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## Rainforest Special

Journey into the world's rainforests with National Geographic Kids and The Prince's Rainforest Project

From jumping spiders to lemur monkeys, there are thousands of weird and wonderful animals in our rainforests, many of which we don't even know about. **Romola David** finds some recent discoveries



### Handle with care

A research team in Madagascar, Africa, has discovered a new group of Greater Bamboo Lemurs called the Prolemur Simus. With a world population of just 100, the species are in real danger of extinction, so the newly found lemurs are a valuable find. After several days of looking, the research team stumbled across the lemurs at an ancient burial site for local villagers. The Greater Bamboo Lemur is a unique species and one of the world's rarest mammals. Its diet consists wholly of bamboo, which it eats all year round.

### Did you know?

Experts estimate that we are losing 130 species of plants, animals and insects every day from the loss of rainforest land and habitats



### Jumping to it

Have you ever seen a jumping spider? These spiders were discovered in the rainforests of Papua New Guinea. Instead of sitting in their web and waiting for prey, the spiders wander about their habitat and pounce on them. The new species included a brown furry variety and this shiny, pale green one. Some of them can leap 30 times their own body length! Scientists said that the jumping spiders would help them to learn about evolution.



### In the pink

Scientists found this Hot Pink Millipede in the Greater Mekong, South East Asia. Several were found on rocks and palm trees showing off their bubblegum pink colour. The millipedes have glands that produce the pink colour, which they use as a warning to keep away predators. It shows that eating them would be dangerous.



### Call of the wild

An expedition into the forests of Papua New Guinea last year found three new species of frogs. This one was distinguishable by its loud call, which it uses to attract mates. The team also found a new, bright green tree frog with huge eyes.



### rainforest puzzles

#### Tropical teaser

Rainforests once covered 14 per cent of the Earth's land surface. How much do they cover today?

- (a) 10 per cent
- (b) 8 per cent
- (c) 6 per cent

Yesterday's answer Elephant

#### Hidden in the forest

Which animal is this?



#### Puzzle of the day: code word

If CICADA is 121343 and BEETLE is 566786, how quickly can you work out these other rainforest bugs? You should identify more letters as you go along.

1137691028839  
 216117210646  
 310931221113143  
 117215  
 41629616812  
 5157211721115617

Yesterday's puzzle Toucan

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