

Rainforests

First and Second Level

Rainforests are teeming with life and vital for the health of our planet. On this Learning Pathway, learners will explore what rainforests are, why they are important and who protects them. You can also head out to a local area and compare local trees to those found in the rainforest.

Curriculum Links

First Level

By exploring climate zones around the world, I can compare and describe how climate affects living things.

SOC 1-12b

By exploring a natural environment different from my own, I can discover how the physical features influence the variety of living things.

SOC 1-13b

Second Level

I can discuss the environmental impact of human activity and suggest ways in which we can live in a more environmentally-responsible way.

SOC 2-08a

I can analyse how lifestyles can impact on the environment and Earth's resources and can make suggestions about how to live in a more sustainable way.

TCH 2-06a

I can identify and classify examples of living things, past and present, to help me appreciate their diversity. I can relate physical and behavioural characteristics to their survival or extinction.

SCN 2-01a

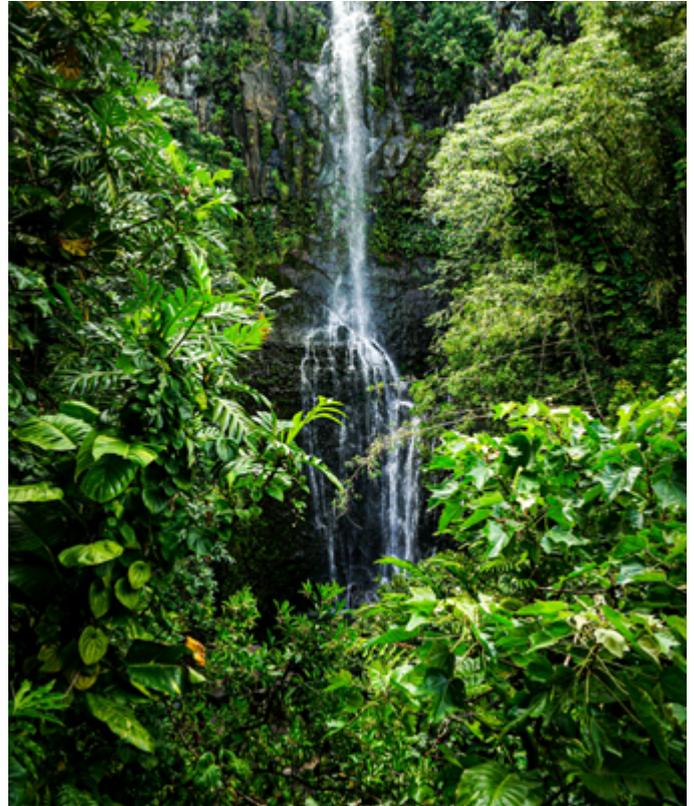


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1. What are Rainforests?

Watch our short video on rainforests to learn why they so are important.

Read our resource about the different levels of rainforests to understand their structure.

2. Explore the Rainforest

Learn what rainforests are and why palm oil threatens them.

Play palm oil bingo and 'visit' the rainforest shop to learn more about palm oil.

3. Comparing to the UK

Explore some trees in your local area and compare them to rainforest trees, which can be as tall as 8 double decker buses!

Try our food web activity for a Scottish woodland. Then get your pupils to think about or research what foodwebs we might find in the rainforest. Create a tropical foodweb to compare to a Scottish one.

4. How to Save the Rainforest

Learn about Nemonte Nenquimo who is fighting to protect the Amazon rainforest. Then take some actions to protect the planet, rainforest or even your local area!

Learn about how Fairtrade food can help to protect the rainforest and other environments and try our activity sheet to learn about Fairtrade.

Research your own rainforest conservation project and make a climate protectors poster.