

One tree can absorb as much carbon in a year as a car produces while driving 41,843 kilometres

Over the course its life, a single tree can absorb one ton of carbon dioxide.

An average American uses about 340kgs of paper every year, and 95% of homes are built using wood. That means each person uses the equivalent of one 30.5 metres tall, 41cm diameter tree every year for their paper and wood product needs

The world's tallest living tree, a softwood Coast Redwood, named Hyperion, is in Redwood National Park located in California. Last measured in October 2006, it was approximately 115 metres (almost 38 floors of a building) tall, or almost 8 storeys higher than the Statue of Liberty

The world's shortest tree species is the Dwarf Willow. It is rare to find one more than 6.3 centimetres tall. They have been found growing on frozen tundra in sub-Arctic environments

The oldest living tree was discovered in Sweden in 2008 and took root at the end of the last Ice Age. The visible portion of the 13-foot-tall (4-meter-tall) "Christmas tree" conifer isn't ancient, but its root system has been growing for 9,550 years!

The tree with the widest trunk in the world is an African Baobab located in Modjadjiskloof, Limpopo, South Africa. Its trunk diameter is almost 15 metres, it has a circumference of 47 metres and is 22 metres tall. Oh, one other amazing fact, it is known as

the Big Baobab Tree Pub. It is hollow inside, its trunk walls are 2 metres thick and it can comfortably seat approximately 15 people

In the year 2005, with the help of NASA satellite imagery, it was estimated that there were approximately 400 billion, 246 million trees in the world (which looks like this 400,246,000,000!) That is approximately 61 per person

What is the extent of deforestation? 120-150,000 square kilometres of forest are lost each year, the equivalent of 30 football fields per minute

The United States has only 5% of the world's population, yet it consumes 30% of all paper

Asia and Africa together account for 75 per cent of global use of fuel wood

Forests provide habitats to about two-thirds of all species on earth – World Bank report 2004

Globally, nearly 4 billion trees are cut down each year for paper use alone

The pulp and paper industry represent 10% of all global greenhouse gas emissions, and uses more water than any other industry

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