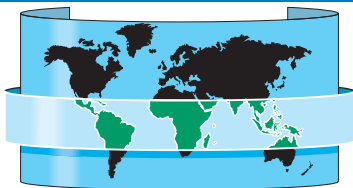
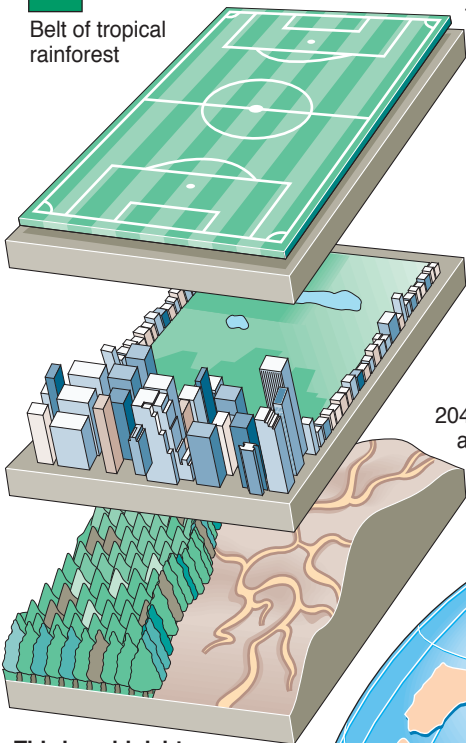


Time runs out for the rainforests



Belt of tropical rainforest

The world's tropical rainforests run belt-like around the equator covering an area over 9.3 million square kilometres. The rainforests – home to at least two thirds of the world's species of plant and animal life – are being cut down at such a rate that they will disappear within 50 years



Every minute
Tropical forest is lost at the rate of 400,000 sq m – equivalent to one football field per second



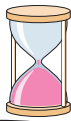
Every hour
23 sq km – five times the size of New York's Central Park – disappears



Every day
560 sq km of forest – equivalent to the area of greater London – is felled



Every year
204,000 sq km – equivalent to an area covering Newcastle to London to Rotterdam



Third world debt

Clearing of the rainforests has doubled over the last 10 years in order to service debts to the West

