

ACTIVITY!

YES OR NO?

Coltan Mining

An area of forest is being destroyed by mining for coltan and diamonds. Coltan ore is the source of tantalum – an essential coating for components of cell phones. Money from coltan and diamond mining helps finance the civil war in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC).

Can the gorillas survive in this area?

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Logging for timber

A logging company has clear cut an area for its hardwood trees and sold them to buyers outside the country.

Can the gorillas remain here?

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Agriculture

An area has been converted to fields to grow food for the local community.

Will the gorillas need to find a new home somewhere else?

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Conservation Actions

An area of forest has been saved from destruction by conservation organizations working with the local community to develop sustainable honey farms outside park boundaries. This project serves as an important source of income and prevents the need to burn down trees to harvest honey from hives.

Can the gorillas stay in this area?

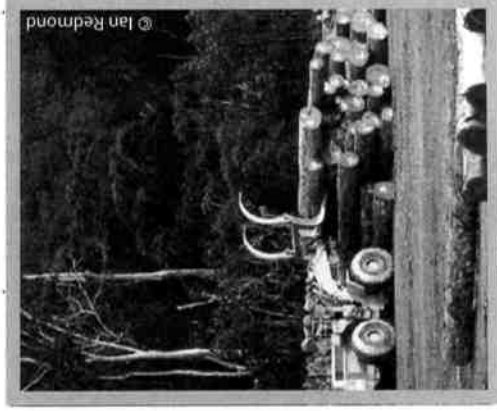
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War and Political Unrest

An area has been involved in civil unrest for several years. This has resulted in direct damage to the forest as well as the poaching of many animal, including gorillas, for bushmeat.

Can this forest continue to provide safe homes for gorillas?

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Logging camp, northern Congo