



THE STORY OF THE BRAZIL NUT: LESSON NOTES

What you will need for this lesson:

Powerpoint presentation: The Story of the Brazil Nut

Optional:

Rainforest Activity Sheet

A piece of string 16.5 metres long tied into a circle

Learning outcomes

Pupils will:

- Be able to identify South America and the Equator
- Understand the diversity of physical geography in Bolivia
- Identify the physical characteristics of a rainforest and learn basic terminology to describe the different layers
- Understand how Brazil nuts are interdependent on a balanced ecosystem to survive, an ecosystem protected by Brazil nut gatherers

Background

Brazil nuts rely on a fragile relationship between a certain type of orchid, a certain type of bee and a large rodent called an agouti. Because of this balance the trees rely on a pristine and untouched ecosystem. Brazil nut gatherers work hard to protect areas of the rainforest where Brazil nuts grow.