

Tropical rainforests are cut down at the rate of one football field every second! Deforestation happens when we destroy forests by cutting down trees.

Why does this happen? The main reasons are:

- ◆ to collect wood to make furniture
- ◆ to collect wood to burn as a fuel
- ◆ to clear land for farming
- ◆ to clear land for cities
- ◆ to clear land for mining.

Deforestation has negative effects on the environment.

Trees take carbon dioxide from the air to make food. So forests remove carbon dioxide and help to reduce global warming. Also, trees give out oxygen which humans and animals need to survive.