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Tropical rain forests, covering only seven percent of the earth's land surface, are the world's oldest ecosystems, providing natural habitats for over 50 percent of all species. The Indonesian archipelago, composed of some 13,000 equatorial islands, contains 10 percent of the world's total rain forest area and is home to an estimated 4,000 species of trees, 500 species of mammals, and over 1,500 species of birds. This beautifully illustrated volume celebrates Indonesia's unique and diverse rain forests. It describes the fascinating ecology of these areas, the distinctive habitats of the main islands, and their abundant and colorful flora and fauna. Special attention is given to issues involved in protecting this biological diversity, especially those species that are most endangered. In addition to conservationists and botanists, the book will interest all students of natural history and ecology, and general readers with an interest in exploring one of the world's great wildlife habitats.

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'Through stunning photos and interesting text, readers are introduced to the many unusual creatures on Indonesia, such as birds of paradise, phosphorescent mushrooms, and the four-horned babirusa.' *Journal of Forestry*

Ilsa Sharp is a British-born journalist with 25 years of experience working in South-East Asia. She has published many articles on regional conservation issues, ecology, and wildlife. French born photographer Alan Compost has lived in Indonesia for 18 years, making top-quality documentation

of the ecology and wildlife throughout this exciting archipelago his forte. His photos have figured in National Geographic, BBC Wildlife, and Paris Match. He has also worked for Anglia TV's Survival series.

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