effective conservation model has been implemented successfully for over 38 years.

We work with Indigenous and local communities

We establish strategic partnerships with Indigenous Peoples and local communities and committed conservationists, providing technical capacity and support while respecting and embracing traditional knowledge and land stewardship that is key to achieving long-term conservation and species protection.

Protection requires swift action, and we work with our partners to develop science-based conservation plans that are not only timely, but also resilient and sustainable. Our partners work with local and national governments, with governing systems of Indigenous Peoples and Afro-descendant communities, and alongside other local representatives to co-design and establish protected areas.

Rainforest Trust supports the creation of protected and conserved areas that include community forests, national parks, reserves, and legally titled Indigenous lands.

How Do We Protect Rainforests?

At Rainforest Trust, we use the most efficient and effective methods to achieve the long-term protection of tropical ecosystems and the wildlife they sustain.

Our solution works: 98.8% of the forests in our reserves have remained standing since their protection.

Build

We build strategic partnerships on the ground with local conservation organizations, governments, communities, and Indigenous groups. Then together we create science-based plans to deliver the highest level of locally appropriate conservation that is resilient and sustainable.

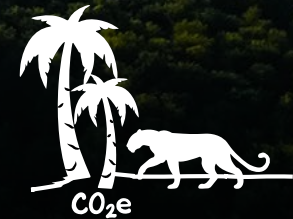


Identify

We identify the most threatened habitats and species in tropical and subtropical regions across the globe, places where deforestation and extinction are imminent.

Support

With the generous support of donors, we provide the funds needed to implement these conservation plans.



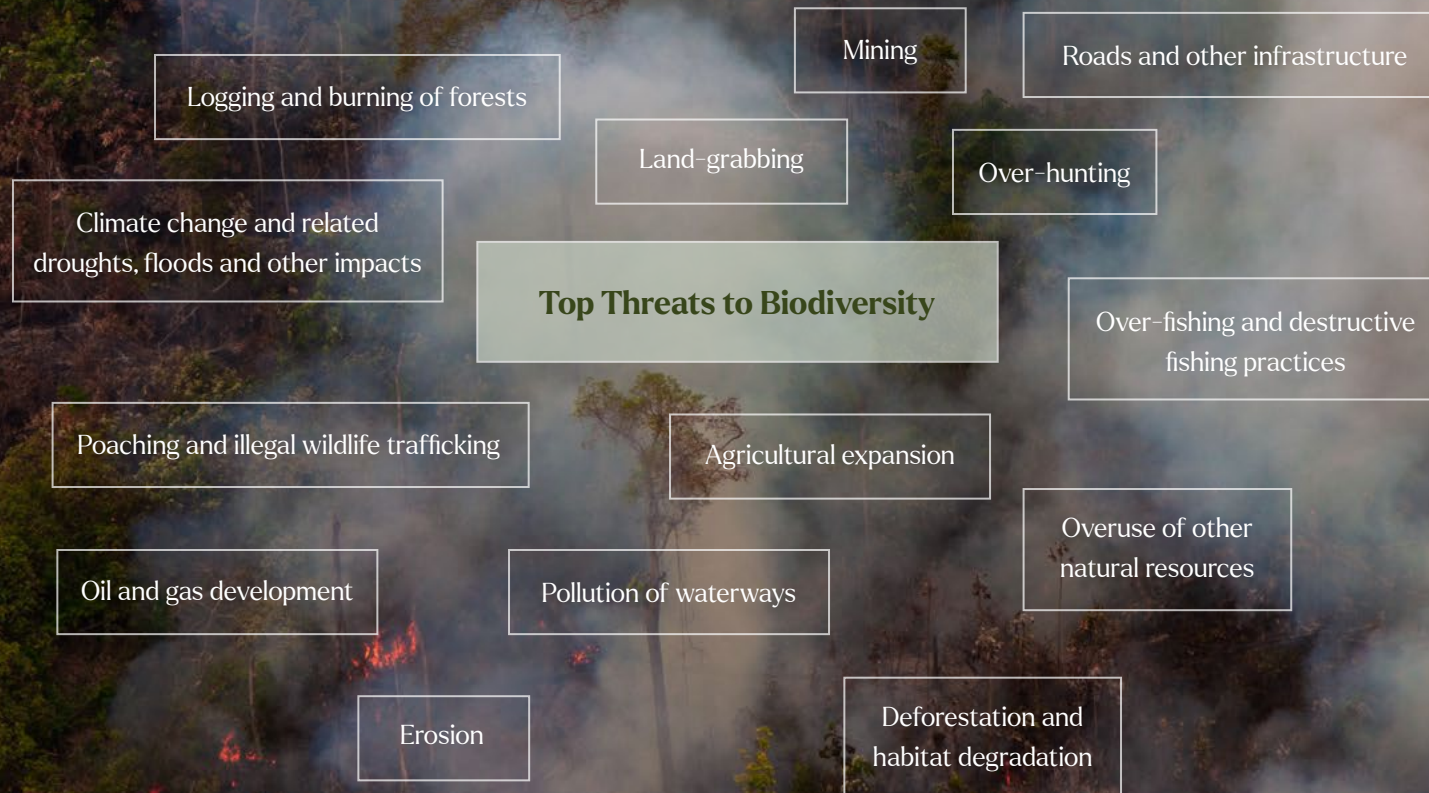
Establish

Together, we establish legally recognized protected areas where rainforest habitats and their species can thrive and contribute to the health of the global ecosystem.

Our commitment to the reserves and our partners continues through monitoring and ongoing communication to ensure protection.

Threats to biodiversity, climate and livelihoods

Worldwide, threats to natural habitats impact all living beings to varying extents – but we are fighting the clock to slow habitat loss and save species. Each region faces its unique challenges, but overall the **top threats noted by our partners in a recent survey leading to biodiversity loss and species extinction are urgent problems found in less developed areas of the world.**





Halting and reversing biodiversity loss and climate change requires expanded protected and conserved areas, especially in tropical forests—this has been Rainforest Trust's mission since 1988."

— James C. Deutsch, Ph.D., CEO of Rainforest Trust

Rainforest Trust Spokesperson Bios



Dr. James C. Deutsch
CEO, Rainforest Trust

Dr. Deutsch is a strategic leader in global conservation with a passion for saving wildlife and wildlands and a talent for translating cutting-edge science into field projects with maximum conservation impact.

Since joining Rainforest Trust in 2020, James has led the development and implementation of an ambitious Strategic Plan to more than double the organization's impact by protecting 125 million acres, home to half of all IUCN threatened bird and mammal species, and 15 billion tons of carbon by 2025. In 2021, he helped launch the Protecting our Planet Challenge in which Rainforest Trust pledged to grant out at least half a billion dollars during 2021-2030.

A New Yorker, James was educated at Harvard College (A.B. in Philosophy) and Cambridge University (M.Phil. in Biological Anthropology and Ph.D. in Zoology) and lectured in ecology and conservation biology at Imperial College, London, and the University of East Anglia. His research career included fieldwork on Uganda Kob antelope and Malawi cichlid fishes with papers in *Nature*, *Evolution*, and other journals and books. Prior to joining Rainforest Trust, he led the Wildlife Conservation Society's Africa Program and conservation strategy and then Paul Allen's wildlife and biodiversity philanthropy. In the 1990s, James led the UK's national fundraising charity for AIDS, and he retains a keen interest in human rights and international development as well as conservation.




James Lewis
VP Conservation,
Rainforest Trust


[Full Bio](#)

James Lewis, Vice President of Conservation for Rainforest Trust, leads a team of conservation professionals, working to secure the long-term conservation of rainforest throughout the world.

Hooked on wildlife conservation when growing up in Africa, James has spent his career focusing on strategic approaches to addressing conservation challenges. Born in the UK but raised on three continents, James has firsthand experience in a range of conservation arenas. Before joining Rainforest Trust, James worked as the operations director for the Amphibian Survival Alliance, helping to build the world's largest partnership dedicated to amphibian conservation.

Although originally a field ecologist, James has spent time working on a number of domestic and international conservation topics, trade/policy issues, development of on-the-ground conservation projects and implementation of national conservation responses. James received his undergraduate degree in Conservation Management from Stirling University and his master's in Conservation and Biodiversity from Exeter University.



“Rainforest Trust will support AQUASIS in acquiring the land the Araripe Manakin needs to survive. The organization not only provides resources but understands both the explicit and hidden traditions of families that own the land along the streams of this arid plateau.”

— Weber Girão, Project Manager,
Araripe Oasis Project, AQUASIS

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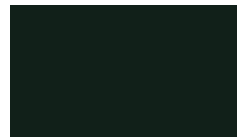


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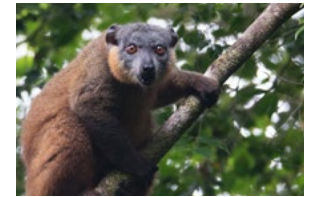
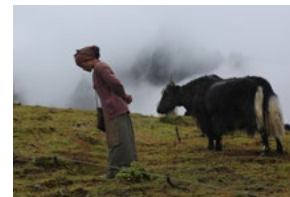
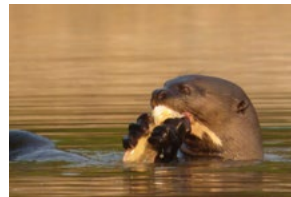
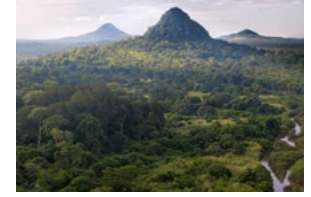
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Rainforest Trust's Brazil Strategy



Rainforest Trust Strategic Plan Update:
Progress Towards 2025 Goals

1988 | Founded as **World Parks Endowment**

2006 | WPE becomes **World Land Trust-US**, an affiliate of UK-based World Land Trust

2013 | WLT-US becomes **Rainforest Trust**

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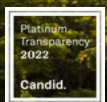
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from Charity
Navigator



The highest rating
from Guidestar for
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The Chinko landscape in Central African Republic
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