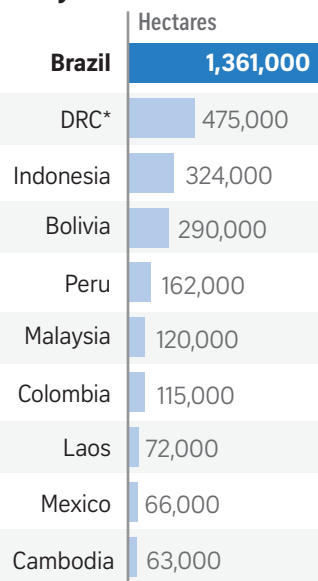


Vanishing rainforests

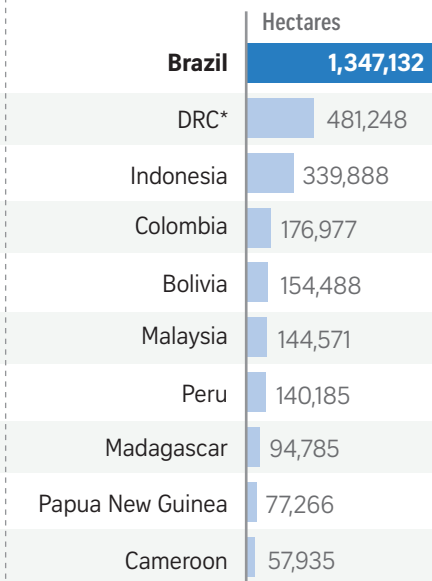
2019 was the third-highest year for primary forest loss this century. Brazil, the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Indonesia remain the countries with the largest areas of tree cover loss, driven mainly by cattle farming, crops and mining, with the loss intensified by wildfires.

10 NATIONS WITH THE HIGHEST LOSS OF PRIMARY FORESTS

Last year



2018



*Democratic Republic of the Congo

BY THE NUMBERS



1.8b tonnes

The amount of CO₂ associated with primary forest loss in 2019 – equivalent to the annual emissions of 400 million cars



3.8m ha

Total area of primary rainforest lost last year – about the size of Bhutan



6 secs

Every six seconds, an area the size of a football pitch of primary forest was destroyed in 2019