

4.8 The World

The issues facing the Wet Tropics, such as the development of roads, are also occurring in other World Heritage Areas. UNESCO has actually declared 34 sites are in danger of losing the very cultural and natural values that they were originally listed for! You can see the list at the UNESCO website. (<http://whc.unesco.org/pg.cfm?cid=158>)

The site lists “armed conflict and war, earthquakes and other natural disasters, pollution, poaching, uncontrolled urbanisation and unchecked tourist development” as the major threats to the 34 World Heritage sites in danger.

On the map below indicate where each World Heritage site in danger is located. You’ll need to use an atlas to determine which continent each country is in, or you can go to the Jacaranda Atlas website (<http://www.jaconline.com.au/jacatlas5e/mapoutlines.htm>)

Tally how many World Heritage sites in danger are found on each continent.

Continent	Number of sites in danger	Name the World Heritage sites in danger
Africa		
Europe		
Asia		
North America		
Australasia		
South America		