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|  | * The interdependence of climate, water, soils, plants, animals and people. |  |  |  |
|  | * How plants and animals adapt to the physical conditions. |  |  |  |
|  | * Issues related to biodiversity. |  |  |  |
| 2 | Deforestation has economic and environmental impacts. |  |  |  |
|  | * Changing rates of deforestation. |  |  |  |
|  | * A **case study** of a tropical rainforest to illustrate: |  |  |  |
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|  | * + Road building |  |  |  |
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|  | * + Energy development |  |  |  |
|  | * + Settlement |  |  |  |
|  | * + Population growth |  |  |  |
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