



Clearfelling for woodchipping, August 1989, adjoining the Tinline Scenic Reserve in Marlborough. Photo: Craig Potton

World Rainforest Facts

Rate of Destruction: 40 ha a minute.

Leading Rainforest Destroyer: Japan, which imports almost 50 percent of the world's tropical rainforests.

Where From: 96 percent of Japan's tropical imports are from Sarawak, Sabah and Papua New Guinea.

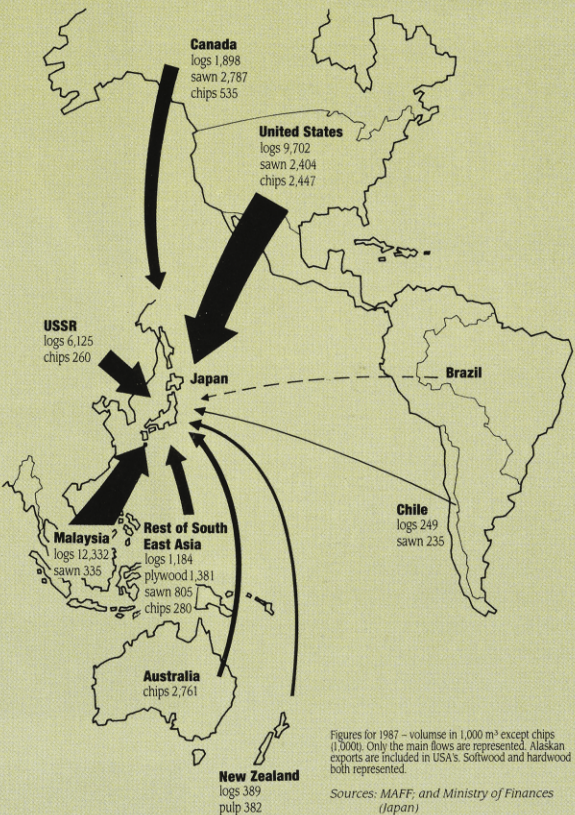
Thailand: Native forest cover 28 percent of original. Banned logging completely earlier this year. Possible loss of up to 1 million jobs.

Philippines: Native forest cover 21 percent of original. Banned the export of all timber in March 1989.

Indonesia: Restrictions on exports of timber.

New Zealand: Native Forest cover 23 percent. No ban on exports.

The Pacific Rim: main timber supply source for Japan



"We are looking at 16 year's milling at the end of which there could be total destruction of all remnant forests . . . except for pockets." (Judge Treadwell, Waimea (Nelson) Planning Tribunal decision 1988).