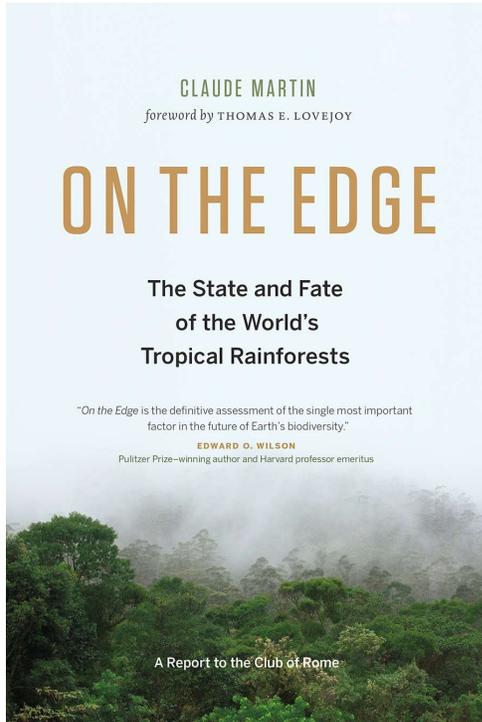




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## **On the Edge: The State and Fate of the World's Tropical Rainforests**

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A Report to the Club of Rome

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*On the Edge* follows in the great tradition of *Limits to Growth*, a Report to The Club of Rome published in 1972, which fuelled an environment debate that lasts to this day.

*The Limits to Growth* introduced the idea that world resources are limited. Soon after, people became aware of the threats to the world's tropical rainforests, the biggest terrestrial repositories of biodiversity and essential regulators of global air and water cycles.

Since that time, new research and technological advances have greatly increased our knowledge of how rainforests are being affected by changing patterns of resource use. Increasing concern about climate change has made it more important than ever to understand the state of the world's tropical forests.

This book provides an up-to-date picture of the health of the world's tropical forests. Claude Martin, an eminent scientist and conservationist, integrates information from satellite imaging, ecology and economics to explain deforestation and forest health throughout the tropical world.

He explains how urbanisation, an increasingly global economy, and a worldwide demand for biofuels put new pressure on rainforest land. He examines the policies and market forces that have successfully preserved forests in some areas and discusses the economic benefits of protected areas. Using evidence from ice core records and past forest cover patterns, he predicts the most likely effects of climate change.

*On the Edge* has been commissioned by the Club of Rome, whose remit is to identify crucial problems and improve the prospects for the future. It will be launched in association with WWF, the World Wildlife Fund. Almost 50% of the tropical rain forests have gone since the first Report to the Club of Rome was published. It is vital that the world acts on advice and warnings contained in this report now and doesn't wait another 40 years for proof that it is correct before taking it seriously.

There will be a global press conference on 21 May in Berlin hosted by the Club of Rome and the WWF.

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