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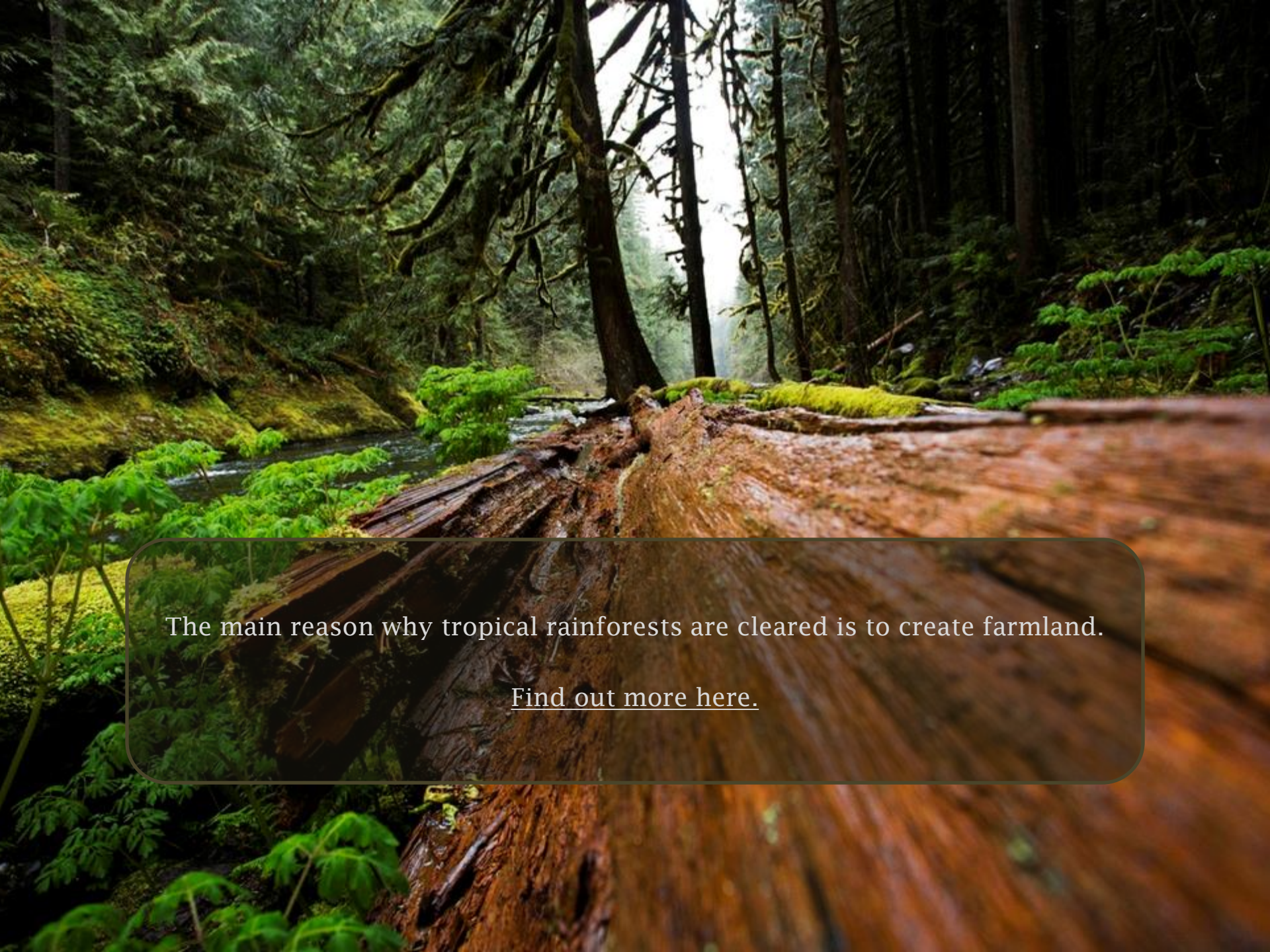
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The world's forests are the lungs of the earth and they contain much of its biodiversity.


About half of the world's original forests have been lost during the last fifty years.

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The main reason why tropical rainforests are cleared is to create farmland.

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A commodity is a raw material or agricultural product.


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A photograph of a palm oil plantation. The foreground is filled with tall, green grass. Several tall palm trees with long, feathery fronds are scattered throughout the scene. The background is slightly hazy, suggesting a misty or overcast day. The overall color palette is dominated by various shades of green.

Palm oil plantations are taking the place of rainforests in Indonesia, Malaysia and elsewhere.

Palm oil has many uses on the world market but most of it is not yet produced sustainably.

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A photograph showing a large pile of cut logs stacked in a clearing. The logs are stacked in neat rows, and a muddy stream flows in the foreground. The background shows a forested hillside.

Many people are not aware that beef production  
is a major cause of rainforest clearing.

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