

Saving Costa Rica's Rainforest

Conservationist

A person who works to preserve forest and wildlife.

Biodiversity

A large number of wildlife and plants.

Deforestation

The process of cutting and clearing away trees.

ecotourism

Travel to natural places to observe wildlife and learn about the environment.

Slash and Burn

Forests are cleared to plant crops. Farmers slash or cut down trees. Burn fallen trees to clear the land.

Reforestation

The process of planting and restoring forests.

Biofuel

Fuel that comes from plant or animal waste.

Protecting the Amazon

Basin

Whole area drained by a river.

Ecosystem

A community of living organisms and their natural environment.

Mercury

A highly toxic element that attaches to tiny gold flakes in the mud and makes the gold easier to collect.

Tributaries

Smaller rivers and streams that flow into a larger river.

Indigenous

A native person living in an area for a long time.

Harnessing Water in Brazil	Guatemala Adapts to Change
<p data-bbox="100 212 631 285"><u>Hydroelectric Power</u> Electricity produced by moving water.</p> <p data-bbox="100 478 784 583"><u>Reservoir</u> Artificial lake created behind the dam and stores water until it is needed.</p> <p data-bbox="100 821 712 926"><u>Renewable energy</u> Energy that is able to be reused. (Example: Water)</p>	<p data-bbox="818 212 1284 285">Drought A period of dryness, without rain.</p> <p data-bbox="818 516 1442 621"><u>Deforestation</u> The process of cutting down and completely clearing trees from the land.</p> <p data-bbox="818 894 1430 1041"><u>Sustainability</u> Land management that conserves natural resources keeps them balanced. (Example: organic fertilizers instead of chemicals)</p>