Report for ForestQuery into Global Deforestation, 1990 to 2016

ForestQuery is on a mission to combat deforestation around the world and to raise awareness about this topic and its impact on the environment. The data analysis team at ForestQuery has obtained data from the World Bank that includes forest area and total land area by country and year from 1990 to 2016, as well as a table of countries and the regions to which they belong.

The data analysis team has used SQL to bring these tables together and to query them in an effort to find areas of concern as well as areas that present an opportunity to learn from successes.

1. GLOBAL SITUATION

According to the World Bank, the total forest area of the world was <u>41282694.9 km^2</u> in 1990. As of 2016, the most recent year for which data was available, that number had fallen to 39958245.9 km^2, a loss of 1324449 km^2, or 3.2%.

The forest area lost over this time period is slightly more than the entire land area of <u>Peru</u> listed for the year 2016 (which is 1279999.9 km²).

2. **REGIONAL OUTLOOK**

In 2016, the percent of the total land area of the world designated as forest was <u>31.38%</u>. The region with the highest relative forestation was <u>East Asia & Pacific</u>, with <u>50.09</u>%, and the region with the lowest relative forestation was <u>Middle East & North Africa</u>, with <u>3.19</u>% forestation.

In 1990, the percent of the total land area of the world designated as forest was <u>32.42%</u>. The region with the highest relative forestation was <u>East Asia & Pacific</u>, with <u>47.38</u>%, and the region with the lowest relative forestation was <u>Middle East & North Africa</u>, with <u>2.69</u>% forestation.

Region	1990 Forest Percentage	2016 Forest Percentage
East Asia & Pacific	47.38	50.09
Europe & Central Asia	26.33	28.31
Latin America & Caribbean	43.34	41.64
Middle East & North Africa	2.69	3.19
North America	29.95	30.20
South Asia	20.68	21.56
Sub-Saharan Africa	35.26	31.28
World	32.42	31.38

The only regions of the world that decreased in percent forest area from 1990 to 2016 were <u>Sub-Saharan Africa</u> (dropped from <u>35.26%</u> to <u>31.28%</u>) and <u>Latin America & Caribbean</u> (<u>43.34%</u> to <u>41.64%</u>). All other regions actually increased in forest area over this time period. However, the drop in forest area in the two aforementioned regions was so large, the percent forest area of the world decreased over this time period from 32.42% to 31.38%.

3. COUNTRY-LEVEL DETAIL

A. SUCCESS STORIES

There is one particularly bright spot in the data at the country level, <u>China</u>. This country actually increased in forest area from 1990 to 2016 by 527229.06 km². It would be interesting to study what has changed in this country over this time to drive this figure in the data higher. The country with the next largest increase in forest area from 1990 to 2016 was the <u>United States</u>, but it only saw an increase of 79200 km², much lower than the figure for China.

<u>China</u> and <u>the United States</u> are of course very large countries in total land area, so when we look at the largest *percent* change in forest area from 1990 to 2016, we aren't surprised to find a much smaller country listed at the top. <u>Iceland</u> increased in forest area by 0.68% from 1990 to 2016.

B. LARGEST CONCERNS

Which countries are seeing deforestation to the largest degree? We can answer this question in two ways. First, we can look at the absolute square kilometer decrease in forest area from 1990

to 2016. The following 3 countries had the largest decrease in forest area over the time period under consideration:

Table 3.1: Top 5 Amount Decrease in Forest Area by Country, 1990 & 2016:

Country	Region	Absolute Forest Area Change
Brazil	Latin America & Caribbean	541510
Indonesia	East Asia & Pacific	282193
Myanmar	East Asia & Pacific	107234
Nigeria	Sub-Saharan Africa	106506
Tanzania	Sub-Saharan Africa	102320

The second way to consider which countries are of concern is to analyze the data by percent decrease.

Table 3.2: Top 5 Percent Decrease in Forest Area by Country, 1990 & 2016:

Country	Region	Pct Forest Area Change
Togo	Sub-Saharan Africa	75.45
Nigeria	Sub-Saharan Africa	61.80
Uganda	Sub-Saharan Africa	59.13
Mauritania	Sub-Saharan Africa	46.75
Honduras	Latin America & Caribbean	45.03

When we consider countries that decreased in forest area the most between 1990 and 2016, we find that 4 of the top 5 countries on the list are in the region of Sub-Saharan Africa. The countries are Togo, Nigeria, Uganda and Maurtania. The 5th country on the list is Honduras, which is in the Latin America & Caribbean region.

From the above analysis, we see that <u>Nigeria</u> is the only country that ranks in the top 6 both in terms of absolute square kilometer decrease in forest as well as percent decrease in forest area from 1990 to 2016. Therefore, this country has a significant opportunity ahead to stop the decline and hopefully spearhead remedial efforts.

C. QUARTILES

Table 3.3: Count of Countries Grouped by Forestation Percent Quartiles, 2016:

Quartile	Number of Countries
1	85
2	72
3	38
4	9

The largest number of countries in 2016 were found in the <u>first</u> quartile.

There were $\underline{9}$ countries in the top quartile in 2016. These are countries with a very high percentage of their land area designated as forest. The following is a list of countries and their respective forest land, denoted as a percentage.

Table 3.4: Top Quartile Countries, 2016:

Country	Region	Pct Designated as Forest
Suriname	Latin America & Caribbean	98.26
Micronesia, Fed. Sts.	East Asia & Pacific	91.86
Gabon	Sub-Saharan Africa	90.04
Seychelles	Sub-Saharan Africa	88.41
Palau	East Asia & Pacific	87.61
American Samoa	East Asia & Pacific	87.50
Guyana	Latin America & Caribbean	83.90
Lao PDR	East Asia & Pacific	82.11
Solomon Islands	East Asia & Pacific	77.86

4. RECOMMENDATIONS

The world bank data was clean and detailed which aided in the presentation of the following report. It has taught us which countries are succeeding and which are not. China is an example of a country fighting deforestation with an incredible amount of forest area added between 1990 and 2016. More high income countries should follow China's lead.

Countries should be grouped together to focus our analysis. There are small island countries which will have a disproportionate percent increase/decrease in area designated as forest because they have small land area. Furthermore, large countries with high income should be focused on because they have the means to decrease their deforestation. By grouping countries together we can determine how to best tackle deforestation in each group.

5. Appendix: SQL queries used

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# Creating View
####
CREATE VIEW forestation AS (
SELECT I.country code,
   I.country name,
   Lyear,
   I.total area sq mi * 2.59 AS total area sqkm,
   f.forest area sqkm AS forest area sqkm,
   r.region AS region,
   (f.forest area sqkm/(l.total area sq mi * 2.59))*100 AS percent forested,
   forest area sqkm - LAG(forest area sqkm) OVER(PARTITION BY I.country name
ORDER BY I.year) AS forest area lost,
   ((LAG(forest area sqkm) OVER(PARTITION BY I.country name ORDER BY I.year) -
(forest area sqkm))/LAG(forest area sqkm) OVER(PARTITION BY I.country name ORDER
BY I.year))*100 percent forest lost
FROM land area I
JOIN forest area f
ON I.country code = f.country code AND I.year = f.year
JOIN regions r
ON I.country code = r.country code
WHERE I.year = '1990' OR I.year = '2016'
ORDER BY 2, 3)
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####
# Part 1
####
a. What was the total forest area (in sq km) of the world in 1990?
Please keep in mind that you can use the country record denoted as
"World" in the region table.
SELECT r.region, f.year, f.forest area sqkm
FROM regions r
JOIN forest area f
ON r.country code = f.country code
WHERE r.region = 'World' AND f.year = '1990'
b. What was the total forest area (in sq km) of the world in 2016? Please keep
in mind that you can use the country record in the table is denoted as "World."
SELECT r.region, f.year, f.forest area sqkm
FROM regions r
JOIN forest area f
ON r.country code = f.country code
WHERE r.region = 'World' AND f.year = '2016'
*****
c. What was the change (in sq km) in the forest area of the world from 1990 to 2016?
WITH table 1 AS (SELECT r.region, f.year, f.forest area sqkm area 1990
        FROM regions r
        JOIN forest area f
        ON r.country code = f.country code
        WHERE r.region = 'World' AND f.year = '1990'),
      table2 AS (SELECT r.region, f.year, f.forest area sqkm area 2016
        FROM regions r
        JOIN forest area f
        ON r.country_code = f.country_code
        WHERE r.region = 'World' AND f.year = '2016')
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SELECT (table1.area 1990 - table2.area 2016) AS forest loss 1990 to 2016
FROM table1
JOIN table2
ON table1.region = table2.region
d. What was the percent change in forest area of the world between 1990 and 2016?
WITH table1 AS (SELECT r.region, f.year, f.forest area sqkm area 1990
         FROM regions r
         JOIN forest area f
         ON r.country code = f.country code
         WHERE r.region = 'World' AND f.year = '1990'),
       table2 AS (SELECT r.region, f.year, f.forest area sqkm area 2016
         FROM regions r
         JOIN forest_area f
         ON r.country code = f.country code
         WHERE r.region = 'World' AND f.year = '2016')
SELECT (100-((table2.area 2016 / table1.area_1990)*100)) AS forest_loss_1990_to_2016
FROM table1
JOIN table2
ON table1.region = table2.region
*****
e. If you compare the amount of forest area lost between 1990 and 2016,
to which country's total area in 2016 is it closest to?
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# tried this method and it didnt work
WITH table1 AS (SELECT r.country code, r.region, f.year, f.forest area sqkm area 1990
         FROM regions r
         JOIN forest area f
         ON r.country code = f.country code
         WHERE r.region = 'World' AND f.year = '1990'),
       table 2 AS (SELECT r.country code, r.region, f.year, f.forest area sqkm area 2016
         FROM regions r
         JOIN forest area f
         ON r.country code = f.country code
         WHERE r.region = 'World' AND f.year = '2016')
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SELECT DISTINCT I.country name, I.total area sq mi*2.59 total area sqkm,
(table1.area 1990 - table2.area 2016) AS forest loss 1990 to 2016
FROM land area l
JOIN table1
ON I.country code = table1.country code
JOIN table2
ON I.country code = table2.country code
WHERE I.total area sq mi*2.59 >= table1.area 1990 - table2.area 2016
ORDER BY 2
# less than mongolia
SELECT DISTINCT I.country name, I.total area sg mi*2.59 total area sgkm
FROM land area I
WHERE I.total area sq mi*2.59 >= 1300000
ORDER BY 2
# greater than peru
SELECT DISTINCT I.country name, I.total area sg mi*2.59 total area sgkm
FROM land area I
WHERE I.total area sq mi*2.59 <= 1300000
ORDER BY 2 DESC
####
# Part 2
####
a. What was the percent forest of the entire world in 2016? Which region had
the HIGHEST percent forest in 2016, and which had the LOWEST, to 2 decimal places?
# percent forestation of the world in 2016
WITH table 1 AS (SELECT I.country code,
           I.country name,
           I.vear.
           I.total area sq mi * 2.56 AS total area sqkm,
           f.forest area sqkm forest area sqkm,
           r.region region,
           (f.forest area sqkm/(l.total area sq mi * 2.56))*100 AS percent forested,
           forest area sgkm - LAG(forest area sgkm) OVER(PARTITION BY
I.country name ORDER BY I.year) AS forest area lost
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FROM land area I
         JOIN forest area f
         ON I.country code = f.country code AND I.year = f.year
         JOIN regions r
         ON I.country code = r.country code
         WHERE I.year = '1990' OR I.year = '2016'
         ORDER BY 2, 3)
SELECT percent forested
FROM table1
WHERE year = '2016' AND country name = 'World'
# highest forested region
WITH table1 AS (SELECT I.country code,
             I.country name,
             Lyear,
             I.total area sq mi * 2.59 AS total area sqkm,
             f.forest_area_sqkm forest_area_sqkm,
             r.region region,
             (f.forest area sqkm/(l.total area sq mi * 2.59))*100 AS percent forested,
             forest area sqkm - LAG(forest area sqkm) OVER(PARTITION BY
I.country name ORDER BY I.year) AS forest area lost
         FROM land area I
         JOIN forest area f
         ON I.country code = f.country code AND I.year = f.year
         JOIN regions r
         ON I.country code = r.country code
         WHERE I.year = '1990' OR I.year = '2016'
         ORDER BY 2, 3)
SELECT region, percent forested
FROM table1
WHERE percent forested = (WITH table 1 AS (SELECT I.country code,
                             I.country name,
                              Lyear,
                             I.total area sq mi * 2.59 AS total area sqkm,
                             f.forest area sgkm forest area sgkm,
                              r.region region,
                              (f.forest area sqkm/(l.total area sq mi * 2.59))*100 AS
percent forested,
                             forest area sqkm - LAG(forest area sqkm) OVER(PARTITION
BY I.country name ORDER BY I.year) AS forest area lost
                         FROM land area I
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ON I.country code = f.country code AND I.year = f.year
                          JOIN regions r
                          ON I.country code = r.country code
                          WHERE I.year = '1990' OR I.year = '2016'
                          ORDER BY 2, 3)
                SELECT MAX(percent forested)
                FROM table1
                WHERE year = '2016')
# least forested region
WITH table 1 AS (SELECT I.country code,
             I.country name,
             l.year,
             I.total area sq mi * 2.59 AS total area sqkm,
             f.forest area sqkm forest area sqkm,
             r.region region,
             (f.forest area sqkm/(l.total area sq mi * 2.59))*100 AS percent forested,
             forest area sqkm - LAG(forest area sqkm) OVER(PARTITION BY
I.country name ORDER BY I.year) AS forest area lost
         FROM land_area I
         JOIN forest area f
         ON I.country code = f.country code AND I.year = f.year
         JOIN regions r
         ON I.country code = r.country code
         WHERE I.year = '1990' OR I.year = '2016'
         ORDER BY 2, 3)
SELECT region, percent forested
FROM table1
WHERE percent forested = (WITH table1 AS (SELECT I.country code,
                             I.country name,
                             Lyear,
                             I.total area sq mi * 2.59 AS total area sqkm,
                             f.forest_area_sqkm forest_area_sqkm,
                              r.region region,
                              (f.forest_area_sqkm/(l.total_area_sq_mi * 2.59))*100 AS
percent forested,
                             forest area sqkm - LAG(forest area sqkm) OVER(PARTITION
BY I.country name ORDER BY I.year) AS forest area lost
                          FROM land area I
                          JOIN forest area f
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JOIN forest area f

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JOIN regions r
                          ON I.country code = r.country code
                          WHERE I.year = '1990' OR I.year = '2016'
                          ORDER BY 2, 3)
                SELECT MIN(percent forested)
                FROM table1
                WHERE year = '2016')
b. What was the percent forest of the entire world in 1990? Which region had the
HIGHEST percent forest in 1990, and which had the LOWEST, to 2 decimal places?
# percent forestation of the world in 1990
WITH table 1 AS (SELECT I.country code,
             I.country_name,
             Lyear,
             I.total_area_sq_mi * 2.56 AS total area sqkm,
             f.forest area sqkm forest area sqkm,
             r.region region,
             (f.forest area sqkm/(l.total area sq mi * 2.56))*100 AS percent forested,
             forest area sqkm - LAG(forest area sqkm) OVER(PARTITION BY
I.country name ORDER BY I.year) AS forest area lost
         FROM land area I
         JOIN forest area f
         ON I.country code = f.country code AND I.year = f.year
         JOIN regions r
         ON I.country code = r.country code
         WHERE I.year = '1990' OR I.year = '2016'
         ORDER BY 2, 3)
SELECT percent forested
FROM table1
WHERE year = '1990' AND country name = 'World'
# regional percent forested
WITH table 1 AS (SELECT I.country code,
             I.country_name,
             l.year,
             I.total area sq mi * 2.59 AS total area sqkm,
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ON I.country code = f.country code AND I.year = f.year

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f.forest area sqkm forest area sqkm,
             r.region region,
             (f.forest_area_sqkm/(l.total_area_sq_mi * 2.59))*100 AS percent forested,
             forest area sqkm - LAG(forest area sqkm) OVER(PARTITION BY
I.country name ORDER BY I.year) AS forest area lost
         FROM land area I
         JOIN forest area f
         ON I.country code = f.country code AND I.year = f.year
         JOIN regions r
         ON I.country code = r.country code
         WHERE I.year = '1990' OR I.year = '2016'
         ORDER BY 2, 3)
SELECT region, year, AVG(percent forested) region percent forested
FROM table1
GROUP BY 1, 2
ORDER BY 2, 1
c. Based on the table you created, which regions of the world DECREASED in
forest area from 1990 to 2016?
# regional percent forest per year
WITH table 1 AS (SELECT I.country code,
             I.country name,
             Lyear,
             I.total area sq mi * 2.59 AS total area sqkm,
             f.forest area sqkm forest area sqkm,
             r.region region,
             (f.forest area sqkm/(l.total area sq mi * 2.59))*100 AS percent forested,
             forest area sqkm - LAG(forest area sqkm) OVER(PARTITION BY
I.country name ORDER BY I.year) AS forest area lost
         FROM land area I
         JOIN forest area f
         ON I.country code = f.country code AND I.year = f.year
         JOIN regions r
         ON I.country code = r.country code
         WHERE I.year = '1990' OR I.year = '2016'
         ORDER BY 2, 3)
SELECT region, year, AVG(percent forested) region percent forested
FROM table1
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GROUP BY 1, 2
ORDER BY 2, 1
# regional forest area lost
WITH table 1 AS (SELECT I.country code,
             I.country_name,
             l.year,
             I.total_area_sq_mi * 2.59 AS total_area_sqkm,
             f.forest area sqkm forest area sqkm,
             r.region region,
             (f.forest area sgkm/(l.total area sg mi * 2.59))*100 AS percent forested,
             forest area sgkm - LAG(forest area sgkm) OVER(PARTITION BY
I.country name ORDER BY I.year) AS forest area lost
         FROM land area I
         JOIN forest area f
         ON I.country code = f.country code AND I.year = f.year
         JOIN regions r
         ON I.country_code = r.country_code
         WHERE I.year = '1990' OR I.year = '2016'
         ORDER BY 2, 3)
SELECT region, SUM(forest area lost)
FROM table1
GROUP BY 1
ORDER BY 1
# regional forest lost in 1990 and 2016 for sub saharan africa
WITH table 1 AS (SELECT I.country code,
             I.country name,
             l.year.
             I.total area sq mi * 2.59 AS total area sqkm,
             f.forest area sqkm forest area sqkm,
             r.region region,
             (f.forest area sqkm/(l.total area sq mi * 2.59))*100 AS percent forested,
             forest area sqkm - LAG(forest area sqkm) OVER(PARTITION BY
I.country name ORDER BY I.year) AS forest area lost
         FROM land area I
         JOIN forest area f
         ON I.country code = f.country code AND I.year = f.year
         JOIN regions r
         ON I.country code = r.country code
         WHERE I.year = '1990' OR I.year = '2016'
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ORDER BY 2, 3)
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SELECT region, year, AVG(percent forested) region percent forested
FROM table1
WHERE region = 'Sub-Saharan Africa'
GROUP BY 1,2
ORDER BY 1
# regional forest lost in 1990 and 2016 for latin america and carribbean
WITH table1 AS (SELECT I.country_code,
           I.country name,
           Lyear,
           I.total area sq mi * 2.59 AS total area sqkm,
           f.forest area sqkm forest area sqkm,
           r.region region,
           (f.forest area sqkm/(l.total area sq mi * 2.59))*100 AS percent forested,
           forest area sgkm - LAG(forest area sgkm) OVER(PARTITION BY
l.country_name ORDER BY I.year) AS forest_area_lost
        FROM land area I
        JOIN forest area f
        ON I.country code = f.country code AND I.year = f.year
        JOIN regions r
        ON I.country code = r.country code
        WHERE I.year = '1990' OR I.year = '2016'
        ORDER BY 2, 3)
SELECT region, year, AVG(percent forested) region percent forested
FROM table1
WHERE region = 'Latin America & Caribbean'
GROUP BY 1,2
ORDER BY 1
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# Part 3
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a. Which 5 countries saw the largest amount decrease in forest area from 1990
to 2016? What was the difference in forest area for each?
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WITH table 1 AS (SELECT I.country code,
             I.country name,
             I.year,
             I.total area sq mi * 2.56 AS total area sqkm,
             f.forest area sqkm forest area sqkm,
             r.region region,
             (f.forest_area_sqkm/(l.total_area_sq_mi * 2.56))*100 AS percent_forested,
             forest area sqkm - LAG(forest area sqkm) OVER(PARTITION BY
I.country_name ORDER BY I.year) AS forest area lost
         FROM land area I
         JOIN forest area f
         ON I.country code = f.country code AND I.year = f.year
         JOIN regions r
         ON I.country code = r.country code
         WHERE I.year = '1990' OR I.year = '2016'
         ORDER BY 2, 3)
SELECT country_name, region, SUM(forest area lost)
FROM table1
WHERE country name != 'World'
GROUP BY 1, 2
ORDER BY 3 ASC
LIMIT 5
b. Which 5 countries saw the largest percent decrease in forest area from 1990
to 2016? What was the percent change to 2 decimal places for each?
# top 5 countries with largest percent decrease in forest from 1990 to 2016
WITH table 1 AS (SELECT I.country code,
             I.country name,
             Lyear,
             I.total_area_sq_mi * 2.59 AS total_area_sqkm,
             f.forest area sgkm AS forest area sgkm,
             r.region AS region,
             (f.forest area sqkm/(l.total area sq mi * 2.59))*100 AS percent forested,
             forest area sgkm - LAG(forest area sgkm) OVER(PARTITION BY
l.country_name ORDER BY I.year) AS forest_area_lost,
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((LAG(forest area sqkm) OVER(PARTITION BY I.country name ORDER BY
I.year) - (forest area sqkm))/LAG(forest area sqkm) OVER(PARTITION BY I.country name
ORDER BY I.year))*100 percent forest lost
         FROM land area I
         JOIN forest area f
         ON I.country code = f.country code AND I.year = f.year
         JOIN regions r
         ON I.country code = r.country code
         WHERE I.year = '1990' OR I.year = '2016'
         ORDER BY 2, 3)
SELECT country name, region, percent forest lost, percent forest lost2
FROM table1
WHERE country name != 'World'
ORDER BY 3
LIMIT 5
c. If countries were grouped by percent forestation in quartiles, which group
had the most countries in it in 2016?
WITH table 1 AS (SELECT I.country code,
             I.country name,
             I.year,
             I.total area sq mi * 2.59 AS total area sqkm,
             f.forest area sqkm AS forest area sqkm,
             r.region AS region,
             (f.forest area sqkm/(l.total area sq mi * 2.59))*100 AS percent forested,
             forest area sgkm - LAG(forest area sgkm) OVER(PARTITION BY
I.country name ORDER BY I.year) AS forest area lost,
             ((LAG(forest area sqkm) OVER(PARTITION BY I.country name ORDER BY
I.year) - (forest area sqkm))/LAG(forest area sqkm) OVER(PARTITION BY I.country name
ORDER BY I.year))*100 percent forest lost
         FROM land area I
         JOIN forest area f
         ON I.country code = f.country code AND I.year = f.year
         JOIN regions r
         ON I.country code = r.country code
         WHERE I.year = '1990' OR I.year = '2016'
         ORDER BY 2, 3)
SELECT COUNT(*), CASE WHEN percent forested >= 0 AND percent forested <=25 THEN 1
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WHEN percent forested > 25 AND percent forested <=50 THEN 2

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WHEN percent forested > 75 AND percent forested <=100 THEN 4
            ELSE NULL END AS quartile
FROM table1
WHERE country name != 'World' AND year = 2016
GROUP BY 2
d. List all of the countries that were in the 4th quartile
(percent forest > 75\%) in 2016.
SELECT country name, region, percent forested
FROM(
WITH table 1 AS (SELECT I.country code,
             I.country name,
             l.year,
             I.total_area_sq_mi * 2.59 AS total_area_sqkm,
             f.forest area sqkm AS forest area sqkm,
             r.region AS region,
             (f.forest_area_sqkm/(l.total_area_sq_mi * 2.59))*100 AS percent_forested,
             forest_area_sqkm - LAG(forest_area_sqkm) OVER(PARTITION BY
I.country name ORDER BY I.year) AS forest area lost,
             ((LAG(forest area sqkm) OVER(PARTITION BY I.country name ORDER BY
I.year) - (forest area sqkm))/LAG(forest area sqkm) OVER(PARTITION BY I.country name
ORDER BY I.year))*100 percent forest lost
         FROM land area I
         JOIN forest area f
         ON I.country code = f.country code AND I.year = f.year
         JOIN regions r
         ON I.country code = r.country code
         WHERE I.year = '1990' OR I.year = '2016'
         ORDER BY 2, 3)
SELECT country name, region, percent forested, CASE WHEN percent forested <= 25 THEN
1
            WHEN percent forested > 25 AND percent forested <=50 THEN 2
            WHEN percent forested > 50 AND percent forested <=75 THEN 3
            WHEN percent forested > 75 AND percent forested <=100 THEN 4
            ELSE NULL END AS quartile
FROM table1
WHERE country name != 'World' AND year = 2016)t1
WHERE quartile = 4
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WHEN percent forested > 50 AND percent forested <=75 THEN 3

ORDER BY 3 DESC

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e. How many countries had a percent forestation higher than the
United States in 2016?
# number of countries with percent forestation higher than the US
WITH table 1 AS (SELECT I.country code,
             I.country_name,
             Lyear,
             I.total_area_sq_mi * 2.56 AS total area sqkm,
             f.forest area sqkm AS forest area sqkm,
             r.region AS region,
             (f.forest area sqkm/(l.total area sq mi * 2.56))*100 AS percent forested,
             forest area sqkm - LAG(forest area sqkm) OVER(PARTITION BY
I.country name ORDER BY I.year) AS forest area lost,
             ((LAG(forest_area_sqkm) OVER(PARTITION BY I.country_name ORDER BY
I.year) - (forest area sqkm))/LAG(forest area sqkm) OVER(PARTITION BY I.country name
ORDER BY I.year))*100 percent forest lost
         FROM land area I
         JOIN forest area f
         ON I.country code = f.country code AND I.year = f.year
         JOIN regions r
         ON I.country code = r.country code
         WHERE I.year = '1990' OR I.year = '2016'
         ORDER BY 2, 3)
SELECT COUNT(country name)
FROM table1
WHERE country name != 'World' AND year = 2016 AND percent forested > (SELECT
percent forested
                                        FROM table1
                                        WHERE country name = 'United States' AND year
= 2016)
ORDER BY 1
```