

# FOREST LOSS ACROSS NORTH AND SOUTH AMERICA

## ANALYSIS OF CAUSES WITHIN IMPORTANT BIODIVERSITY AREAS

Over 80% of the world's terrestrial biodiversity is located within forests, but many forests face increasing threats from deforestation and forest degradation. Deforestation and forest degradation is the conversion of forest to non-forest habitat and the loss of normal ecosystem processes. Tree cover loss is one of the easiest ways to detect forest threats on a large scale. Major causes of tree cover loss in North and South America vary regionally depending on ecological, political, and economic impacts. The data depicts tree cover loss from 2001 - 2015 categorized into the dominant cause within a 10 km<sup>2</sup> area pixel.

