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Josep Borrell: EU's High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy

speech at the European Diplomatic Academy

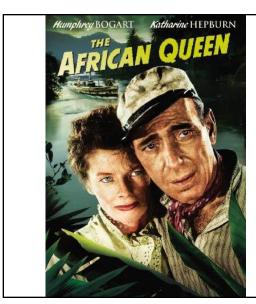


"Europe is a garden. We have built a garden. Everything works. It is the best combination of political freedom, economic prosperity and social cohesion that the humankind has been able to build the three things together...

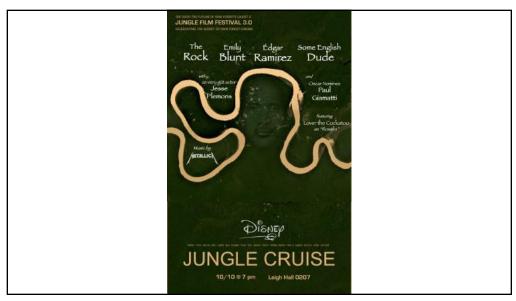
The rest of the world...is not exactly a garden. Most of the rest of the world is a jungle, and the jungle could invade the garden. The gardeners should take care of it, but they will not protect the garden by building walls. A nice small garden surrounded by high walls in order to prevent the jungle from coming in is not going to be a solution. Because the jungle has a strong growth capacity, and the wall will never be high enough in order to protect the garden.

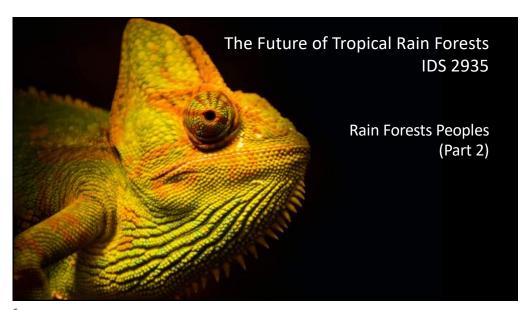
The gardeners have to go to the jungle. Europeans have to be much more engaged with the rest of the world. Otherwise, the rest of the world will invade us, by different ways and means".

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Indigenous people dependent on tropical forests

Africa

The Aka (Central African Republic and northern Congo), Baka or BaAka (southern Cameroon), and Twa (central Congo river basin). *Approx 130,000-170,000, low pop. density*

Asia

Mostly in remote parts of Malay peninsula, Borneo, the Andaman islands, the Philippines (Palawan island), and New Guinea.

Americas

An estimated 7-10 million Amerindians (the term for American Indigenous peoples) lived in American rainforests



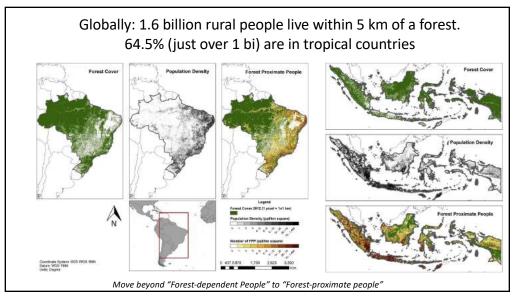
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Important:

not all forest-dependent peoples are necessarily indigenous peoples



The degree to which forests support human livelihoods and the degree to which humans affect forests depends in part on how close people are to forests.

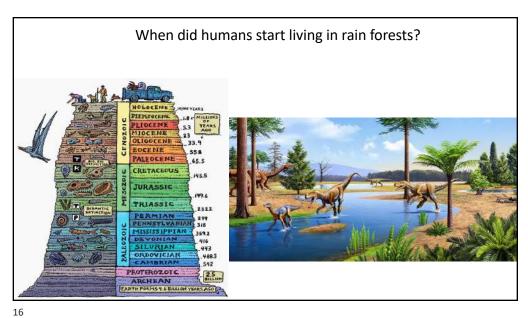




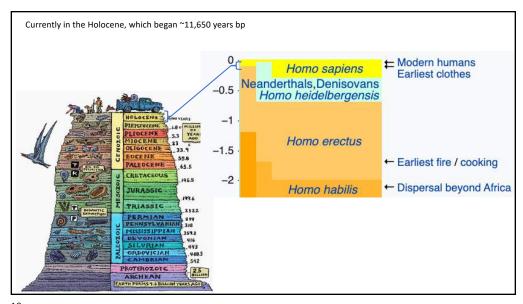




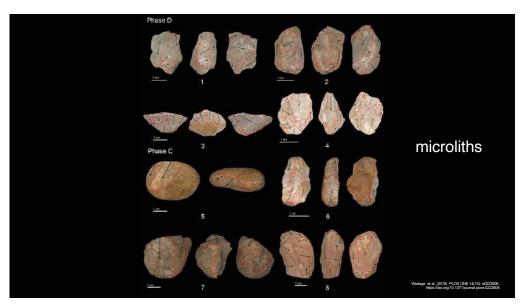








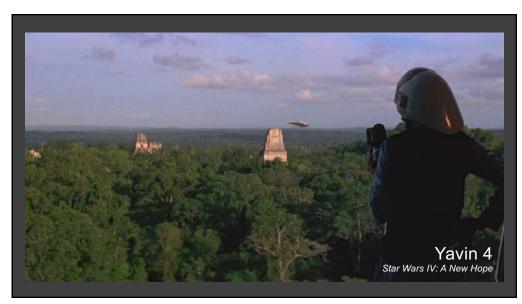








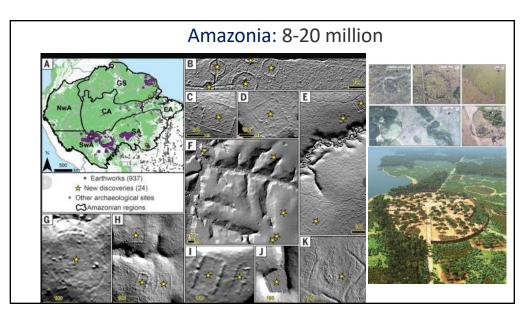


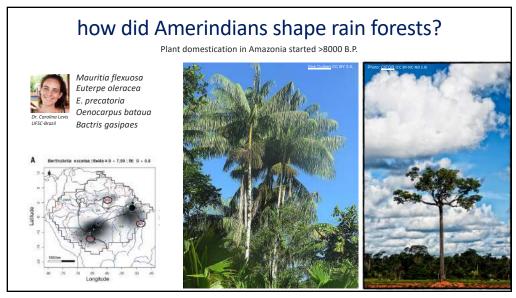


Americas: 60 million people

Europe: 70-88 million

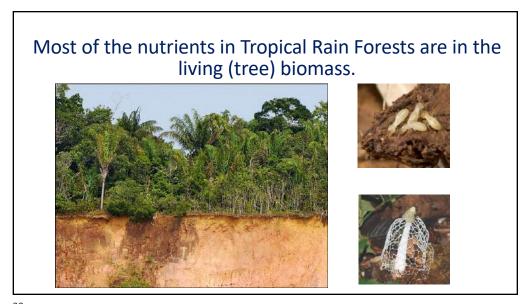
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If severe enough, these ecosystems can take centuries to return to their previous state.

"The Paradox of Luxuriance"

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Amazonian Dark Earths (Terra Preta do Indio)



Fig. 1 Typical profiles of 'Terra Prota' (a) and Oxisal (b) sites teau 150-200 m above the Amazon, which is covered by

Glaser et al. 2001

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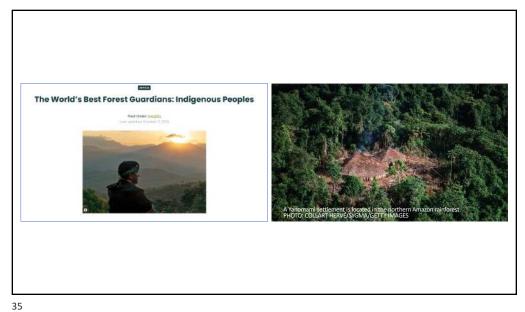
of the indigenous population was dead by the early 1600s

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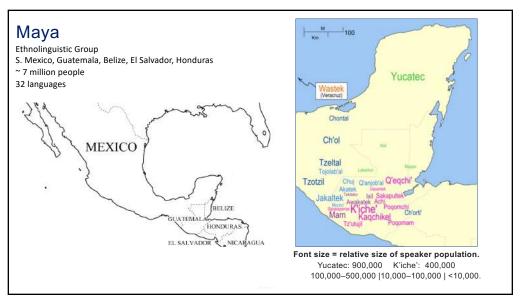
disease (smallpox, influenza, malaria) slavery

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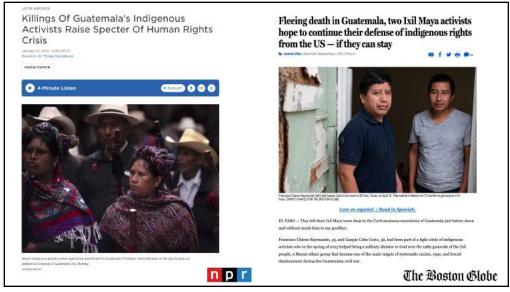














"55-year-old Candelaria Pec (center, in blue) stands with other women near a communal garden. In addition to growing food for their families, the women use ingredients from their farms and garden to make and market organic shampoo. The women now produce shampoo in bigger batches and in different varieties -- such as aloe, cacao, avocado and honey -and sell them in local markets.

"I joined this group because I saw the need in my household," says Candelaria Pec. "With the assistance of the project, we have started growing crops, improved our living conditions."

Break

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