



Swapping debt for nature

KEY
1989
figures



Deforestation rate
per year (% of total)



Forest already
lost (% of total)



Remaining
forest



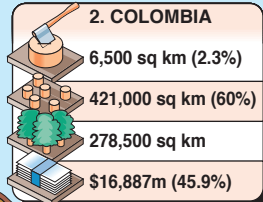
Total foreign debt
(as % of exports)

The annual rate of deforestation has doubled over the past ten years as developing countries sell timber to meet mounting foreign debt repayments. Environmentalists are calling for 'debt-for-nature' swaps to trade Third World debt for commitments to protect the rainforests

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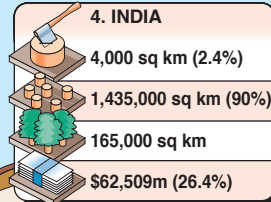
2. COLOMBIA



3. BRAZIL



4. INDIA

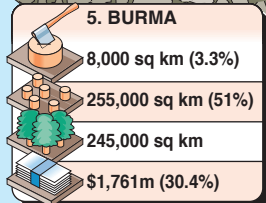


Latin
America

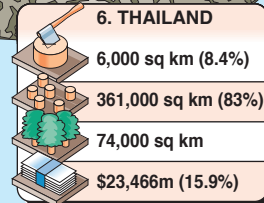
Africa

Asia

5. BURMA



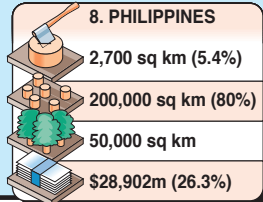
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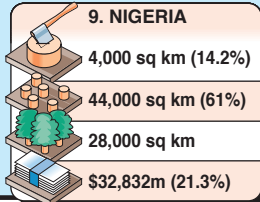
7. INDONESIA



8. PHILIPPINES



9. NIGERIA



10. ZAIRE

