# **Counting trees**

How many trees in a forest?



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- Show the biggest forests of the Earth on a map of the world.
- Give ideas about why the number of trees in forests can change.
- Explain how to count trees.
- Know how the Biomass satellite will help.





- wood
- forest
- tropical rainforest
- climate
- deforestation
- agriculture

- ecosystem
- biome
- climate zone
- vegetation



Congo Russia Amazon Indonesia North America South-East Asia Sweden and Finland



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# **Changing forests 1**

On your map of the world:
a. Use a coloured pencil to colour in the biggest forests.
You can use the grey lines to help.
b. Use the same colour to colour in the 'Forests' box in the key.





# **Changing forests 2**

Use these words to label some forests:

- Congo
- Russia
- Amazon
- Indonesia
- North America
- South-east Asia
- Sweden and Finland

Hint You could use an atlas to help.

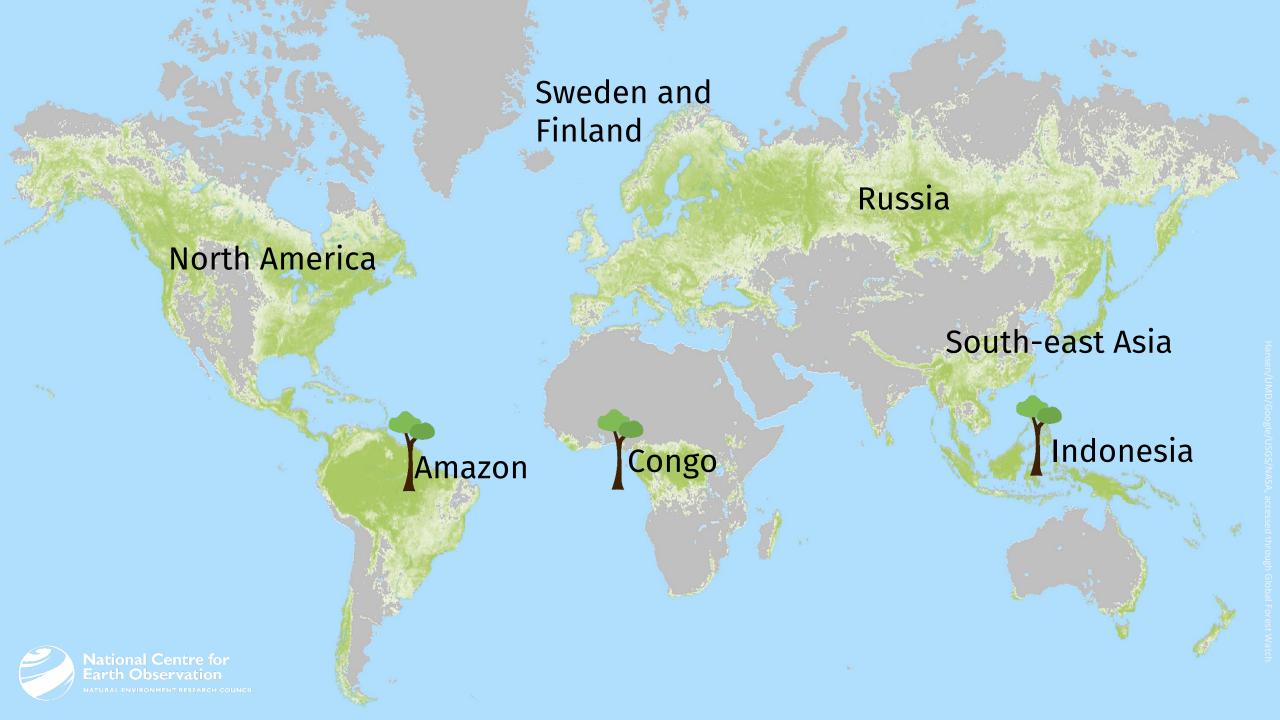


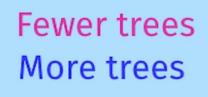


### **Changing forests 3**

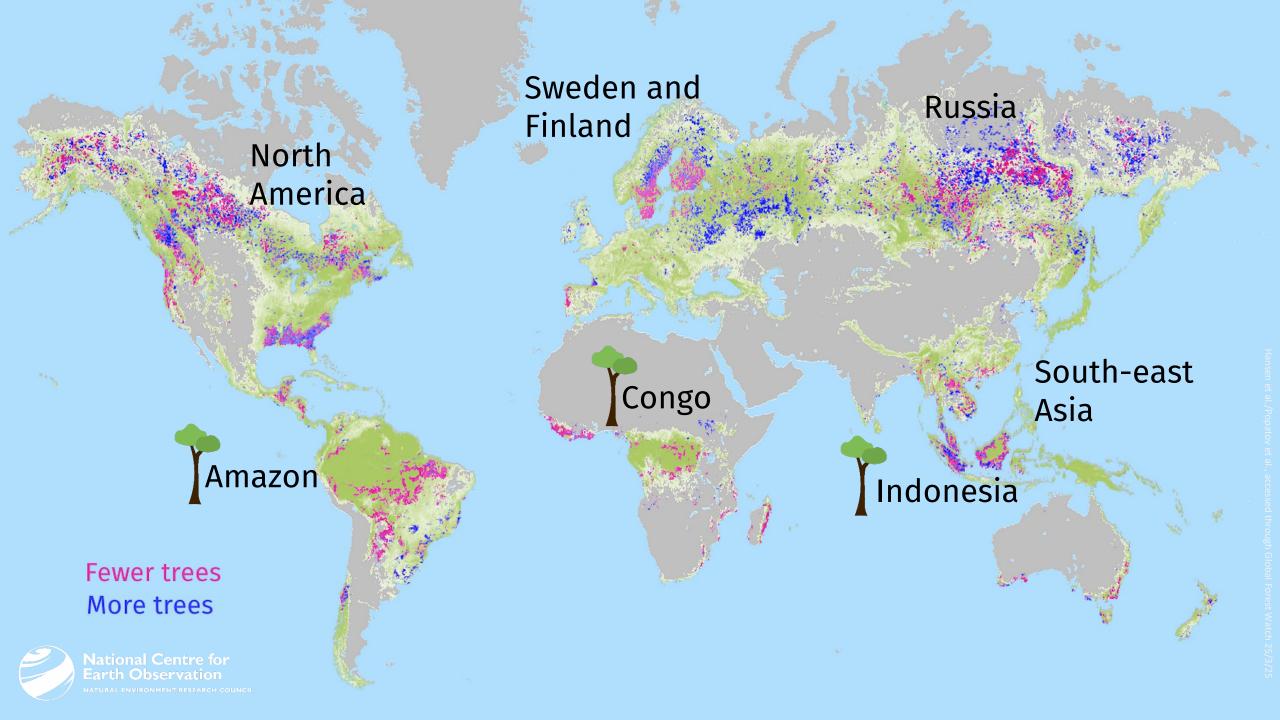
Draw a tree next to the names of tropical rainforests.











More trees Fewer trees No change



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# **Changing forests 4**

On your map of the world:

- a. Use one colour to show the main areas where there are fewer trees now than in 2000.
- b. Use another colour to show the main areas where there are more trees now than in 2000.

Remember to add these new colours to the right boxes in the key.



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# **Changing forests**

- 5. Why do some places have **more** trees now than in 2000?
- 6. Why do some places have **fewer** trees now than in 2000?



#### More trees

#### People have planted trees:

- to replace trees cut down
- to make bigger forests
- to make homes for animals ...

#### Trees have grown:

- in burned areas
- in unfarmed fields
- on waste ground ...

#### **Fewer trees**

#### People have chopped down trees:

- for timber
- for fuel
- to build on (roads, houses ...)
- to plant crops instead ...

#### Trees have died when they have:

- blown over in storms
- been burned in wildfires
- become diseased
- been eaten by animals

#### Trees covered in water:

- due to sea-level rise
- when a river is dammed



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