

Tropical Rain Forests
what they do for us

millions of species yet to be discovered

contains/recycles over 25% of liquid fresh water

produces > 20% of world supply

prevents silting of rivers and coral reefs

produces > 50% of all pharmaceutical drugs

nuts, fruits, fish, spices, flavors, coloring

floral, interior/exterior landscape

natural fibers, hardwoods and lumber

regulates temperatures and weather patterns

> 1,000 different cultures

undiscovered pest & disease resistance

fishes, birds, reptiles, mammals, arthropods