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*The Lorax is worried  
He feels really blue;  
He's looking for helpers  
Could one be you?*

*In bright Madagascar  
He sees Baobab Trees;  
But the land growing forests  
Is oft-swept to the sea.*

*In the land called Brazil  
A great rain forest grows;  
But where once stood tall trees  
He sees sugar cane rows.*

*In the mountains of China  
Where red pandas thrive;  
We see dams up the river...  
Will the pandas survive?*

*In fair Indonesia  
Where orangutans live;  
People wanted the palm oil  
Not the gifts their trees give.*

*In America forests  
Used to fill-up the land;  
But those trees were needed  
To fulfill other plans.*

*The Lorax's still worried  
But he's no longer blue;  
He went searching for helpers  
He's just thrilled he found you!*

Poem by Carole D. Bos

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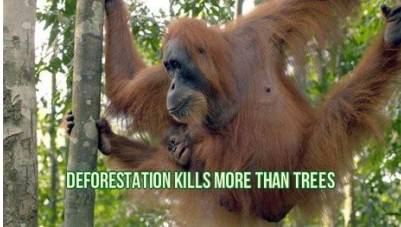
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## Deforestation Kills More Than Trees

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In this image, we see an endangered species—the Sumatran orangutan—whose population has been significantly impacted by deforestation. Dr. Ian Singleton calls these animals “refugees of the lost rainforest.”

Dr. Singleton also says this:

*The biggest threat to most species right now is not hunting and collection, it's loss of entire eco-systems and by destroying them you lose your water sources, your climate regulation and a host of other resources.*

*In other words ... the ripple effect, of deforestation, negatively impacts many things that we take for granted today. To live our own lives, as well as we can, we also need to protect the forests which still exist.*

*Why? Because ... “deforestation kills more than trees.”*

*Image of Sumatran Orangutans online via the BBC.*

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