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According to the World Resources Institute (WRI), the rate of deforestation in Costa Rica is the highest of any country in the world. Satellite photography demonstrate that in 1989, 1200 sq.km. of rain forest were destroyed, equal to 2% of Costa Rica's national territory. This figure surpassed by 70% projected deforestation for the year. WRI indicated that on a global scale, 200 million sq.km. of rain forest are destroyed every year, equivalent in area to the US state of Washington. The destruction currently exceeds projections made a decade ago by 200%. (Basic data from Notimex, 08/14/90)

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