FAO Remote Sensing Survey reveals Tropical rainforests under pressure as agricultural expansion drives global deforestation

Almost 90 percent of deforestation worldwide is due to agricultural expansion. Deforestation is the conversion of forest to other land uses, such as agriculture, mining areas, urban areas, and infrastructure. The figure shows that deforestation is most severe in tropical biomes, with 52.2% of deforestation occurring in tropical biomes between 2000 and 2018.

Main drivers of deforestation differ across the world's regions:

- Africa
- Asia
- Latin America and the Caribbean
- Europe
- North America
- Australia
- South America

A network of more than 800 national experts from 126 countries worked together to produce the FAO Remote Sensing Survey, which used Collect Earth Online to analyze data and produce maps. The survey found that deforestation is driven by agricultural expansion, particularly in tropical biomes.