Deforestation

Deforestation is one of the most normalised threats for earth to face, and because of the globally ten million hectares of forests are lost each year, which is the size of Portugal. The causes of this are mainly human activities such as clearing land for agriculture (growing crops and raising animals for human needs) cutting down trees for wood and other resources, expanding area for houses, building, etc, mining, and bushfires which can be human-made or natural disasters. Before humans started this never-ending practise, forests took up 57% of the world area, now it has taken up only 31% of it. Since people started to think it was okay to start cutting down trees that are essential for our health and terms of living, we have lost 26% of the forests that provide us with oxygen and take in carbon dioxide for free. Would you also like to be taken advantage of, just for being helpful? Now, with deforestation increasing rapidly, it is not only a threat for us humans but for the 8.7 million species of animals living on Earth too, and the 80% of them living in forests. Deforestation also disrupts the water cycle, as trees absorb water releasing vapor into the atmosphere. This helps keep the climate balanced. Without trees, a numerous amount of biodiversity will be lost. The threats are severe and will cause one of the most dangerous impacts on the world. Picture the animals watching, as their homes with all their memories getting burned to ashes, and they cannot do anything to stop it. Visualise if you were put in the same scenario and had to stare at your childhood as it vanishes from your memory, as if it were a dream. You would do anything to stop it, right? So, to prevent this disastrous change in the world climate and lifestyle, we can support sustainable forest practises, reduce the consumption of products related to deforestation or contributing to it, protest for policy changes plant more trees and participate in reforestation programmes. All these activities will drastically change our future to a healthy, life changing, and enjoyable one where there will never be a thought about deforestation again. But it's not that easy if one person tries to do that responsibilities of eight billion we will never get anywhere and at the same time it would be a near impossible to make the whole species that basically started deforestation to give up time in the day to help. So instead of everyone joining a community there are little but helpful things even children can do to prevent this issue. These resolutions consist of making right consumption choices with toys and other needs, educating themselves and others on deforestation, and use their time to plant anything and everything! With all that being said, deforestation poses a serious threat to biodiversity, climate stability, and us humans. It contributes to climate change, disrupts ecosystems, and the air quality around us. With action that is provided we may be able to protect the animals, plants, and ourselves from the danger ahead, that is ready to steal our future.