**teacher guide**

**Amazon 2:**

**Humans and the Amazon**

# Components

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|  | NAME | DESCRIPTION | AUDIENCE |
|  | *Humans and the Amazon*teacher guide | This guide suggests how to use the video, *Human impact on the Amazon*. | teachers |
|  | *Human impact on the Amazon*video | This video provides students with an overview of some of the impacts of humans on the Amazon rainforest ecosystem. | students |
|  | *Human impact: Amazon case study*worksheet | This worksheet contains questions to be answered after viewing the video. | students |

Purpose

A video of human impacts on the Amazon rainforest stimulates discussion and ideas in students.

# Activity summary

Outcomes

Students:

* describe some examples of impacts of population growth on ecosystems, and
* appreciate some causes and consequences of environmental issues such as deforestation, agricultural practices and urbanisation.



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| ACTIVITY | POSSIBLE STRATEGY |
| Discuss human impacts that occur as humans go from small decentralised populations to larger urban developments.Discuss where this has occurred around the world. | teacher-led class discussion |
| Show the video, *Human impact on the Amazon*. |  |
| Students complete the worksheet, *Human impact: Amazon case study*, as they view the video. |  |
| Discuss student answers. | class or small-group discussions |

# Technical requirements

The video *Human impact on the Amazon* may be viewed in any modern browser.

The teacher guide and worksheet require Adobe Reader (version 5 or later), which is a free download from [www.adobe.com.](http://www.adobe.com/) The worksheet is also provided in Microsoft Word format.

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# Using the video

Show the video, *Human impact on the Amazon,* and discuss it with students to explore impacts humans have on ecosystems.

Student discussion following the video may be teacher-led as a whole group discussion, or in small groups using strategies such as Think, Pair, Share. Suitable discussion questions include:

* Has this occurred elsewhere in the world?
* What parts of the ecosystem are affected?
* Do humans impact the biotic or abiotic environment?
* What is the ‘Gaia hypothesis’ and how do humans affect this?
* Discuss the investigation activity in the worksheet.

# Associated SPICE resources

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| DESCRIPTION |
| *Amazon 1: The Amazon rainforest*A video provides an overview of one of the world’s major biomes, the Amazon rainforest. It presents a visual journey of aspects of the rainforest with information on abiotic and biotic factors and components of the forest. |
| *Amazon 2: Humans and the Amazon*A video provides an overview of some impacts of humans on the Amazon rainforest ecosystem. |

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