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Living in the Choco Forests of Ecuador

The Chachi Cocoa Farmers

**The Chachi live
in the province of
Esmeraldas, in
the Choco forest
of Ecuador.**



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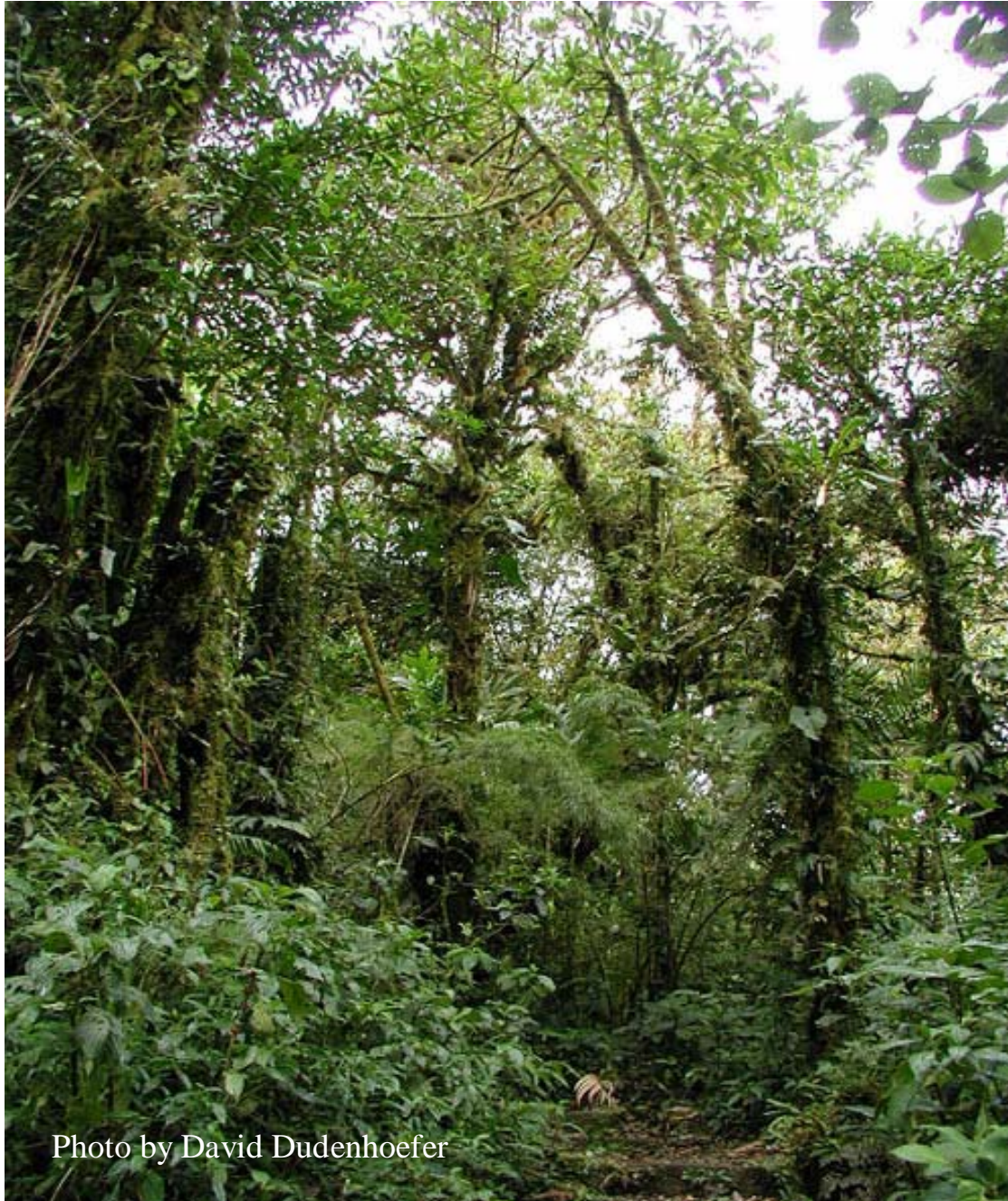


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The rainforest in Ecuador is thick with trees and other plants, which serve as homes and food to many animals.



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This keel-billed toucan uses its large, colorful beak for breaking apart seeds and berries.



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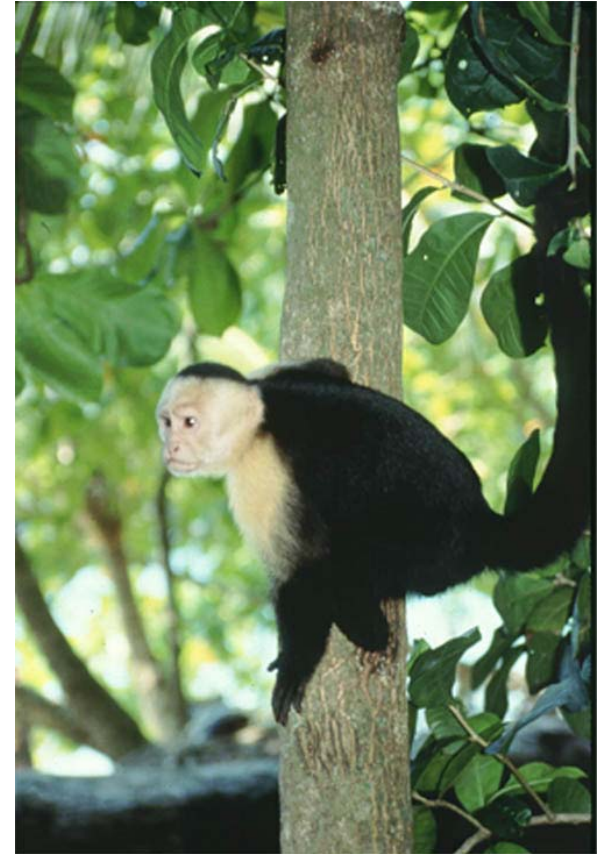


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The Black Howler Monkey (left) and the Capuchin (right) are just two of the many mammals that live in the Choco forest of Ecuador.

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This squirrel cuckoo can be seen in the mangroves of the Choco forests.



Photo by the Rainforest Alliance

All of these delicious fruits grow in the rainforests!



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These Chachi Indian boys are gathering bananas and other fruit from the Choco forest.



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This young Chachi Indian lives with his family in San Salvador, a city in Ecuador.



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These are the seeds of the cocoa plant, which are dried and turned into chocolate.



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**A canoe is a good way to travel in the rivers
of the rainforest.**



These cocoa trees are a good home for rainforest animals. You can see the cocoa pods on the ground.



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Some people cut down trees in the rainforest. What do you think will happen if they cut down too many?



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**These Chachi men feel at home in the Choco forests.
Look how big the tree is compared to this man!**



Jaguar

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Rainforest

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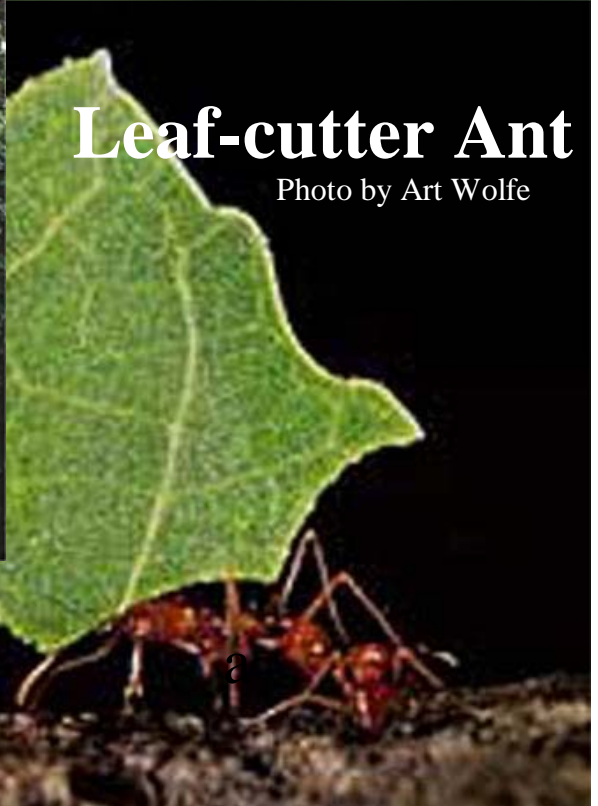
Orchid

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Red Macaw

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Leaf-cutter Ant

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