

Podcast Questions - <https://www.npr.org/transcripts/892404302> - The link between deforestation and disease.

1. What disease are they talking about in this podcast? When and where did it start?

They are talking about Ebola. It started in 2013 in West Africa.

2. How many people did it kill? What did the WHO say about how it started?

It killed 11,000 people and the WHO said it happened because of deforestation.

3. Who was the first person to get it? How did that person get it?

The first person to get it was an 18-month-old boy who got it from playing in a hollow tree filled with bats.

4. Why were the bats in the tree?

They were in the tree because their habitat had been destroyed.

5. What does #wearethevirus means?

It means that people are the ones causing the problems in the planet.

6. Has the coronavirus been good for the environment? Why/why not?

It hasn't because even though people are driving less and staying at home, there are more illegal activities going on, such as illegal logging and illegal poaching.

7. What happens every six seconds?

The world likely lost a soccer field-sized area of tropical forest.

8. What does Amy Vittor mean by "as we destroy natural habitats, it's kind of like poking a beehive. You know? Stuff will change, and stuff will shake out."

She means there are a lot of bad things that can come from the forests as we destroy them.

9. What does Christina Faust say?

So if a bat sneezes, it's more likely to sneeze on another animal than a human. But when it's low diversity, there's not much else out there to help pick up that pathogen.

10. Is it going easy to stop deforestation? Why?

No, it's not because it involves changing our world economy.