

Biodiversity



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Rainforests produce
**28% of the
Earth's oxygen.**



Every ton of
recycled paper can
save 17 trees.



**One million
species of plants
and animals**

are currently at risk of
extinction, including many
well-known species that
could be extinct before
2050. There are already
at least 20% fewer native
land species than there
were in 1900.



The UN's Environment
Programme
discovered that
nature could deliver
**carbon
reductions of
at least 30%
by 2030**



if biodiversity is
protected and
enhanced. However, at
the current rate of
deforestation, an 11%
increase in greenhouse
gas emissions is
predicted annually.

The world's indigenous population
makes up less than 5% of the
global population. But they

**protect 80% of the
planet's biodiversity.**



If the world carries on with business as usual rather than protecting natural assets, the
impact on key services provided by nature, from carbon storage to crop pollination, will cost

\$10 trillion cumulatively by 2050.

In contrast, we would see substantial economic gains (\$230 billion by 2050) if we focused
instead on sustainable development that helped to protect and restore nature.



Source: 47 Essential Sustainability Facts & Statistics | Biodiversity in Numbers

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