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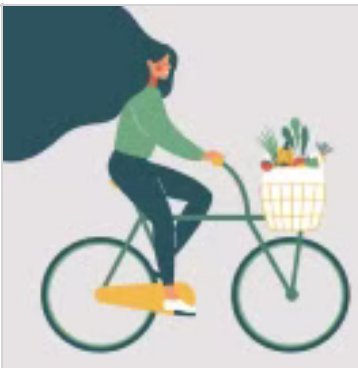
‘Alarm bell for humanity’: Amazon now ‘alarmingly close’ to critical tipping point of no return

Rainforest could ‘cease to function’ as global climate regulator within next decade, WWF warns

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Humanity is ‘pushing the world’s largest rainforest alarmingly close to a precipice’
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The **Amazon rainforest** is now "alarmingly close" to reaching a critical **tipping point** from which there is no return, with "catastrophic consequences for people and planet", new **WWF** research warns.

The charity said **the study**, released on Biodiversity Day at Cop27, sounds an "alarm bell for humanity", and in the worst case scenario, the so-called "lungs of the world" could cease to function as a vital global climate regulator within just 10 years.

The worsening **climate crisis**, deforestation and degradation are all pushing the **Amazon** towards tipping into a permanently degraded state, with the WWF saying the forest as we know it and may die by 2030 – "risking catastrophic consequences for nature".



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