

SOME MORE NOTES ABOUT INDONESIA

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In relation to [previous post](#), I add some extra material related to deforestation in Indonesia. First, the report [Illegal Logging in Indonesia. The environmental, social and economic cost](#). According to this study, some 108,110 square miles of forest disappeared between the years 1990 and 2005; while in 1960 82% of the Indonesian surface was covered by forest, in 1995 the percentage decreased to 49%. If the current rate of deforestation continues, it is estimated that 98% of river forests will disappear by 2020. Of course, chilling figures.



[WWF image taken from Illegal Logging in report Indonesia. The environmental, social and economic cost](#)

This rate of deforestation makes Indonesia the third largest emitter of greenhouse gases in the world, if changes in land use are considered, behind the United States and China. Emissions from changes in land use, especially from deforestation, account for more than 85% of total emissions in Indonesia.



[Image from report Indonesia and Climate Change: Current Status and Policies](#)

Finishing, I leave you with some of the photos (unpublished) that I took during the visit to Borneo that I commented on in [previous post](#): large deforested areas where African palm was beginning to be cultivated to get the precious oil used in food, cosmetics and biofuels.

African palm nursery ready to be planted



Access roads to the plantation area



Area deforested with African palm seedlings



Plantation Workers Barracks

There are no comments yet.