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# **The Caatinga**

- The Caatinga is a semi-arid scrub forest (similar to a desert environment) situated in the North-east of Brazil.
- It is extremely rich in natural resources.
- It is populated by thorny shrubs and stunted trees.
- There are few species of animals; although it is home to the three banded armadillo.





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# **The Cerrado**

- Covers 20% of Brazil.
- The largest tropical savannah region in South America.
- Home to over 10,000 species of plants.
- Home to the endangered jaguar.
- Grassland, shrubbery and trees.



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# **The Pantanal**

- The world's largest wetland (20x the size of The Everglades in Florida).
- The Pantanal is located in Brazil, Bolivia and Paraguay.
- Home to a huge number of plant and animal species.
- 80% of the land is submerged in the wet season, so there is a huge amount of aquatic life.





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#### **The Mata Atlantica**

- Also known as the Atlantic Forest.
- Large area of forest that runs along the Atlantic coastline of Brazil.
- Home to over 2000 species of plants, birds, mammals, reptiles.
- Home to the rare golden lion tamarind monkey.





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#### **The Pampas**

- Flat, fertile grasslands that are in areas of lowlands found in the south of Brazil.
- Used to graze animals.





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# **Tropical rainforest (Amazon rainforest)**

- A huge region that spans Brazil, Bolivia, Peru, Ecuador, Colombia, Venezuela, Guyana, Suriname and French Guiana.
- Home to one in ten known species on earth.
- Area of dense forest and the Amazon River.



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