

An ancient way of life in danger 1 In today's globalized world, you may be surprised to learn that there are still some tribes, or groups of people, who live completely apart from modern culture. A home far from anywhere 2 Uncontacted peoples typically live deep in forests or on islands – far from any cities or towns. These groups are called 'uncontacted peoples', and while some may have had limited contact with outside groups over time, they have all preserved ancient traditions and ways of life with almost no influence from present-day society. In fact, most live in the Amazon rainforest in South America, while there are also many tribes in the Congo rainforest in central Africa and on the large Pacific island of New Guinea. It is difficult to know exactly how many uncontacted peoples exist today, but some experts believe there are around 100 tribes worldwide, while others think the number is likely to be much higher. Unfortunately, because these endangered groups have lived separately from wider society for so long, any contact with outside people carries very serious risks. They face serious dangers from industrial development and disease.