

Fun Facts!

3.8 million trees are chopped down in China to make the 57 billion chopsticks used globally each year

Trees continue to grow throughout their life span. In fact, some species can live hundreds or even thousands of years

Millions of trees are accidentally planted by squirrels who bury nuts and then forget where they hid them

Trees are tasty! Ice cream and salad dressings use a part of the tree called cellulose to make them thick, smooth and creamy

Paper history: in ancient times, people wrote on animal skins, bones and clay tablets. Around 3,500 BC, the Egyptians wrote on a woven mat of reeds called papyrus, which is where the word paper comes from! Around 2,000 years ago, the Chinese discovered that they could make a thin paste of mulberry bark, hemp and rags and let it dry into a sheet in the sun. Many types of paper are now made from wood

What's the number one use for wood in the world? Firewood or wood fuel!

A single tree may have as many as 1,200 species of beetles, of which 20% are specialist feeders that are found only on that species of tree

The Amazon Rainforest has been described as the "Lungs of our Planet" because it provides the essential environmental world service of continuously recycling carbon dioxide

into oxygen. More than 20 percent of the world's oxygen is produced in the Amazon Rainforest

At least 3000 fruits are found in the Brazilian rainforests; of these only 200 are now in use in the Western World. The native tribes of the rainforest use over 2,000

At least 80% of the developed world's diet originated in the tropical rainforest. Its bountiful gifts to the world include fruits like avocados, coconuts, figs, oranges, lemons, grapefruit, bananas, guavas, pineapples, mangos and tomatoes; vegetables including corn, potatoes, rice, winter squash and yams; spices like black pepper, cayenne, chocolate, cinnamon, cloves, ginger, sugar cane, tumeric, coffee and vanilla and nuts including Brazil nuts and cashews

Deforestation contributes to climate change - overall, it accounts for one-fifth of all greenhouse gas emissions

Every two seconds, an area of forest the size of a football pitch is lost due to logging or destructive practices

A mature tree removes almost 70 times more pollution than a newly planted tree

An average-sized tree produces up to 180 kilograms of oxygen per year. That means two mature trees can supply enough oxygen annually to support a family of four!