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## HABITAT TRUNK: **TROPICAL AMERICAN RAIN FOREST**

### **I. VIDEOS/AUDIOS:**

1. "Vanishing Rain Forests" Rain Forest Rap with Educator's packet (World Wildlife Fund)
2. Totally Tropical Rain Forest (National Geographic)
3. Spirits of the Rain Forest (WCS/HELP adapted from Discovery Channel)
4. Audio tapes/CD's: Jungle Talk

### **II. ACTIVITY AND STUDY GUIDES:**

1. "NatureScope - Rain Forests: Tropical Treasures" (National Wildlife Federation)
2. Milliken Thematic Resource Guide: "Life in the Rain Forest" (transparencies, reproducibles, teaching guide)
3. Teacher Created Materials, Inc.: "Rain Forest"
4. "Tropical Rainforest: An Activity Guide for Teachers", prepared by Educational Resources at the Science Museum of Minnesota
5. "Exploring the Rainforest – Science Activities for Kids", Anthony D. Fredericks, illustrated by Shawn Berlute-Shea
6. "A Teacher's Guide to the Tropical American Rain Forest at the Tulsa Zoo" Field Guide: Tropical American Rain Forest at the Tulsa Zoo
7. "The Remarkable Rainforest, an Active Learning Book for Kids," Toni Albert
8. "Window on Nature: Animals of the RF"
9. "Rain Forest Explorers Guide"

### **III. ENRICHMENT/RESOURCE BOOKS:**

1. How Monkeys Make Chocolate, Foods and Medicines from the Rainforest, Adrian Forsyth
2. Feathered Travelers, Neotropical Migratory Birds of the Americas, a bilingual reading activity book from the Smithsonian Migratory Bird Center  
*Viajeros Alados, Aves Migratorias Neotropicales de las Americas*
3. The Shaman's Apprentice, Lynn Cherry and Mark J. Plotkin
4. At Home in the Rainforest, Diane Willow and Laura Jacques

### **IV. Examples of Rain Forest Products:**

1. rubber
2. aluminum--Coke Cola can
3. chocolate
4. cinnamon
5. allspice
6. Brazil nuts
7. tapioca
8. coffee
9. coconut + shredded coconut
10. Tauga nuts
11. aspirin

### **BIOFACTS:**

- V.** Hyacinth Macaw skull (replica)
- VI.** Vampire bat skull (replica)
- VI.** Sun-dried piranha

### VIII. ARTIFACTS:

1. Tauga nut carvings
2. Balsa wood butterflies
3. Carved gourds
4. Cultural artifacts—necklaces, etc. **(Please DO NOT remove from plastic bag!)**
5. balsa wood mask

### IX. CONSERVATION INFORMATION AND SUGGESTIONS (+organizations)

1. Center for Ecosystem Survival “Adopt an Acre” Program
2. Conservation International
3. National Wildlife Federation
4. World Wildlife Fund
5. Shade-grown coffee information
6. organic chocolate information

### X. **MYSTERY BOX** (suggestions: to be used as either an introductory activity or assessment tool—see activity file)

1. Macaw feathers
2. toy bulldozer
3. tree frog
4. carved gourd
5. Cocoa
6. Brazil nut
7. snake
8. centipede
9. climate chart
10. Rain Forests of the world map
11. Balsa wood butterfly
12. Tauga nut carving
13. Picture of Macaws eating clay

### XI. Posters:

- Oklahoma’s Rain Forest Connection
- Tulsa Zoo Tropical American Rain Forest
- “Responsibility”
- posters included in World Wildlife Fund’s Educator’s packet

### Websites:

- [www.nationalgeographic.com](http://www.nationalgeographic.com)  
→Xpeditions@nationalgeographic.com  
(lesson plans 5-8 grade life science/Venn diagram comparing two Ecosystems)

### Activity sheets

- maps
- graphs
- Mystery Box suggestions
- animal information sheets
- \* picture file

→ Please note: TAUGA NUT SLICES CAN BE PURCHASED TO BE USED FOR CRAFTS—They can be drawn on with markers or painted and made into pins or magnets. The cost is \$.50 apiece.