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THE RAINFORESTS













BUT IN FACT, LARVAE AND OTHER INSECTS ARE AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE DIET HERE IN THE RAINFOREST - LOTS OF PROTEIN AND LOTS OF NUTRIENTS!



THE RAINFOREST IS FULL OF FOOD FOR THOSE WHO KNOW WHAT'S EDIBLE. LOTS OF THE FRUIT AND VEGETABLES WE EAT WERE DISCOVERED IN THE RAINFORESTS.

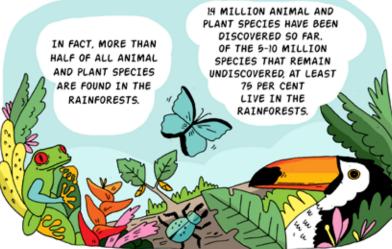


I'VE BEEN ON SEVERAL HIKES AROUND DIFFERENT RAINFORESTS WITH PEOPLE WHO KNOW A LOT ABOUT PLANTS. THEY'VE SHOWN ME PLANTS THAT CAN TREAT BOTH INFECTIONS AND STOMACH ACHES!



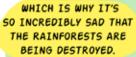


AND SCIENTISTS FROM EUROPE AND THE USA HAVE FOUND A LOT OF INGREDIENTS USED IN MODERN MEDICINE HERE. ONLY A TINY PART HAS BEEN INVESTIGATED, THERE'S SUCH AN INCREDIBLE AMOUNT OF LIFE FORMS HERE IN THE RAINFOREST!





THE RAINFORESTS ARE ALSO THE HOME OF MORE THAN 250 MILLION PEOPLE. MOST ARE DIFFERENT INDIGENOUS PEOPLES, SUCH AS THESE AMAZONIAN INDIANS





OH NO! WHY?

AND CAN WE

WE'LL TALK ABOUT THAT ON THE INTO THE RAINFOREST.



BLEACHING THE CORALS







YES, BUT THINGS AREN'T AS THEY USED TO BE, SADLY. I'VE BEEN DIVING HERE BEFORE, MANY YEARS AGO. I SAW FISH, ANEMONES, ALL KINDS OF LITTLE CREATURES, THE COLOURS WERE LIKE NOTHING YOU CAN IMAGINE.

BUT LIKE A LOT OF NATURE, THE CORAL REEFS ARE STRUGGLING.

HOW? I'VE HEARD ABOUT PEOPLE IN SOME COUNTRIES FISHING WITH DYNAMITE, RUINING THE CORALS THAT WAY. BUT THIS REEF IS PROTECTED, ISN'T IT?



THAT'S RIGHT, BUT JUST LIKE MANY OTHER CORAL REEFS, THIS ONE IS EXPERIENCING SOMETHING CALLED BLEACHING.



CORALS ARE TINY ANIMALS FORMING A SKELETON MADE OF CALCIUM. THE NEXT GENERATION BUILDS ON TOP OF THEIR DEAD ANCESTORS, AND OVER THOUSANDS OF YEARS, THEY BECOME LARGE CORAL REEFS.

> THE CORALS ARE ENTIRELY DEPENDENT ON ALGAE, WHICH PROVIDES NUTRITION. THE ALGAE ALSO PROVIDE THE COLOUR.

THE ALGAE AND THE CORALS LIVE IN WHAT WE CALL SYMBIOSIS THEY'RE COMPLETELY DEPENDENT ON EACH OTHER.



BUT WHEN THE OCEAN IS TOO WARM, OVER 30 DEGREES CELSIUS, SOMETHING STRANGE HAPPENS. THE CORALS REJECT THE ALGAE, EVEN IF IT'S HARMFUL TO THEMSELVES.

THAT WAY THE CORALS LOSE THEIR COLOUR, AND AFTER A WHILE THEY CAN DIE. SCIENTISTS DON'T REALLY KNOW WHY THIS HAPPENS.

> WHEN THE CORALS DISAPPEAR, SO DO ALL THE SPECIES LIVING ON THE REEF.

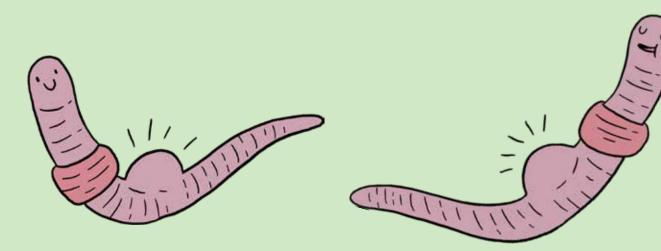
CLIMATE SCIENTISTS ARE PRETTY SURE IT'S DUE TO GLOBAL WARMING, WARMER OCEANS ARE AN EXAMPLE OF CLIMATE CHANGE THAT THE CORALS AND ALGAE CAN'T HANDLE VERY WELL. LAST YEAR, AN ENORMOUS PORTION OF THE AUSTRALIAN CORAL REEFS DIED.

...BUT ARE THEY ALL COMPLETELY DEAD?

A LOT OF THEM ARE, BUT SOME OF THE REEFS MAY WAKE UP AGAIN, IF WE HURRY UP AND TAKE BETTER

CARE OF OUR PLANET.

WILL THE WORMS SURVIVE?



OVERLEVER MEIPEMARKEN?







ONE PART HAS A MOUTH, AND CAN GROW
A NEW BEHIND. THE OTHER PART IS
THE BUM PART, SO THAT WON'T SURVIVE.
THE TAIL MOVES FOR AS LONG AS IT HAS
NUTRIENTS IN IT, THEN IT DIES.







BUT DO YOU KNOW WHY IT

IT'S NOT ENTIRELY TRUE.
BUT FOR HUNDREDS OF YEARS,
PEOPLE THOUGHT SO. IN TRULY
TERRIBLE AUTUMN WEATHER,
WITH STRONG WINDS AND LOTS
OF RAIN, WORMS SOMETIMES
FALL OUT OF THE SKY.

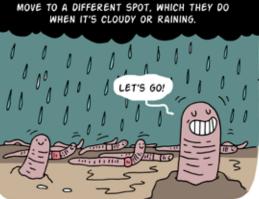




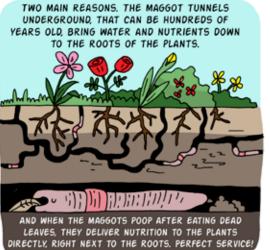
LITTLE WORMS ATTACH THEMSELVES TO DEAD LEAVES, WHEN THE WIND WHIPS UP THE LEAVES, THE MAGGOTS TAG ALONG. UP IN THE AIR, THE RAIN WASHES THEM OFF SO THEY FALL FROM THE SKY.



LOTS OF PEOPLE THINK SO, BUT THIS IS WRONG.
WORMS DIE IF THEY'RE EXPOSED TO SUNLIGHT.
THEY BREATHE THROUGH WET SKIN.
BUT EVERY ONCE IN A WHILE, THEY WANT TO
MOVE TO A DIFFERENT SPOT, WHICH THEY DO
WHEN IT'S CLOUDY OR RAINING.







A VERY IMPORTANT HANDSHAKE



-ET VELDIG VIKTIG HÅNDTRYKK



WHEN WE EMIT COZ AND METHANE, THE EARTH WARMS UP AND THE CLIMATE CHANGES, MORE DROUGHTS, MORE RAIN.



EVERYBODY AGREES THIS IS BAD. FOR MANY, MANY YEARS, POLITICIANS FROM MOST COUNTRIES AROUND THE WORLD HAVE TRIED TO NEGOTIATE A DEAL ABOUT REDUCING HARMFUL EMISSIONS.



IT'S BEEN DIFFICULT - BECAUSE IT COSTS MONEY, AND BECAUSE DIFFERENT COUNTRIES DON'T ALWAYS TRUST EACH OTHER.

THE NATIONS OF THE WORLD PROMISED



BUT IN 2015, THERE WAS A BREAKTHROUGH. THE PRESIDENTS OF THE TWO MOST POWERFUL COUNTRIES IN THE WORLD, THE USA AND CHINA, AGREED TO COME TOGETHER AND WORK TOWARDS A CLIMATE DEAL.



WHEN ALL THE COUNTRIES IN THE WORLD MET UP IN PARIS LAST YEAR, IT WAS A SUCCESS. A DEAL WAS MADE!



BUT A DEAL ISN'T FINAL UNTIL THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLIES (PARLIAMENTS) OF ALL THE NATIONS HAVE SIGNED THE DEAL FROM PARIS. THIS IS CALLED RATIFYING



COUNTRIES SUCH AS ITALY, FRANCE, THE UNITED KINGDOM AND RUSSIA, AS WELL AS A JOINT EU, SAID THAT THEY TOO WOULD SOON RATIFY THE DEAL.



THEN, OTHER LARGE



AND THEY

DID.

LATER, THE TWO POWERFUL PRESIDENTS MET UP AGAIN AND LET THE WORLD KNOW THAT BOTH THE USA AND CHINA HAVE RATIFIED THE DEAL.







HUH? SUSTAINABILITY?





THE EARTH'S SUNGLASSES



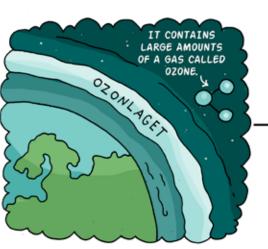






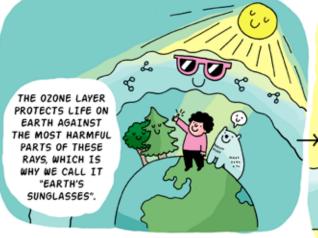
DO YOU WANT TO HEAR







OZONE ABSORBS, MEANING IT SOAKS UP, A LARGE PART OF ALL THE SUN'S ULTRAVIOLET RAYS. THOSE ARE THE RAYS THAT MAKE OUR SKIN TAN IN THE SUMMERTIME.







AND THEY FOUND OUT WE WERE TO BLAME!
SOME MANMADE GASES THAT WERE USED IN
FRIDGES AND SPRAY CANS, BROKE DOWN
020NE WHEN THEY WERE EMITTED.



THE POLITICIANS REALISED HOW SCARY THIS WAS!
LEADERS FROM ALL AROUND THE WORLD AGREED
TO BAN CFC AND HALON GASES. TODAY, THESE
GASES ARE HARDLY USED AT ALL!



AND HURRAY! THE OZONE LAYER IS ON THE MEND! IT WILL STILL TAKE MANY YEARS BEFORE IT'S ENTIRELY FIXED, BUT IT GROWS THICKER EVERY YEAR.

