

Forests of the World Profile

In each category, answer the questions about your chosen forest.

General Description

In what country is your forest found?

What is the total area (in square kilometers or hectares) of the country and the approximate area of your selected forest?

What are the latitude and longitude of your forest?

What is the elevation range of your forest?

What is the climate, including average temperatures, rainfall, and other factors, of your forest?

What are other interesting facts about your forest?

Plants and Animals in the Forest

What common plants and animals live within your forest? How are they important for your forests ecosystem as a whole?

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What national parks or nature preserves are found in your forest?

What are other interesting facts about the plants and animals in your forest?

People and the Forest

How do people within the country use or depend on your forest?

What symbols, legends, or stories reflect the country's connection to your forest?

For people living within the forest, what aspects of their culture (food, clothes, celebrations, jobs, etc.) reflect the importance of your forest?

What products from your forest do people sell or export?

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What is the history of your forest's use?

What are other interesting facts about people and your selected forest?

Forest Connections

In what ways do other people around the world use or depend on your forest?

How does your forest affect you or other people in your community? (For example, people in your community may buy products from your forest.)

Why should people in your community care what happens to your selected forest?

The Future of the Forest

What are internal and external threats to your forest?

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What are people doing to manage and protect your forest?

Sources

What sources of information did you use for this project? Include at least one primary or first-hand source.

Suggested Resources

The following are some suggested places to begin your research. Websites often change addresses; if necessary, try an online search of the database name to locate a new address.

FAO Forestry Country Information

See <http://www.fao.org/forestry/index.jsp>. Select the "Country Information" tab for profiles and maps focusing on each country's forest resources. Note that FAO is the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations.

The World Factbook

See <https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook>. The country profiles in this database contain information on the geography, people, and economy of the countries of the world.

Earthtrends Database, World Resources Institute

See <http://earthtrends.wri.org>. Select "Forests, Grasslands, and Drylands" and then "Country Profiles" to find information focusing on a country's forests.

U.S. Department of State Background Notes

See <http://www.state.gov/countries/>. This website has information on the people, natural resources, and economy of different countries around the world.

Library of Congress Country Studies

See <http://lcweb2.loc.gov/frd/cs/cshome.html>. Country studies for each country include information about the physical environment, history, and government.

World Infozone

See <http://www.worldinfozone.com>. Search by country to find a variety of facts about and photos of that country.

Encyclopedias

Country entries in encyclopedias often include geographic, natural resource, and cultural information.

Travel Guides

Check travel guides on a given country or region. Such guides usually have a section describing the features, history, and culture of the country.