

## Very wet and very hot – Tropical rainy climates

### The future of the rainforest

There are many products which are called “Fair Trade” products. They come from farms where people get a fair price for their products. Therefore, they can cultivate their fields in a normal way and don't have to use fertilisers or grow too many plants, which would destroy the soil. You can buy coffee, tea, cocoa, chocolate – and many other things from Fair Trade. Maybe you help to save the rainforest by buying Fair Trade products!

When you go shopping look out for Fair Trade products.  
All Fair Trade products have the same logo:



#### 1 How much does the rainforest cost?

- a) Make a list with some products from Fair Trade and their prices. Then compare them to “normal” products in the supermarket – which are not Fair Trade.

Fair Trade products	Price	“Normal” products	Price
e.g. coffee			
Total:		Total:	

- b) The difference you have calculated is \_\_\_\_\_ €. Is it worth saving the rainforest and paying more for your shopping? Discuss this in class.

Another important product we can get from the rainforest is wood. Furniture, kitchen utensils, floors or toys are often made of wood. Saving the rainforest is very important in order to keep some of the trees alive in an area which is deforested.

In forests that are managed under the FSC program (Forest Stewardship Council) it is guaranteed that people don't take more trees from the forest than can grow back. They always leave some trees so the rainforest can recover.

#### 2 Look on the internet for information about the FSC programme.

- a) Work in a group: Make a mind map with keywords and key phrases of things you have read.  
b) Then create a poster with some pictures and the most important information about the FSC programme.

Useful words:

to cultivate – etwas anbauen, fair trade – fairer Handel, fertiliser – Dünger, Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) – Weltforstrat, to grow back – nachwachsen, to recover – erholen

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