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## Deforestation and Climate Change (Paperback)

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Createspace, United States, 2010. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book \*\*\*\*\* Print on Demand \*\*\*\*\*. Efforts to mitigate climate change have focused on reducing carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) emissions into the atmosphere. Some of these efforts center on reducing CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from deforestation, since deforestation releases about 17 of all annual anthropogenic greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and is seen as a relatively low-cost target for emissions reduction. Policies aimed at reducing deforestation are central points of a strategy to decrease carbon emissions, reflected in pending legislation in Congress (e.g., H.R. 2454 and S. 1733) as well as in international discussions, such as the December 2009 negotiations in Copenhagen. Forests exist at many latitudes. Many are concerned about the possible impacts of losing boreal and temperate forests, but existing data show little, if any, net deforestation, and their loss has relatively modest carbon consequences. In contrast, tropical deforestation is substantial and continuing, and releases large amounts of CO<sub>2</sub>, because of the carbon stored in the vegetation and released when tropical forests are cut down. There are many causes of tropical deforestation-commercial logging, large-scale agriculture (e.g., cattle ranching, soybean production, oil palm plantations), small-scale permanent or shifting (slash-and-burn) agriculture, fuelwood...



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