



An introduction to

TROPICAL

RAINFORESTS

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# What are rainforests?

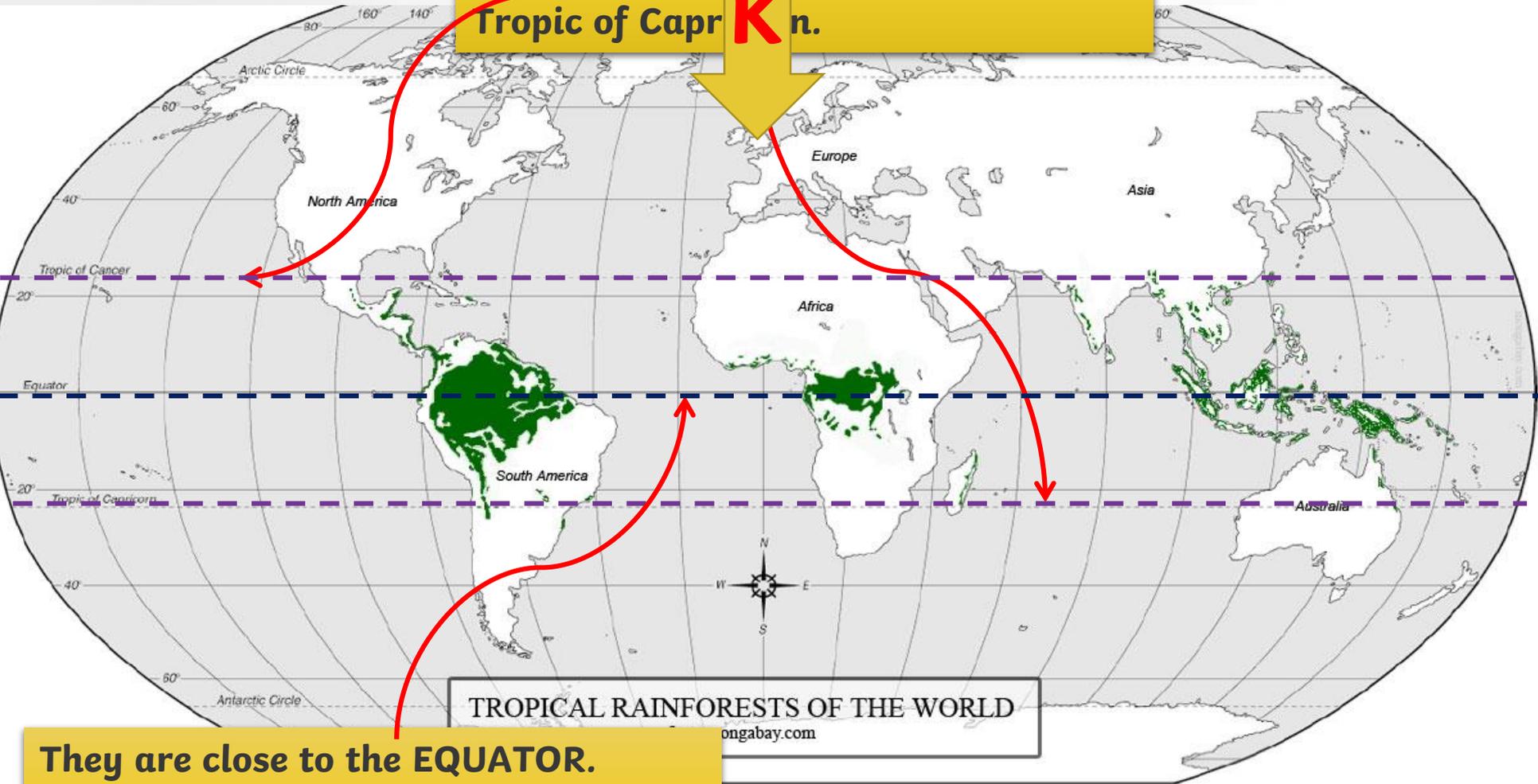
Rainforests are very dense, warm, wet forests. They are habitats for millions of plants and animals.

It is estimated that about half of all the earth's plant and animal life lives in rainforests.

Rainforests are extremely important in the ecology of the Earth. The plants of the rainforest generate much of the Earth's oxygen.

# Where are the tropical rainforests?

Tropical Rainforests are found between the Tropic of Cancer and Tropic of Capricorn.



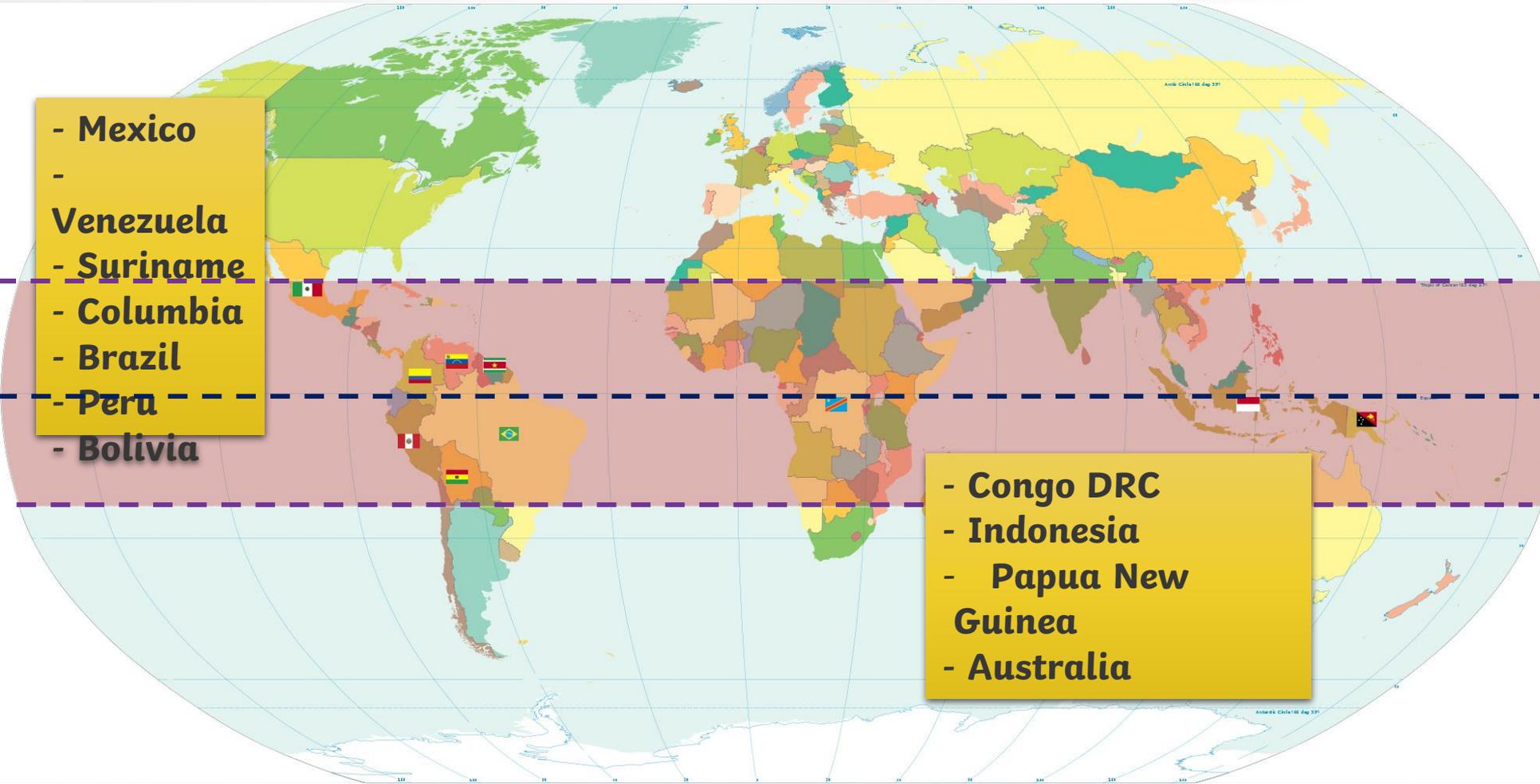
They are close to the EQUATOR.  
They are always warm, always humid...

And there is always lots of rainfall!

**These countries are the locations of  
the world's top 10 rainforests:**

- Mexico
- Venezuela
- Suriname
- Columbia
- Brazil
- Peru
- Bolivia

- Congo DRC
- Indonesia
- Papua New Guinea
- Australia



# The Daintree Rainforest



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# Where Is the Daintree Rainforest?

The Daintree Rainforest is north of Cairns, in the far north of Queensland, Australia.



# How Big is the Daintree Rainforest?

The Daintree Rainforest is home to the largest amount of plants and animals on earth. It is about 1200 square kilometres.



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# Animals Found in the Daintree Rainforest

## The Southern Cassowary

The southern cassowary eats fallen fruits, including many types which are poisonous to humans. The bottom claw on each foot is very long and sharp. The birds will strike out with these when they are defending their home, or if they are defending themselves from other animals or humans.

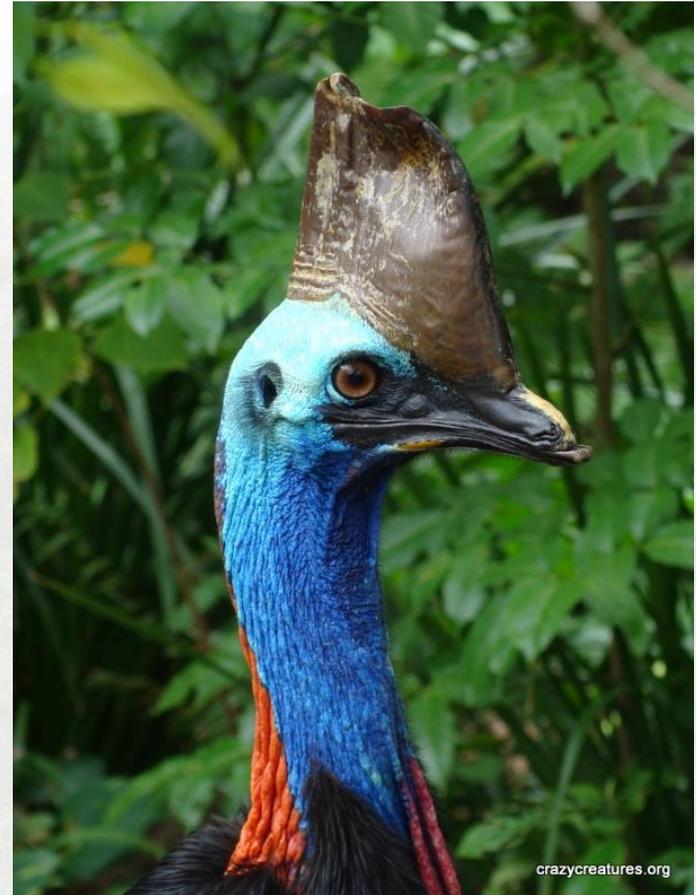


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# Animals Found in the Daintree Rainforest

## Tree Kangaroos

Tree-kangaroos have adapted to spend their lives in the trees of the Daintree Rainforest. Tree-kangaroos are not nocturnal, but are cathemeral, which means they are active for short amounts of time both in the day or at night. After too much activity they will have a nap!



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# Animals Found in the Daintree Rainforest

## Double Eyed Fig Parrot

Australia's smallest parrot eats almost entirely figs.



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# Animals Found in the Daintree Rainforest

## Boyd's Forest Dragon

They have a body temperature lower than any other rainforest lizard in this area so that they are not seen by pythons (pythons can see warm-blooded prey more easily).



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# Indigenous Australians and The Daintree Rainforest

This area is owned by the eastern Kuku Yalanji Aboriginal people.

Lots of different plants and animals provided food for the eastern Kuku Yalanji people.

The eastern Kuku Yalanji people understand the weather and its effects on plants, and this makes it easier for them to find a variety of food throughout the year. Many of the animals that live in trees were also hunted including tree-kangaroos, possums and flying foxes.



In short...

Tropical rainforests

are

INCREDIBLE!



**BUT...**





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If we are not careful,  
this is all that will be left of  
the tropical rainforests.

Every day, an area equivalent  
to about

# 32,000

football pitches

is cut down, burnt and  
destroyed.

And all the amazing plants,  
animals and insects that live in  
them die too.

Read or watch 'Where the forest meets the sea' by Jeannie Baker

What does it tell you about the Daintree Rainforest?

What issue does the rainforest face?



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oHbWEA50yo>

Look at the art work in the book.

How do you think it has been made?

What has Jeannie Baker use to make the pictures?



Your task!

Make your own rainforest collage using a mixture of natural materials and your own drawings.

