

Rainforest Action

- Experts agree that by leaving the rainforests intact and harvesting its many nuts, fruits, oil-producing plants, and medicinal plants, the rainforest has more economic value than if they were cut down to make grazing land for cattle or for timber.
- The latest statistics show that rainforest land converted to cattle operations yields the land owner \$60 per acre and if timber is harvested, the land is worth \$400 per acre. However, if these renewable and sustainable resources are harvested, the land will yield the land owner \$2,400 per acre.
- If managed properly, the rainforest can provide the world's need for these natural resources on a perpetual basis.
- Promoting the use of these sustainable and renewable sources could stop the destruction of the rainforests. By creating a new source of income harvesting the medicinal plants, fruits nuts, oil and other sustainable resources, the rainforests is be more valuable alive than cut and burned.
- Sufficient demand of sustainable and ecologically harvested rainforest products is necessary for preservation efforts to succeed. Purchasing sustainable rainforest products can effect positive change by creating a market for these products while supporting the native people's economy and provides the economic solution and alternative to cutting the forest just for the value of its timber.

<http://www.uhigh.lsu.edu/faculty/afont-wb/11-04/Animals/Rainforest%20Facts.htm>

