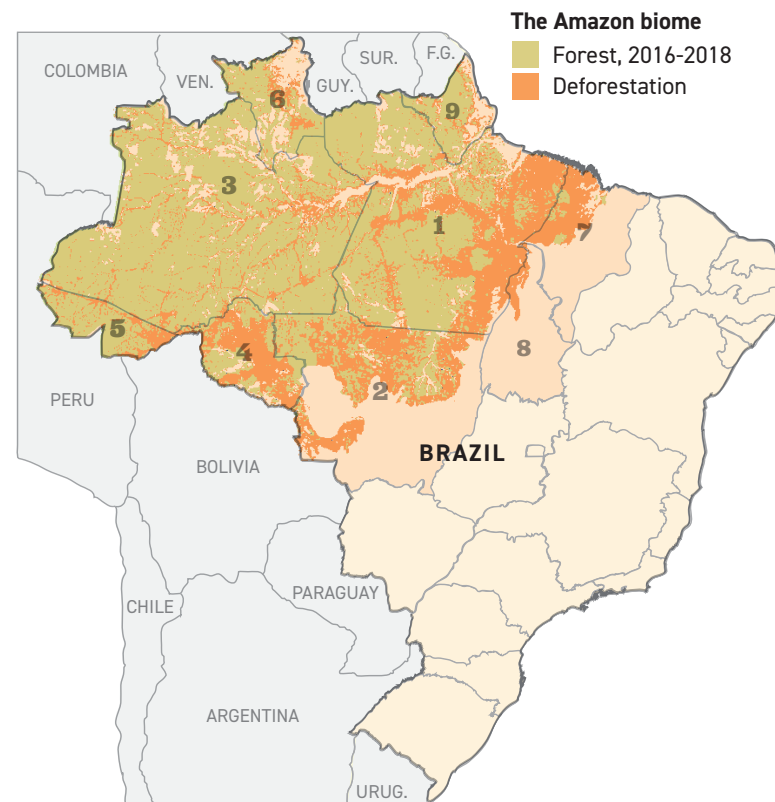
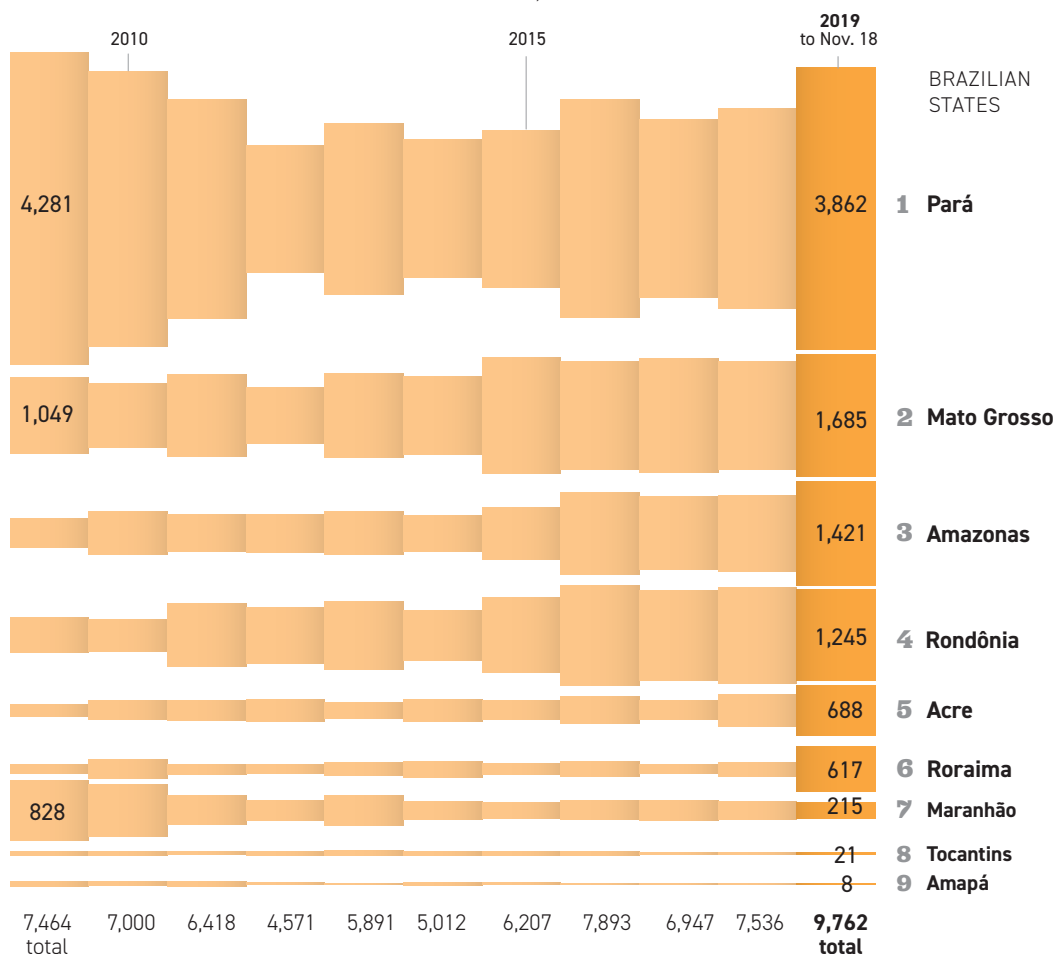


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Brazil's Amazon deforestation jumps to a 10-year high

Satellite data from Brazil's National Institute for Space Research reveals an escalation of deforestation in the Amazon, an abrupt change in course for the country since President Jair Bolsonaro assumed office earlier this year. Bolsonaro has promoted conversion of protected forests for use in agriculture and mining. Such changes can increase greenhouse gas emissions and negatively affect biodiversity and food security, and can lead to water scarcity, land degradation and desertification, according to the U.N.'s Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.

SQUARE KILOMETERS OF CLEAR-CUT DEFORESTATION, 2009-19



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