



**For humanity – and wildlife – to thrive, we must save global forests. Tropical forests, and the wildlife that call them home, are threatened by deforestation. Three proposed laws in the US can help save them.**



**Tropical forests are hotspots of biodiversity, containing at least two-thirds of all species on Earth.**



**137 species of animals, plants and insects are lost every day due to deforestation.**



**If global deforestation were a country, it would constitute the world's third largest climate-warming polluter, right behind the US and China.**



**Most global deforestation is human-made: industries and industry-backed farmers destroy forests, often illegally, to make way for vast cattle ranches like the one in this photo, or plantations of palm oil, soy, cocoa, coffee, rubber.**



**The Amazon, which holds 1 out of every 10 species in the world, has already lost 17% of its tree cover.**

**If things don't turn around, the Amazon will turn into a dry savannah, with grave implications for the global climate.**



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**Over half of Earth's tropical forests have disappeared. An estimated 18,000,000 acres of forest, an area more than half the size of New York State, are lost each year globally.**





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**But thanks to bi-partisan champions, the US has important bills on the table to tackle the deforestation problem: one federal bill, one in New York, one in California.**







**The federal legislation, called the FOREST Act, combats illegal deforestation by prohibiting importation of products made of commodities originating from illegally deforested lands across the globe.**



**The Jaguar, the largest cat in South America, is one of the species that will benefit from US regulation to curb deforestation worldwide.**



**The three bills would also protect Indigenous Peoples' rights which are under attack, as land grabbing of ancient Indigenous forests accelerates worldwide.**





**One of the best ways to defend tropical forests is to defend the rights of the people who live in and rely on those forests. Mandatory regulation in the U.S. is a key pathway towards achieving that goal.**



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**If we don't take sufficient action,  
the world's last tropical rainforests  
will be degraded or destroyed  
within the next 100 years.**

**Support our efforts to adopt  
mandatory regulation to halt  
deforestation across the world!**

