Deforestation Forests cover 31% of the land area on our planet. We're losing 18.7 milion acres of forests annually, equivalent to 27 soccer fields every minute Deforestation is a particular concern in tropical rainforests because these forests are home to much of the world's biodiversity Deforestation comes in many forms, including fires, clear-cutting for agriculture, ranching and development, unsustainable .logging for timber, and degradation due to climate change