

# Drivers of deforestation in the Colombia Amazon

Deforestation is threatening the Colombian Amazon. Not only biodiversity, but also Indigenous peoples and local communities are victims of deforestation. It threatens their traditional livelihoods, culture and access to natural resources. Deforestation also increases climate change.

1. Land grabbing

2. Illegal logging

3. Cattle ranching

4. Illicit crops

6. Mining and oil extraction

5. Industrial agriculture

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activities drive deforestation

All drivers are interlinked and people living in the Amazon often experience multiple threats simultaneously. Deforestation is part of an (inter)national power system pushed by the increasing global demand for commodities, and interconnected with corrupt activities and armed groups.



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