

Indonesia plans to move capital city

Indonesia intends to move its capital from the climate-threatened megacity of Jakarta to the sparsely populated island of Borneo, home to some of the world's greatest tropical rainforests



President **Joko Widodo** plans to build smart, green city, but environmentalists fear \$33bn relocation plan may put further pressure on rainforest dwelling species like orangutan



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Jakarta: Current capital and its suburbs are home to more than 10 million people – and has some of world's worst air pollution and traffic congestion

Poor urban planning on swampy land, plus unregulated draining of aquifers, has left 40% of city below sea level. Worst affected areas are sinking by up to 25cm per year

Move is part of broader strategy to decentralise economic growth – Jakarta is home to 60% of Indonesia's population and over half of its economic activity