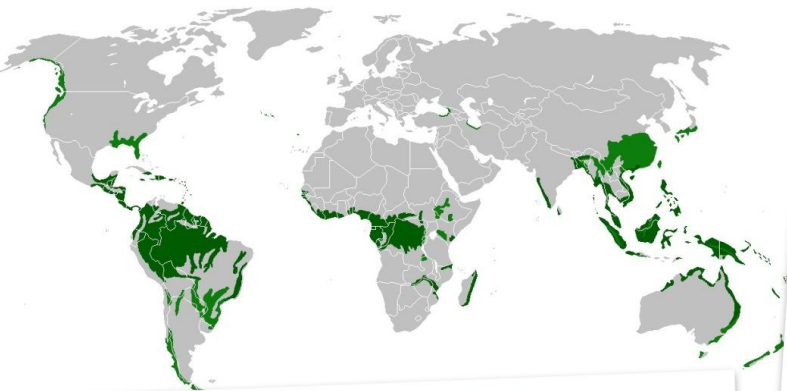


Where are the rainforests?



#### Quick facts about South America

Total Population: 428 million people.

Largest city: Sao Paulo (Brazil)

Life expectancy: 72 (male) 79 (female)

Highest Mountain: Aconcagua (6962m above sea level)

Land area: 17,840,000 km<sup>2</sup> (6,890,000 miles<sup>2</sup>)

Largest Lake: Lake Titicaca.

Longest River: Amazon River

#### What are the differences between North and South America?

North and South America are two continents located in the Western Hemisphere. However North America is north of the equator and South America, south of it. North America is larger than South America and has a larger population. North America has 23 countries in it whilst South America has 12. The main languages of North America are: English, Spanish and French. In South America they are: Portuguese and Spanish.

Deforestation is the action of clearing a wide area of trees, and it is a serious problem in the Amazon Rainforest. It can have a detrimental effect on the environment.



## THE AMAZON AND SOUTH AMERICA



The Amazon Rainforest is also home to many indigenous (native) tribes who survive on the abundance of natural resources available.

There are two types of rainforests: **Tropical** and **Temperate**. Tropical rainforests are generally warmer than temperate ones. The Amazon is a temperate rainforest.

The Amazon is one of Earth's last refuges for jaguars, harpy eagles, and pink river dolphins, and it is home to sloths, black spider monkeys, and poison dart frogs. It contains one in 10 known species on Earth, 40,000 plant species, 3,000 freshwater fish species, and more than 370 types of reptiles.

The **Poison dart frog** is one of the species in the Amazon.

