2.8 The World

Our nearest neighbour Papua New Guinea has about 26 million hectares of rainforest. It's interesting to note that there are no World Heritage sites in this country. Go to the Wilderness Society website (http://www.wilderness.org.au/campaigns/png/pngforests/) and read why they think Papua New Guinea's rainforest is worth protecting.

At this stage you should have a pretty good idea of how World Heritage listing works. You should also have a fair understanding of the *natural* criteria used to determine World Heritage listing. (To remind yourself of the criteria, go to the Wet Tropics website: http://www.wettropics.gov.au/mwha/mhwa_listcriteria.html)

Based on the brief information on the Wilderness Society's website, do you think Papua New Guinea's rainforests would fulfil any of the World Heritage criteria? Which ones? Justify your answer in the space below: