

#TidyTuesday

Week 14 - Deforestation

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This Week's Data

The data this week comes from Our World in Data.

Hannah Ritchie and Max Roser (2021) - "Forests and Deforestation". Published online at OurWorldInData.org. Retrieved from: '<https://ourworldindata.org/forests-and-deforestation>' [Online Resource]

Additional article from UCSD and about deforestation and its effects on climate change and disease.

There are a few datasets:

- Deforestation
- Share of forest area
- Drivers of deforestation
- Deforestation by commodity
 - Soybean production and use
 - Palm oil production

```
#load packages
library(tidyuesdayR) #tidy tuesday
library(tidyverse)   #tidy
library(extrafont)   #fonts
library(showtext)    #fonts
library(dplyr)        #dataframes
library(ragg)         #save ggplot
library(rmarkdown)   #rmarkdown
library(cowplot)     #better data visualization
library(googleway)   #google maps
library(ggrepel)     #text labels
library(ggspatial)   #map scale legends
library(lwgeom)      #maps
library(sf)          #maps
library(rnaturalearth) #map of countries of the world
library(rnaturalearthdata) #world vector map data
library(viridis)     #colorblind-friendly color scales
library(rgeos)
library(plotly)      #interactive
library(NLP)         #String function
library(scales)
```

Load the Data

```
#load tidyuesday data
tuesdata <- tidyuesdayR::tt_load(2021, week = 15)

##
## Downloading file 1 of 5: `forest.csv`
## Downloading file 2 of 5: `forest_area.csv`
## Downloading file 3 of 5: `brazil_loss.csv`
## Downloading file 4 of 5: `soybean_use.csv`
## Downloading file 5 of 5: `vegetable_oil.csv`

#separate into each dataset
forest <- tuesdata$forest
forest_area <- tuesdata$forest_area
brazil_loss <- tuesdata$brazil_loss
soybean_use <- tuesdata$soybean_use
vegetable_oil <- tuesdata$vegetable_oil

#To assist in mapping, I loaded a dataset from kaggle which has the capitals of world countries along w
#latitude and longitude. This data can be found [here](https://www.kaggle.com/nikitagrec/world-capitals
#load capital data from kaggle
#capitals <- read.csv('concap.csv')

#load world data from {rnaturalearth}
world <- ne_countries(scale="medium", type="countries", returnclass="sf")

#rename column in world to enable merging with forest data
names(world)[names(world)=="sovereignty"] <- "entity"
#rename united states of america to united states to enable merging with other datasets
world$entity[world$entity=="United States of America"] <- "United States"

#rename column in capitals to enable merging with world data
#names(capitals)[names(capitals)=="CountryName"] <- "entity"
#change entity column to character
#capitals$entity <- as.character(capitals$entity)
#merge capitals with world data
#world2 <- merge(world, capitals, by="entity", all=TRUE)

#create a column formatted for display in forest_area
strings <- String(round(forest_area$forest_area*100, 3))
forest_area$display_info <- paste0(forest_area$code, " - ", strings, "%")
```

Data Visualization

```
#load fonts
font_add(family = "bold", "Merriweather-Bold.ttf")
font_add(family = "italic", "Merriweather-Italic.ttf")
font_add(family = "regular", "Merriweather-Regular.ttf")
showtext_auto()

#create plot theme
plot_theme <- theme(
  # titles
```

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plot.title = element_text(family = "bold", size = 40, color = "black", hjust=0, vjust=0),
plot.subtitle = element_text(family = "italic", size = 18, color = "black", hjust=0),
plot.caption = element_text(family = "bold", size = 20, color = "black", hjust = 1),

# panel and plot background
panel.grid.major = element_blank(),
panel.grid.minor = element_blank(),
panel.background = element_rect(fill="#A9e1f5"),
plot.background = element_blank(),

# axis
axis.title = element_blank(),
axis.text = element_blank(),
axis.ticks = element_blank(),

# legend
legend.title = element_text(family="regular", size=20),
legend.text = element_text(family = "regular", size=20),
legend.background = element_rect(fill="#cccccc", size=0.5, linetype="solid", color="black")
)

```

Annual Change in Forest Area

The net change in forest cover measures any gains in forest cover – either through natural forest expansion or afforestation through tree-planting – minus deforestation. Countries with a positive change (shown in dark green) are regrowing forest faster than they’re losing it. Countries with a negative change (shown in yellow) are losing more than they’re able to restore.

Year 2000

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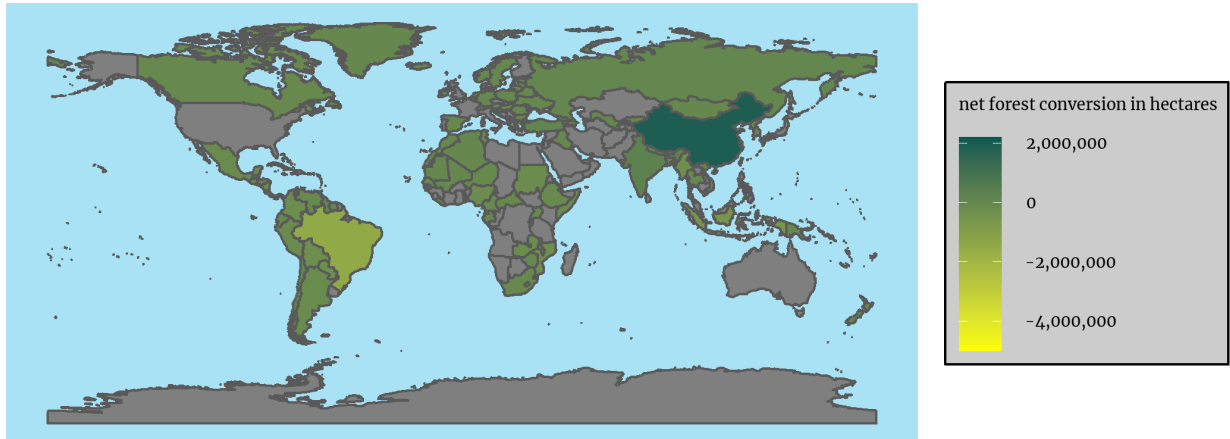
#select forest area data from 2000
net_forest_area_2000 <- forest %>%
  filter(year==2000)
#merge datasets
net_world_area_2000 <- merge(world, net_forest_area_2000, by="entity", all=TRUE)

#plot forest area for 2000
net_area_plot_2000 <- ggplot(data=net_world_area_2000) +
  geom_sf(aes(fill=net_forest_conversion)) +
  scale_fill_gradient(low="yellow", high="#095952", name = "net forest conversion in hectares",
                     labels=label_comma()) +
  #title, subtitle, and caption
  labs(
    title = "Annual Change in Forest Area, 2000",
    caption = "Source - Our World in Data | Moriah Taylor | Twitter - moriah_taylor58 | GitHub - moriah_taylor58",
    plot_theme
  )

ggsave("net_area_plot_2000.png",
       plot = net_area_plot_2000,
       device = agg_png(width = 7, height = 5, units = "in", res = 300))

```

Annual Change in Forest Area, 2015



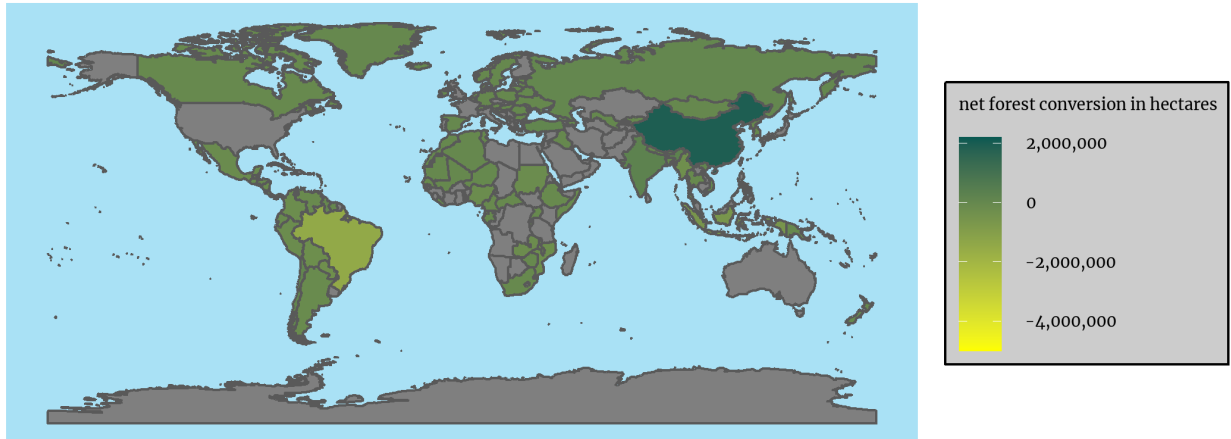
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```
#select forest area data from 2015
net_forest_area_2015 <- forest %>%
  filter(year==2015)
#merge datasets
net_world_area_2015 <- merge(world, net_forest_area_2015, by="entity", all=TRUE)

#plot forest area for 2015
net_area_plot_2015 <- ggplot(data=net_world_area_2015) +
  geom_sf(aes(fill=net_forest_conversion)) +
  scale_fill_gradient(low="yellow", high="#095952", name = "net forest conversion in hectares",
                     labels=label_comma(), limit=c(-5000000, 2200000)) +
  #title, subtitle, and caption
  labs(
    title = "Annual Change in Forest Area, 2015",
    caption = "Source - Our World in Data | Moriah Taylor | Twitter - moriah_taylor58 | GitHub - moriahtaylor1"
  )
plot_theme

ggsave("net_area_plot_2015.png",
       plot = net_area_plot_2015,
       device = agg_png(width = 7, height = 5, units = "in", res = 300))
```

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Year 2015

Percentage Share of the World's Forests

Forest area is land under natural or planted stands of trees of at least 5 meters in situ, whether productive or not, and excludes tree stands in agricultural production systems. Russia – which has the largest forest area – is home to one-fifth of global forest area. Brazil is the only other country with more than 10% of global forest cover.

Year 2000

```
#select forest area percentage data from 2000
forest_area_share_2000 <- forest_area %>%
  filter(year==2000)
#merge datasets
world_area_share_2000 <- merge(world, forest_area_share_2000, by="entity", all=TRUE)

#plot forest area percentages for 2000
area_share_plot_2000 <- ggplot(data=world_area_share_2000) + geom_sf(aes(fill=forest_area, text=display,
  scale_fill_viridis_c(name = "% global forest area", option="viridis",
    direction=-1, limit=c(0,20.1)) + #colorblind-friendly palette
#title, subtitle, and caption
labs(
  title = "Percentage Share of the World's Forests, 2000",
```

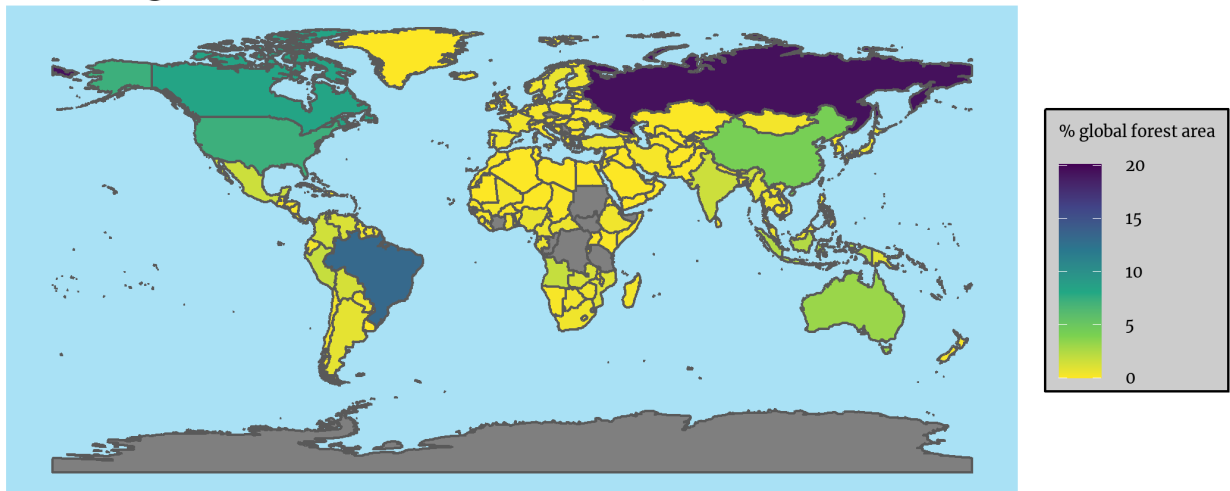
```

caption = "Source - Our World in Data | Moriah Taylor | Twitter - moriah_taylor58 | GitHub - moriahtaylor1"
plot_theme

ggsave("area_share_plot_2000.png",
      plot = area_share_plot_2000,
      device = agg_png(width = 7, height = 5, units = "in", res = 300))

```

Percentage Share of the World's Forests, 2000



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#select forest area perecentage data from 2019
forest_area_share_2019 <- forest_area %>%
  filter(year==2019)
#merge datasets
world_area_share_2019 <- merge(world, forest_area_share_2019, by="entity", all=TRUE)

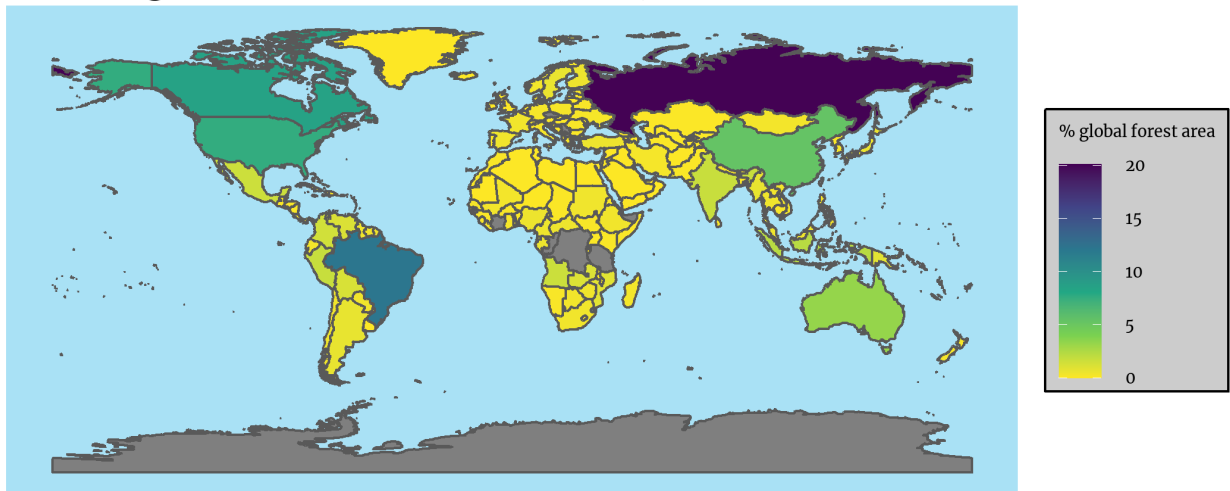
#plot forest area percentages for 2019
area_share_plot_2019 <- ggplot(data=world_area_share_2019) + geom_sf(aes(fill=forest_area, text=display,
  scale_fill_viridis_c(name = "% global forest area", option="viridis",
                        direction=-1, limit=c(0,20.1)) + #colorblind-friendly palette
#title, subtitle, and caption
labs(
  title = "Percentage Share of the World's Forests, 2019",
  caption = "Source - Our World in Data | Moriah Taylor | Twitter - moriah_taylor58 | GitHub - moriahtaylor1"
plot_theme

```

```
ggsave("area_share_plot_2019.png",  
      plot = area_share_plot_2019,  
      device = agg_png(width = 7, height = 5, units = "in", res = 300))
```

Year 2019

Percentage Share of the World's Forests, 2019



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