

# Deforestation - Glossary

**absorb** verb

to take in a gas, liquid, or other substance  
*The timber expands as it absorbs moisture.*

**atmosphere** noun

the air round the Earth or round another planet  
*Saturn's moon, Titan, has an atmosphere mainly made of nitrogen.*

**attention** noun

interest, especially interest that the public has in a person, event, situation etc  
*He disliked the attention his acting brought him.*

**case** noun [count]

an example or instance of something

**cause** verb [transitive]

to make something happen, usually something bad  
*The fire was caused by an electrical fault.*

**clear** verb

to remove people or things from a place where they are not wanted  
*Millions of acres of tropical forest have been cleared.*

**contribution** noun [count]

something that you do that helps to achieve something  
*her major contribution to the peace process*

**discuss** verb [transitive]

to talk about something with someone  
*We're meeting to discuss the matter next week.*

**doubt** verb [transitive]

to think that something is probably not true or that it probably does not exist  
*No one doubts the need for improvement.*

**due to** preposition

because of something  
*He almost died due to lack of oxygen.*

**environmentalist** noun [count]

someone who wants to protect the environment

**erosion** noun [uncount]

the process by which the surface of land or rock is gradually damaged by water, wind etc and begins to disappear  
*soil/coastal/glacial erosion*

**estimate** verb [transitive]

to say what you think an amount or value will be, either by guessing or by using available information to calculate it  
*It's difficult to estimate the cost of making your house safe.*

**fuel** noun

a substance such as oil, gas, coal, or wood that produces heat or power when it is burned.  
*Drivers are being encouraged to save fuel.*

**link** noun [count]

a connection between two or more people, places, facts, or events  
*They are studying the links between carbon emissions and climate change.*

**media** noun

radio, television, newspapers, the Internet, and magazines, considered as a group  
*The event was given wide media coverage.*

**point out** phrasal verb

to tell someone something  
*Thank you for pointing that out.*

**profit** noun

money that you make by selling something or from your business, especially the money that remains after you have paid all your business costs.

**raise** verb

to keep a particular type of animal or grow a particular crop  
*She's been raising sheep for over 40 years.*

**soybean** noun

the seed of a plant, used for making food and oil

**species** noun [count]

a plant or animal group whose members all have similar general features and are able to produce young plants or animals together  
a rare tropical species

**summit** noun

a meeting or series of meetings between leaders of two or more countries  
*a summit of EU leaders*