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TREES - HOW MANY DO WE HAVE:
WHO HAS THE MOST?

A new study published in Nature in early September gives us an important update on trees, as follows:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Trees (In Billions)</u>	<u>Trees/Person</u>
US	228	716 *
Russia	641	4,461
China	139	102
Canada	318	1,494
World	3,040	442

* The US had 319 million people in 2014.

Annual World Inventory (in Billions)

- 3.04 Trillion (Previous Estimate - 400 Billion)

- Loss 15.3

- Grow Back 5

- Net Loss 10

The new Nature study has myriad implications, but some of the largest are for the problem of global warming. Trees pull carbon dioxide out of the atmosphere as they grow, and cutting or burning them down releases that carbon again. So that means that deforestation is making global warming worse - and it also means that if we were living on an Earth with close to 6 trillion trees, rather than 3 trillion, climate change would be less severe.

(By Chris Mooney - Washington Post/Philadelphia Inquirer - 9/3/15)



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