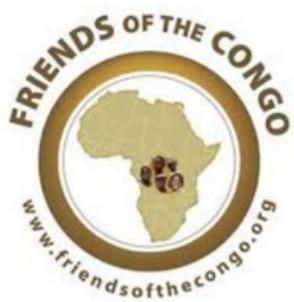


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Under Threat

However, rampant deforestation, driven by logging, agriculture, and infrastructure threatens to unravel the delicate balance of the Congo Basin.

Underlying these economic activities is a demand of Congo's hardwoods, produce, and other resources on *international* markets.

The loss of this invaluable ecosystem would not only release stored carbon into the ecosystem but also diminish its capacity to absorb future emissions, thus exacerbating the climate crisis.

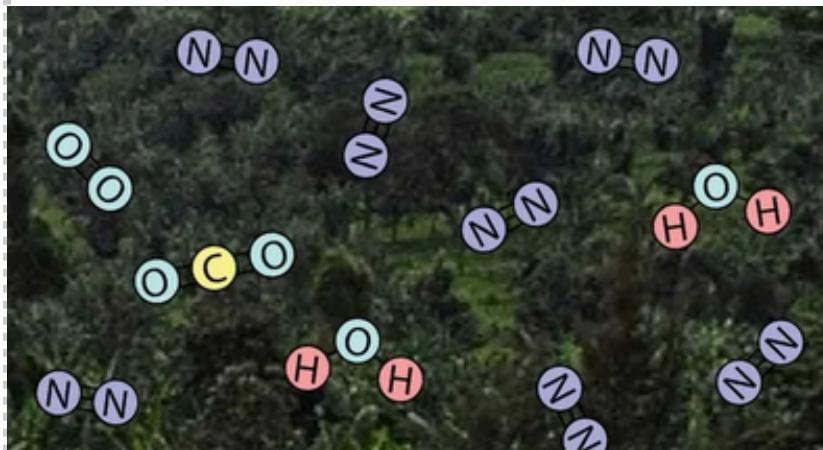
To safeguard the Congo Basin rainforest and uphold climate justice, urgent action is imperative.

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The forest's lush vegetation absorbs massive amounts of carbon dioxide from the atmosphere, playing a pivotal role in mitigating greenhouse gas emissions and stabilizing the Earth's climate.

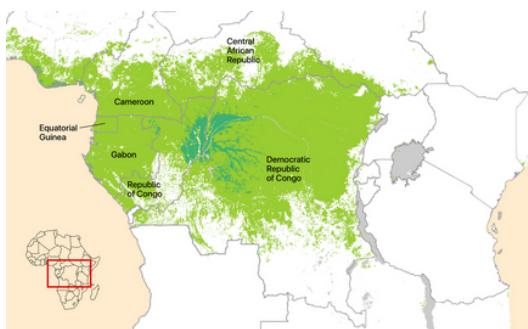


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The Congo Basin Rainforest stands as a vital pillar of global climate health, wielding unparalleled significance in the fight against climate change.

Covering 1.5 million square miles, it ranks as the world's second largest tropical rainforest, teeming with incredible biodiversity and serving as a critical carbon sink.



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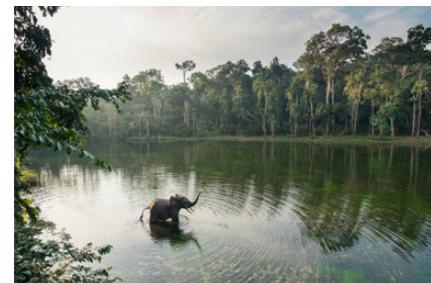
Turn On the AC

The Congo Basin rainforest acts as a giant air conditioner, regulating regional and global temperatures through evapotranspiration and cloud formation. Its vast canopy helps maintain moisture levels, facilitating rainfall patterns not only in the immediate vicinity but also in distant regions.

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A Brighter Future

Sustainable development initiatives that empower local communities, preserve biodiversity, and combat the survival of forests and its protectors. By prioritizing the protection of this ecosystem, we can advance climate resiliency, preserve biodiversity, and secure a sustainable future for generations to come.



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Life Sustaining



The Basandja Coalition

The intricate ecosystem of the Congo Basin supports indigenous communities, provides habitats for countless species, and sustains the livelihood of millions of people who rely on its resources for food, medicine, and shelter.

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