

Amazon deforestation at 12-year high

Deforestation in Brazil's Amazon rainforest has surged to its highest level since 2008, according to the country's space agency (INPE), with destruction soaring since president Jair Bolsonaro took office in 2019

DEFORESTATION BY STATE IN BRAZILIAN AMAZON

Aug 2019-Jul 2020
Square km

Amazonas: 81

Acre 652

Rondônia 1,259

1,767 Mato Grosso

Roraima: 300

1,521 Amapá

Maranhão: 290

Tocantins 26

Pará
5,192
(47 percent of total)

Brasília

BRAZIL

1,000km

625 miles

Amazon biome
(tropical forest region)

Square km

DEFORESTATION RATE IN BRAZILIAN AMAZON, 2004-2020

Annual figures for Aug-Jul

*President **Jair Bolsonaro** has encouraged agriculture and mining activities in world's largest rainforest*

2019-2020: Total of 11,088 sq km – 9.5 percent rise from previous year

