



Eco-Adventures in the Rainforest



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Cost:
Individual \$59.95 + s&h
Lab Pack (5 users) \$94.95 + s&h
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SUBJECT

Science

This software consists of a number of simulated expeditions, in which the player journeys through the rainforest in search of one of several creatures. With the help of a mysterious guide, players travel through thick forests, across rivers, and over areas that have been burned for cattle pasture. The camera allows the player to photograph interesting sights along the way. Throughout the expeditions, students encounter natives, other researchers, and rangers, and must navigate away from poachers, snares, falling trees, and dangerous animals. After completing each expedition a team of reporters ask the player a number of questions about rainforest flora and fauna. The resource guide explains how to play the game and provides a glossary of animal and plant names, a bibliography of books on rainforest wildlife, maps of the world showing the locations of rainforests, and answers to selected questions about the game. A poster showing black-and-white drawings of the animals is also included.

Grade Level
3 & up

Length
1 CD-ROM

Date Published
1994

What the REVIEWERS Said!

Other
Considerations
Strengths
Noted

Information was largely accurate, although limited and date-sensitive. The program showed animals from different parts of the world in the same rainforest. Activities are learner-centered to a degree and involve the students in map reading, strategizing, and comprehending scientific information. The program is easy to use and follow. The different scenarios offer interesting information on rainforest issues, but did little to encourage original thought or point out alternatives. Reviewers differed on whether children would find it interesting or inviting.