

《过去20年 全球森林覆盖面积减少近亿公顷》

根据联合国粮农组织的数据，过去20年间，全球森林覆盖面积减少了近1亿公顷，尽管减少的速度低于以往，但在稳步下降。毁坏森林对撒哈拉以南非洲和东南亚的影响尤其严重。



A cut tree falling in Amazonas jungle, Brazil, July 28, 2008. [Photo/IC]

The world has lost nearly 100 million hectares of forests in two decades, marking a steady decline though at a slower pace than before, a UN agency reported Tuesday.

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The proportion of forest to total land area fell from 31.9 percent in 2000 to 31.2 percent in 2020, now some 4.1 billion hectares, according to the Food and Agriculture Organization.

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It marks "a net loss of almost 100 million hectares of the world's forests," the FAO said.

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Logs cut from the Amazon rainforest are laid out near the BR-319 highway in the city of Realidade, Amazonas state, Brazil, Aug 22, 2019. [Photo/Agencies]

Deforestation has hit particularly hard sub-Saharan Africa and southeast Asia, where it has accelerated in the last decade, but also Latin and Central America, where it has nonetheless slowed down.

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Forests are being cut down mainly to make way for crops or farm animals, especially in less developed countries.

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Forests have recovered on the mountains in Chengkou county, Chongqing. TAO MING/XINHUA

In China, forests make up 23.3 percent, up from 22.3 percent in 2015. In Japan, they account for 68.4 percent, the same as it was five years ago.

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In France, forests cover 31.5 percent of the land in 2020, up from 30.7 percent in 2015. In Italy, they make up 32.5 percent of the national territory, up from 31.6 five years ago.

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In Britain, they make up 13.2 percent, up from 13 percent five years ago.

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In Canada, it is unchanged at 38.2 percent, and in the United States, unchanged at 33.9 percent.

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In Australia the figure rose from 17.3 to 17.4 percent and in New Zealand from 37.4 percent to 37.6 percent over the five years.

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