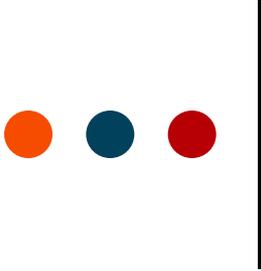




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## Objectives

To be able to interpret and analyse data from a variety of different sources

To recognise how different parts of the tropical rainforest ecosystem are linked together

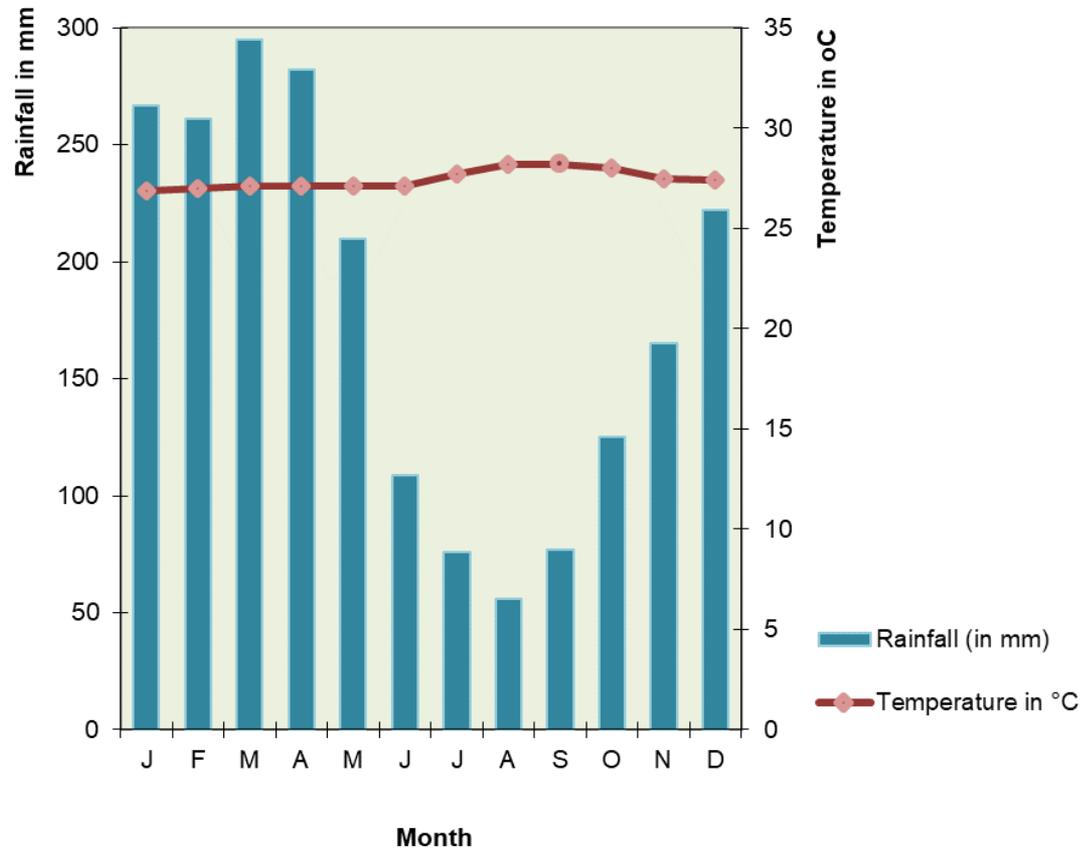
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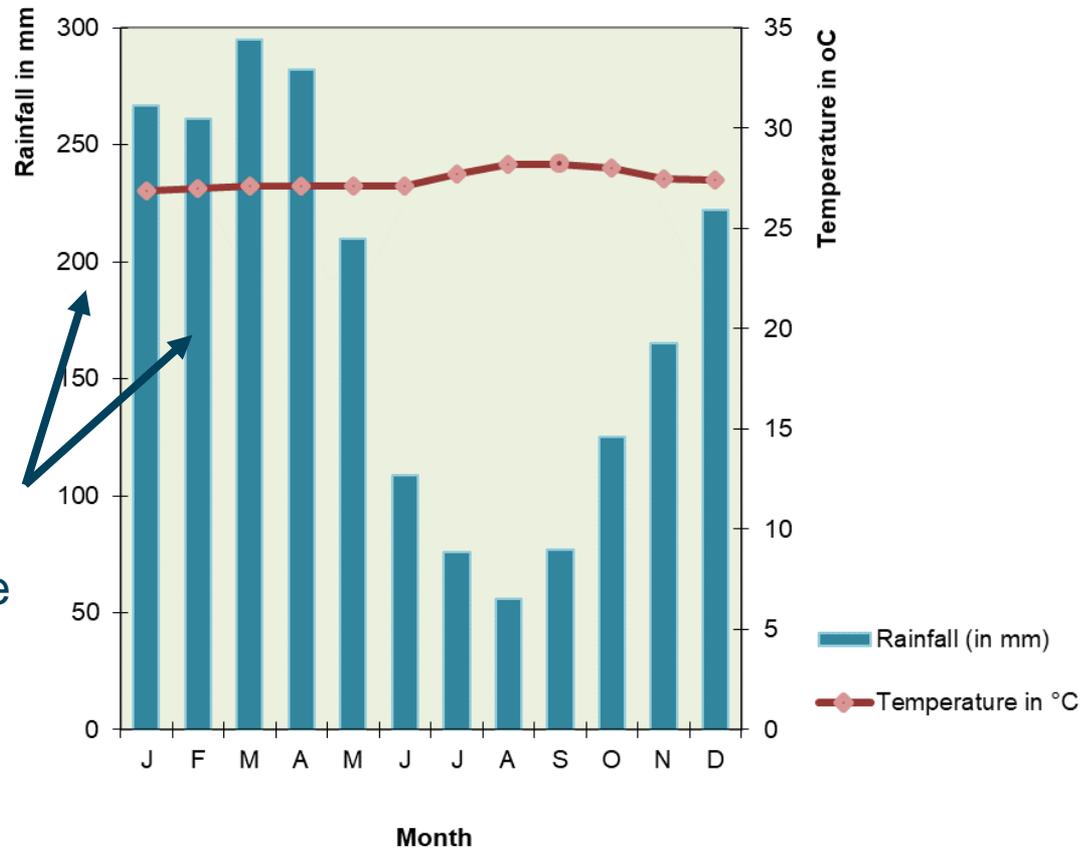
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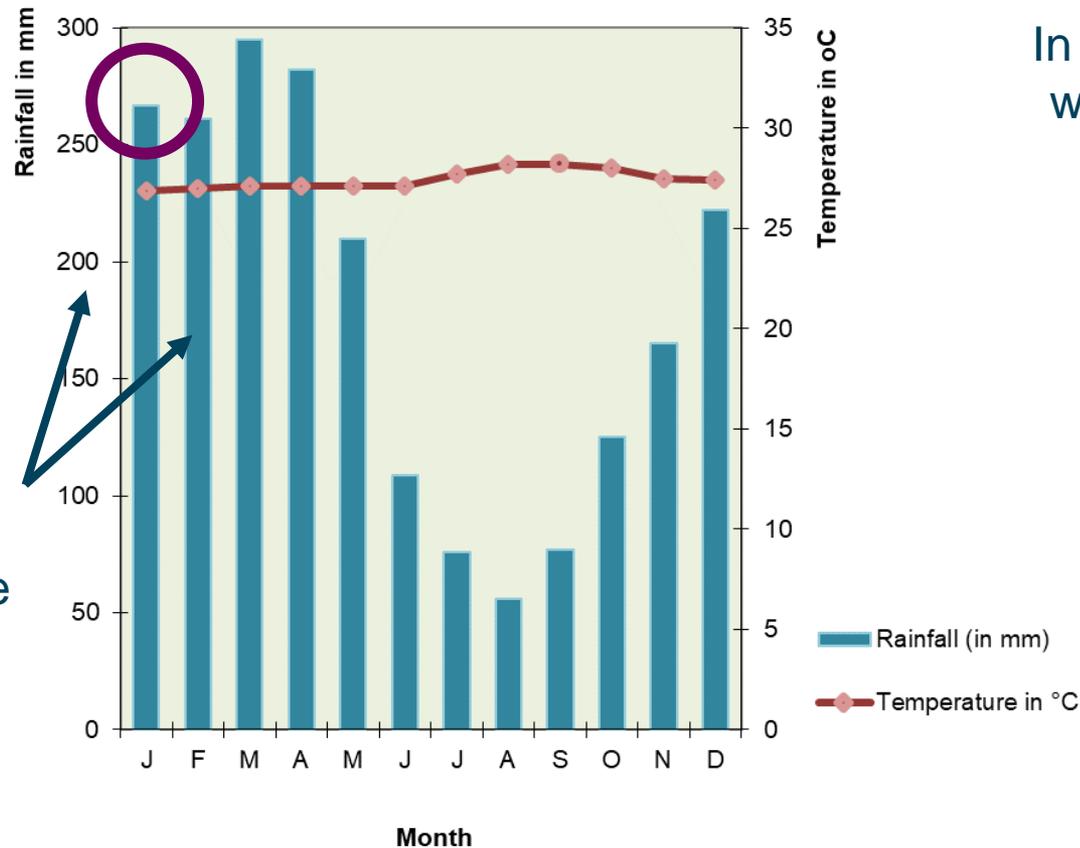
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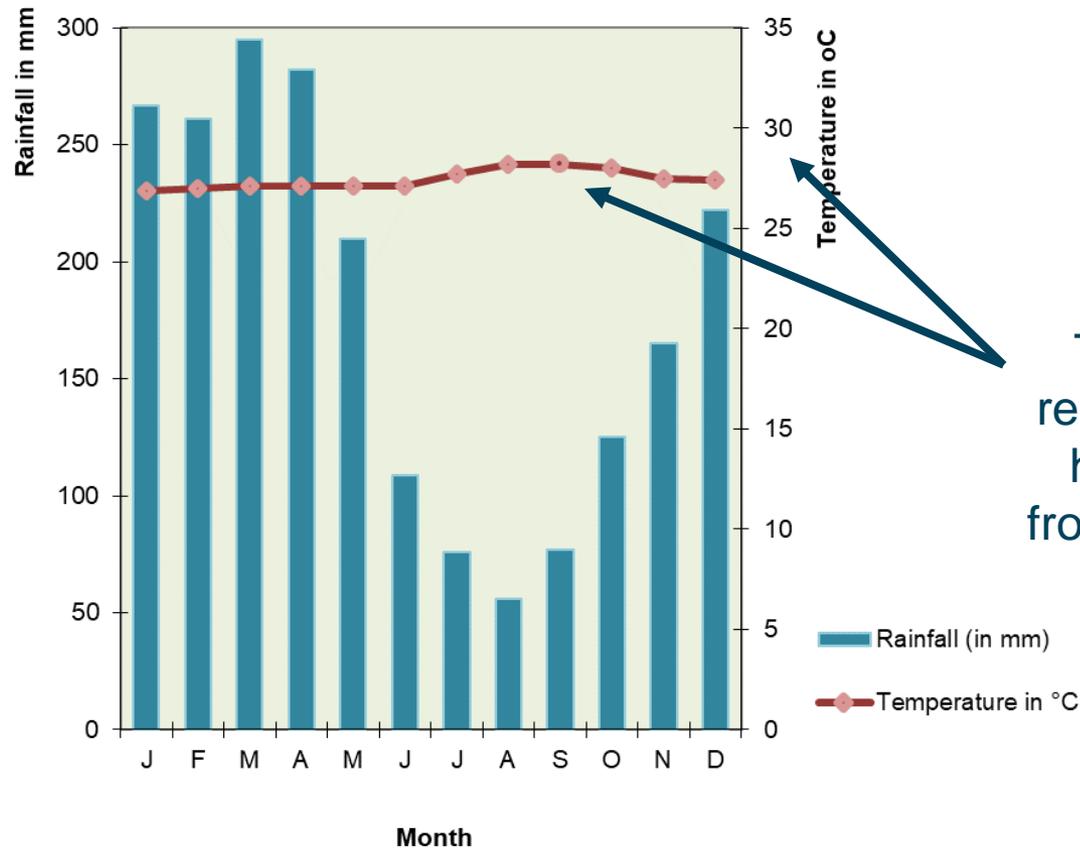
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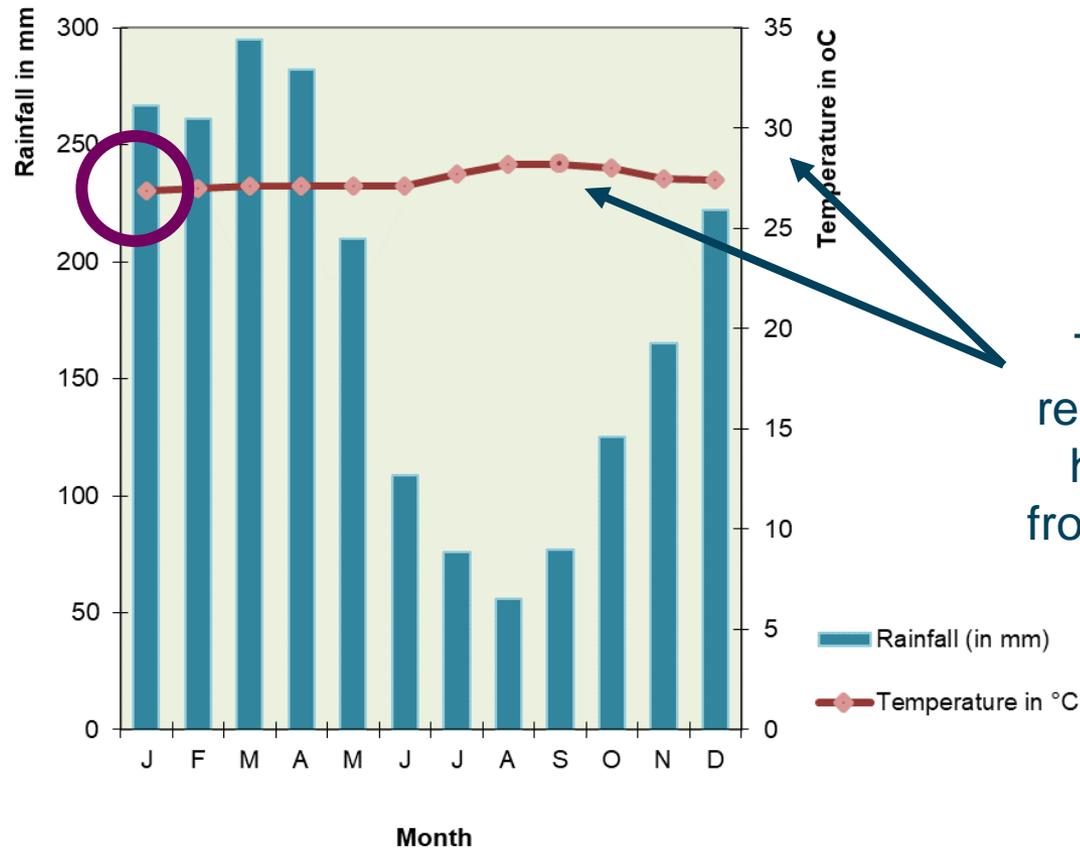


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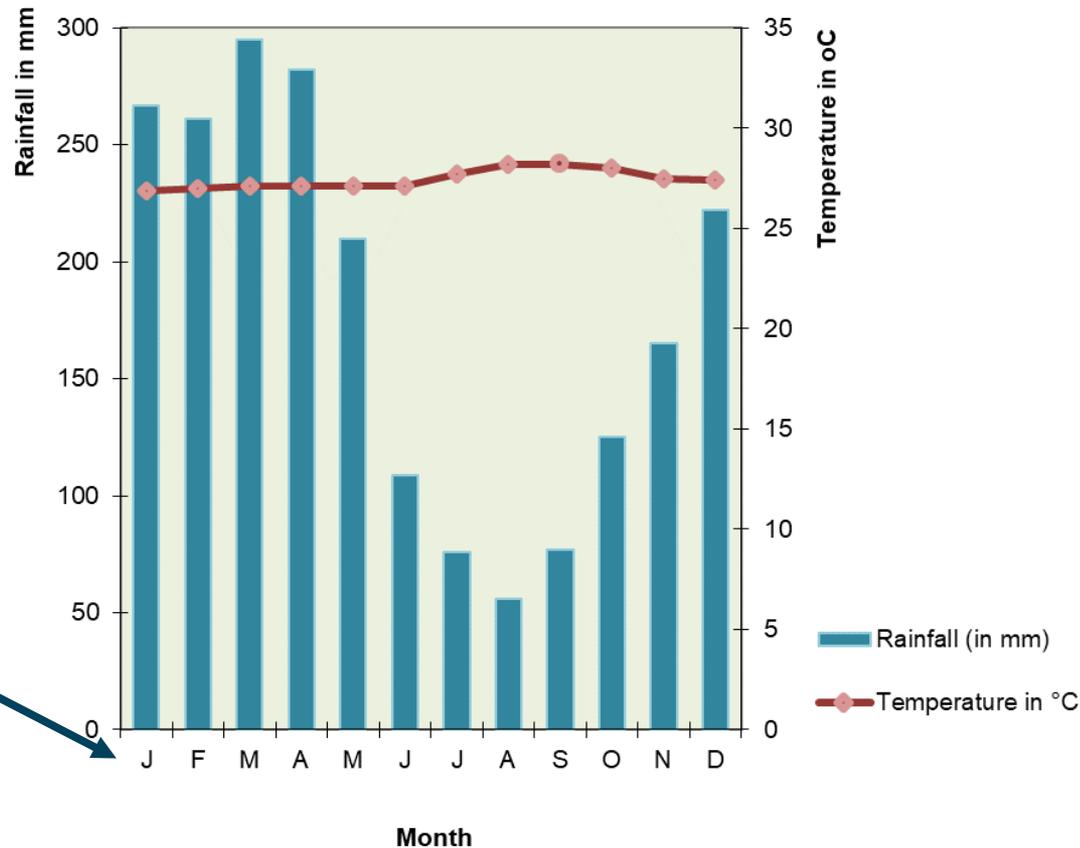
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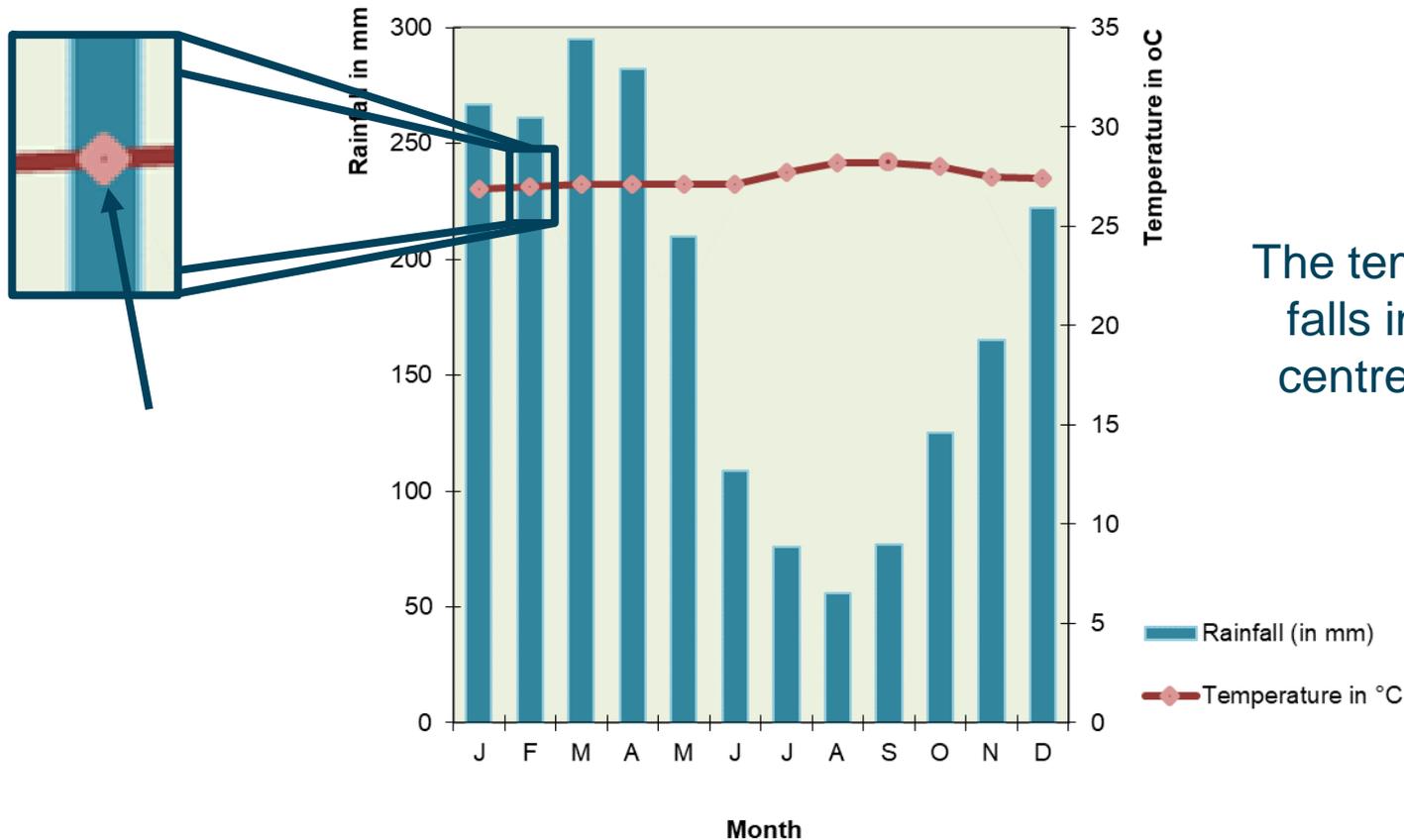


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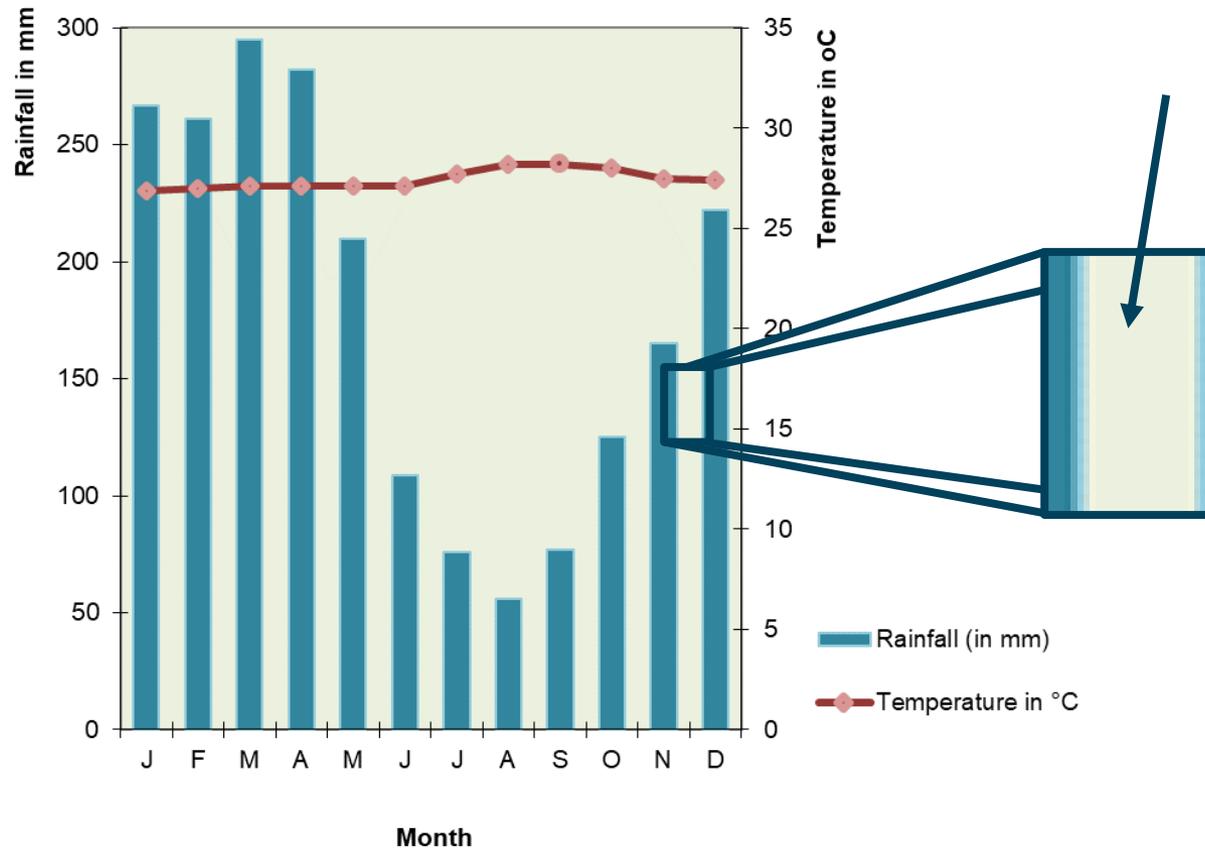
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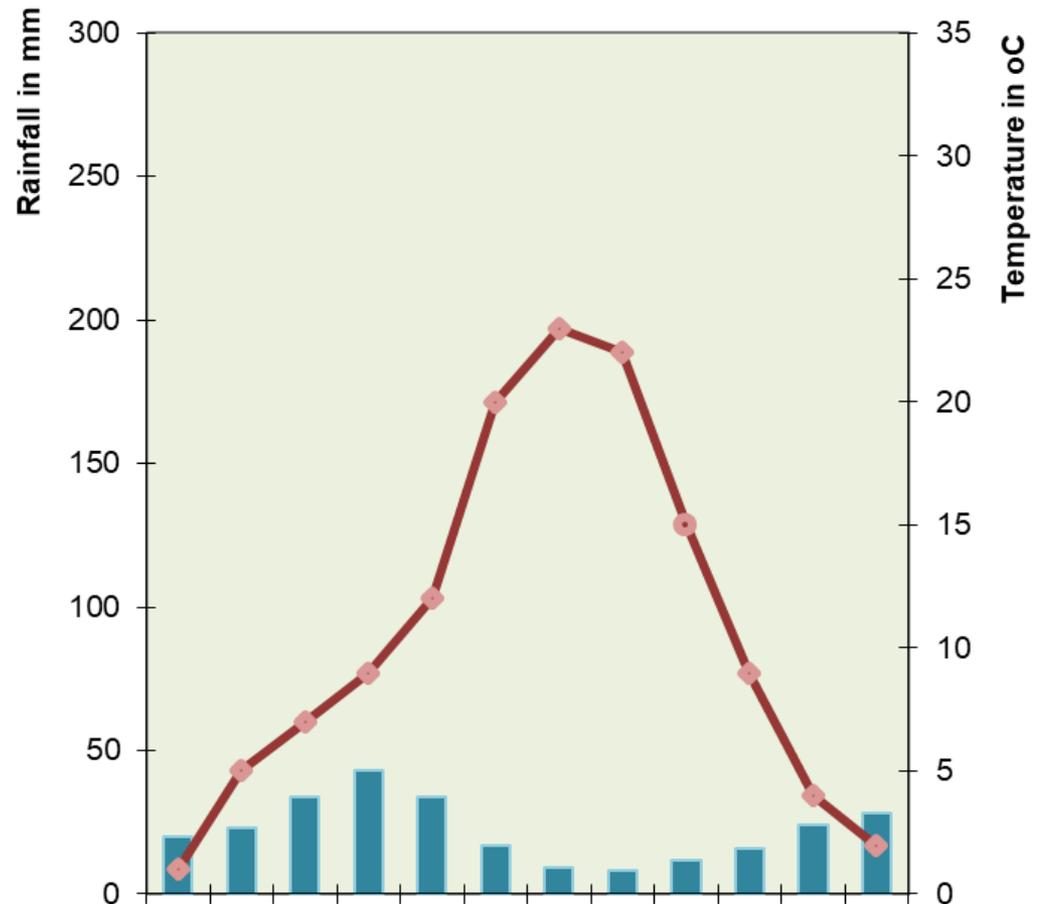


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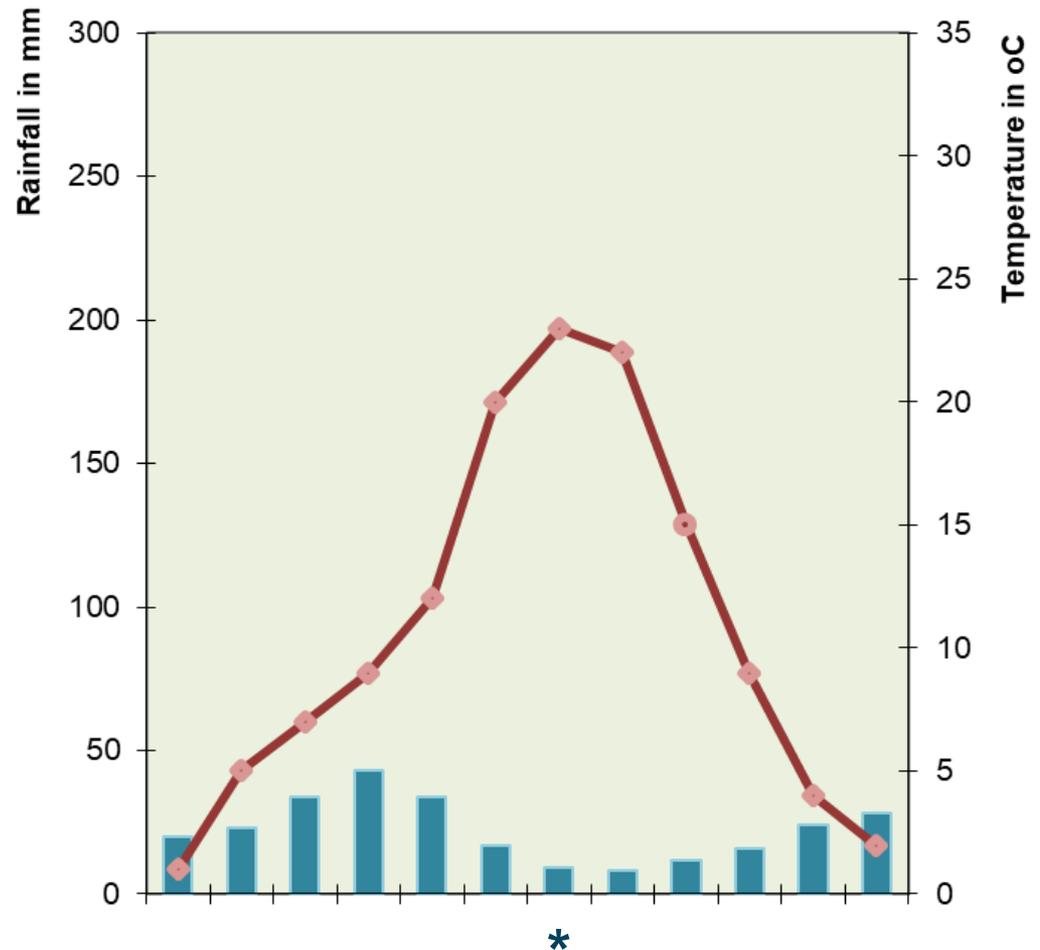
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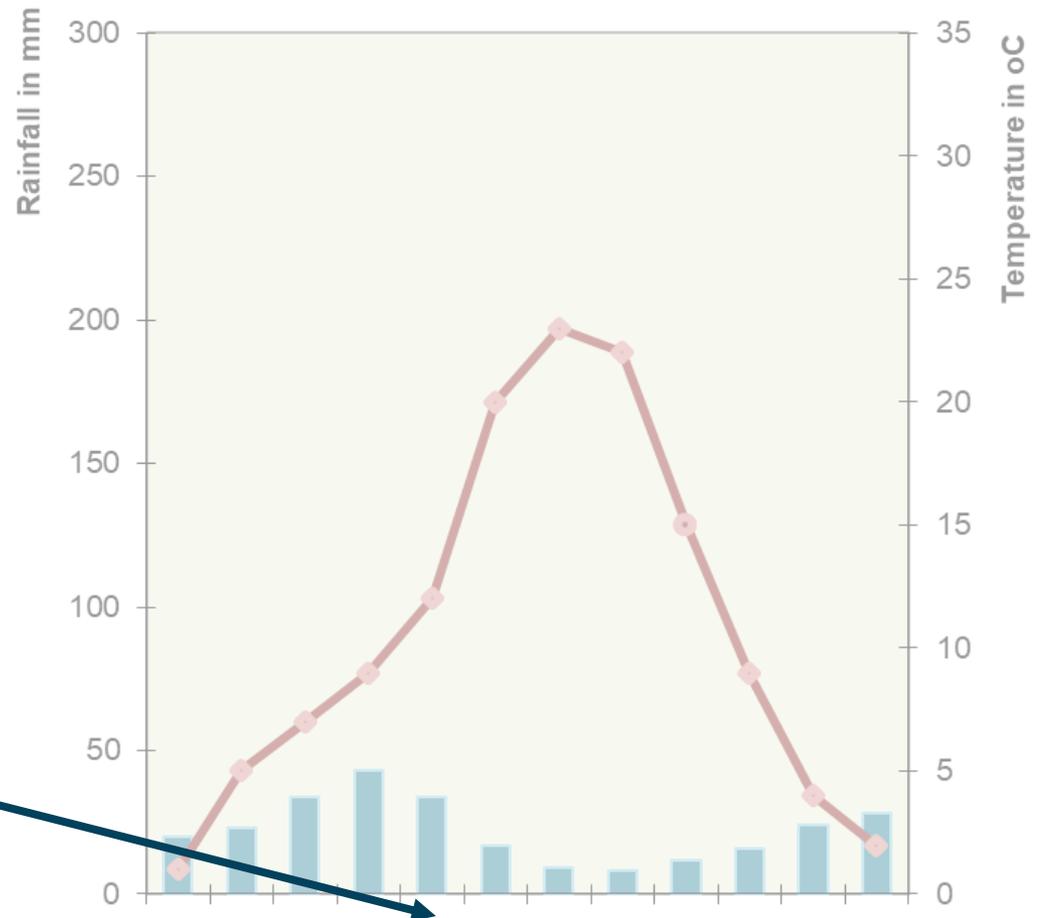
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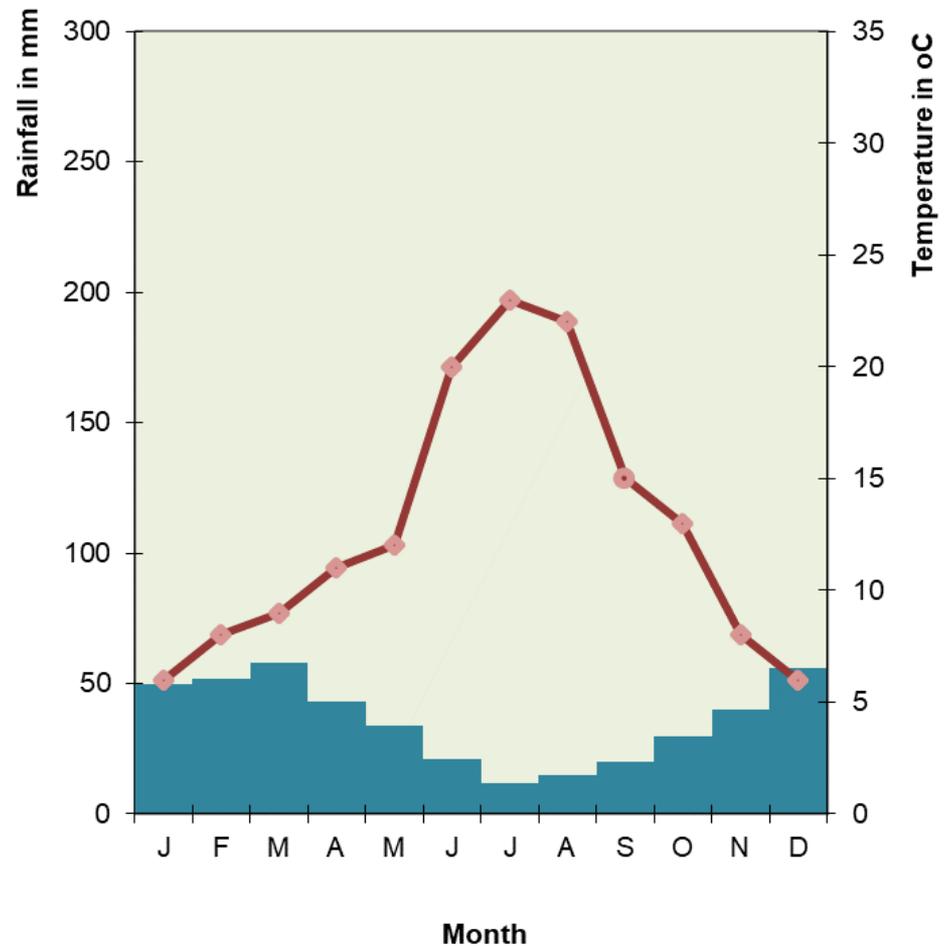


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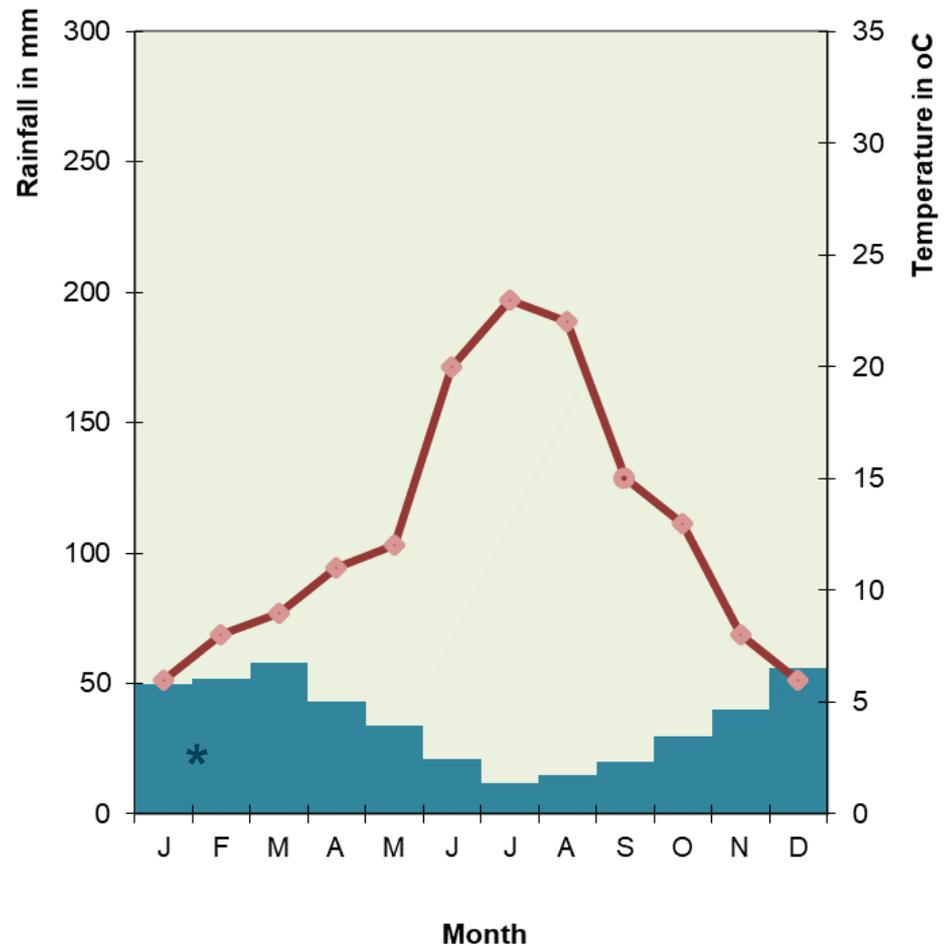
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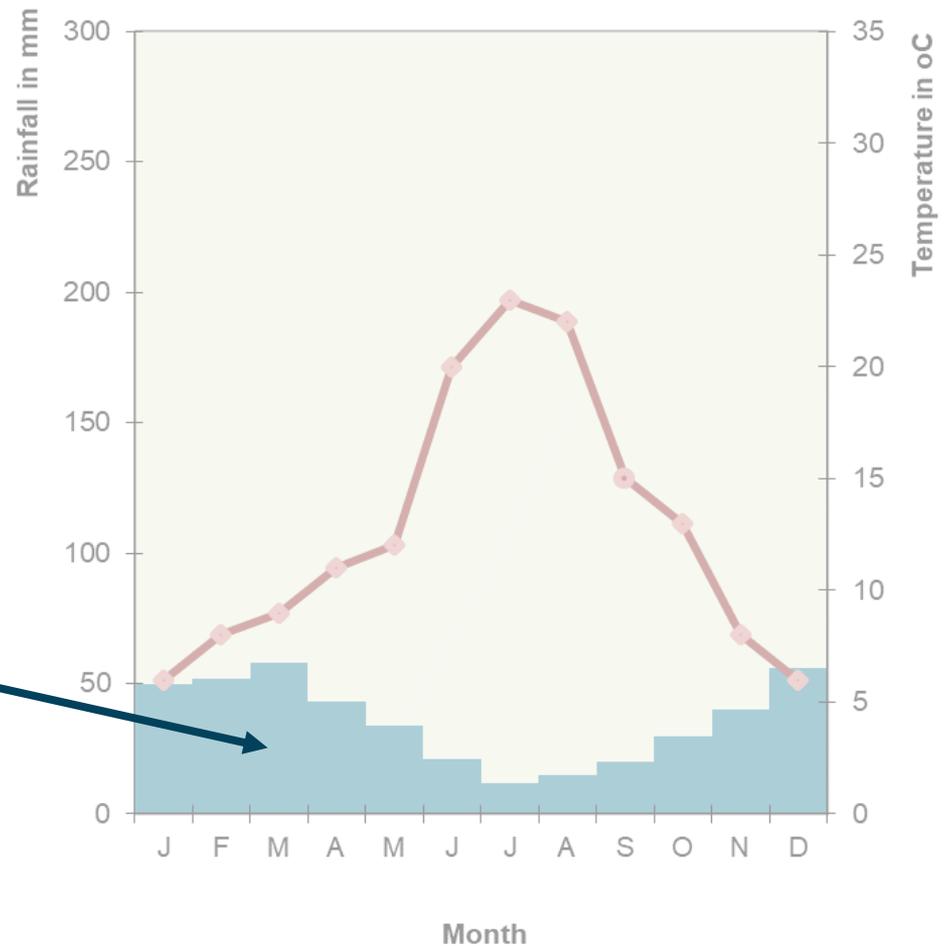


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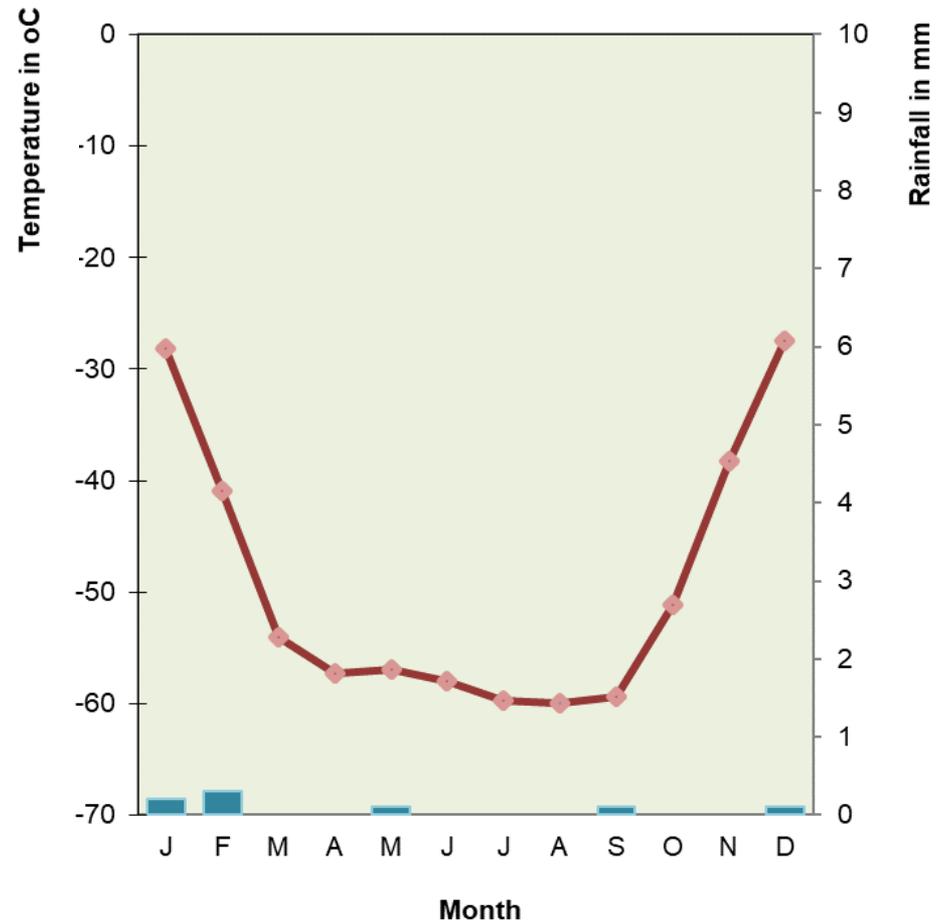


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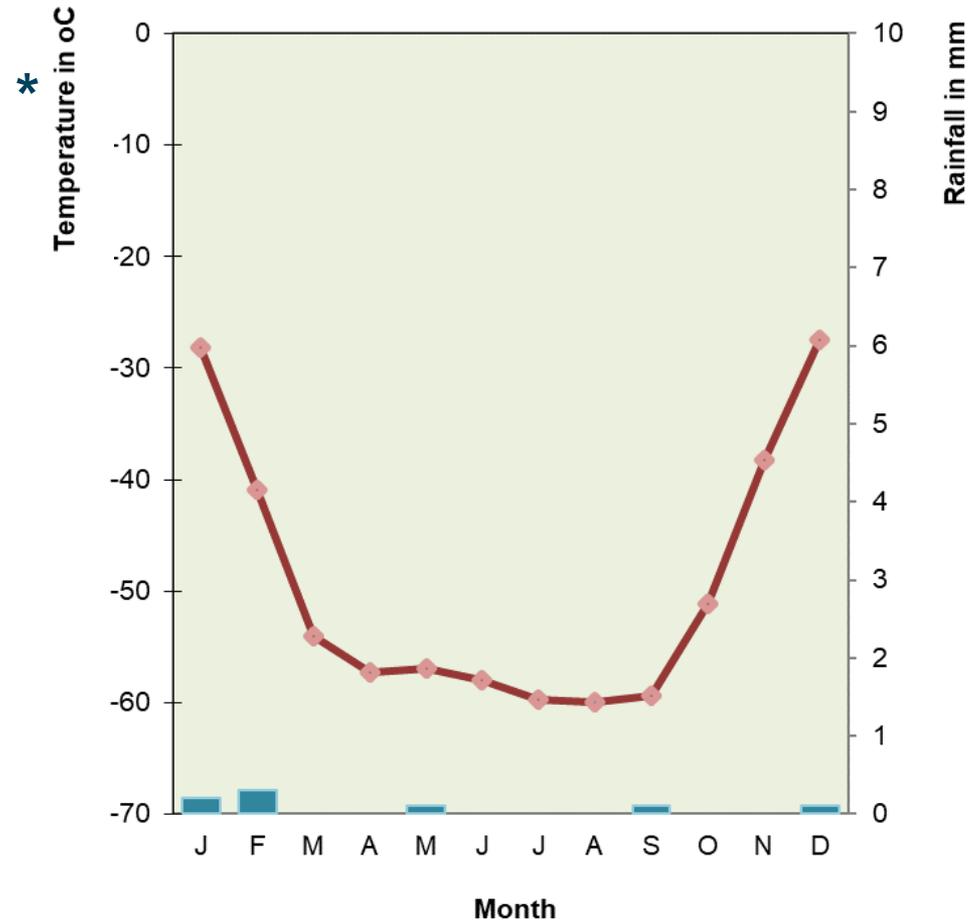
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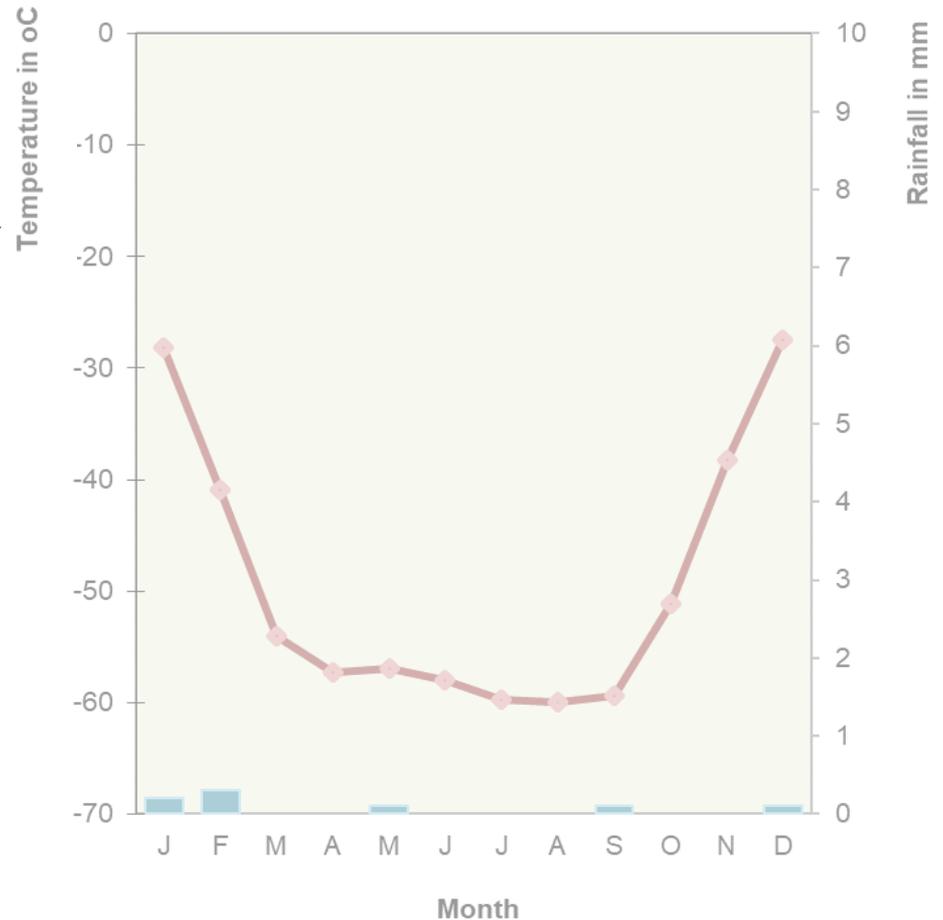


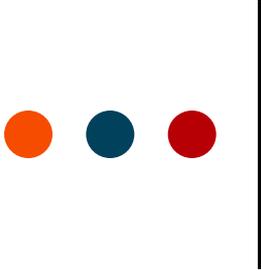
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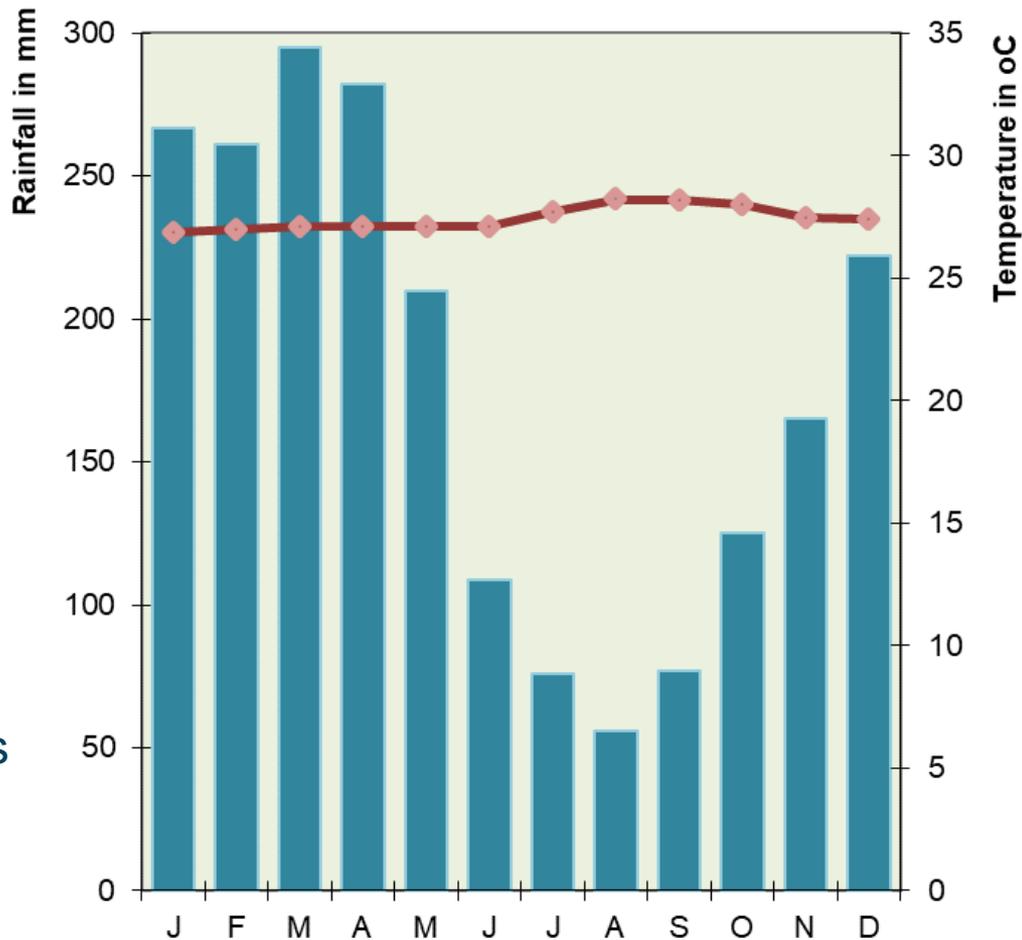
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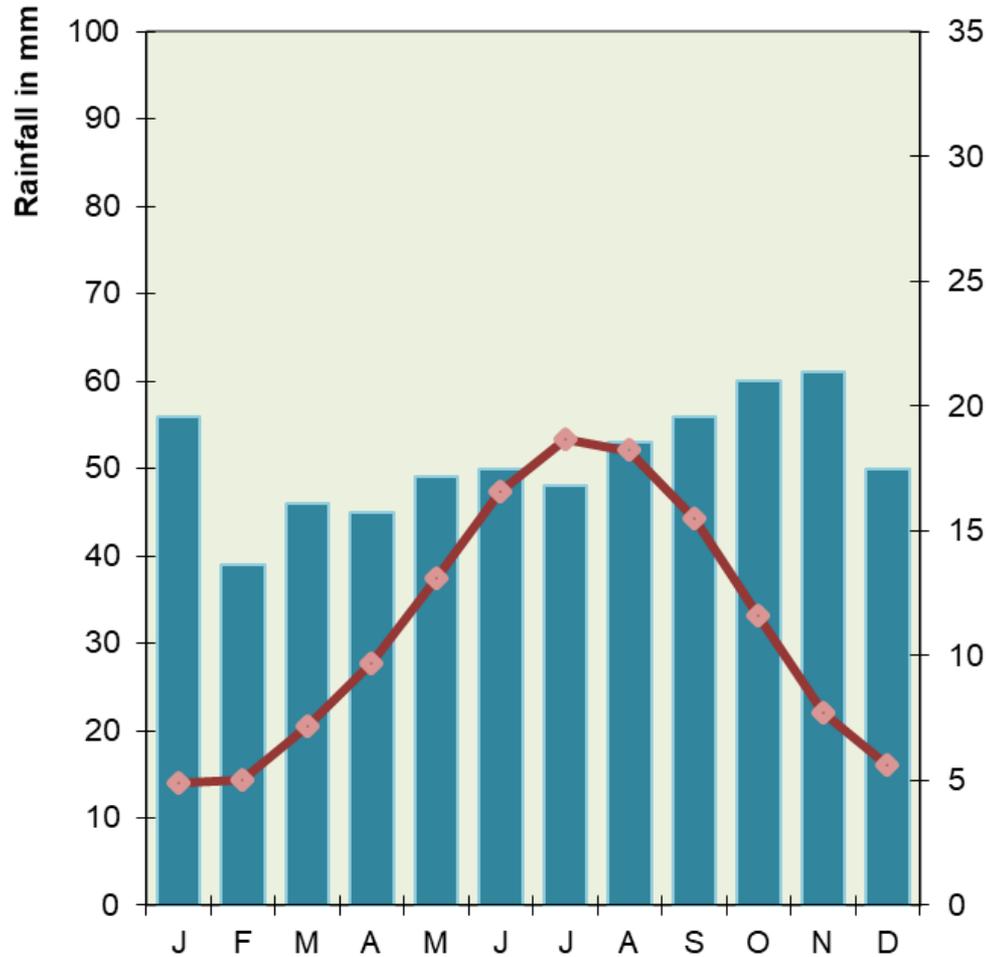


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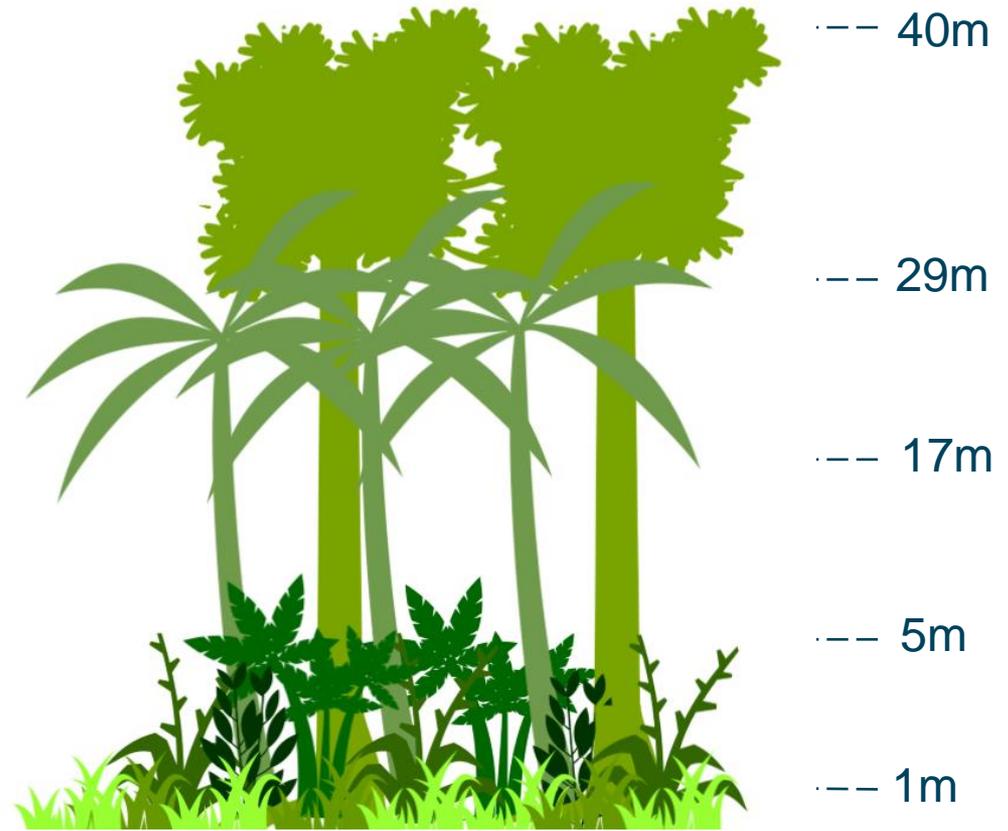
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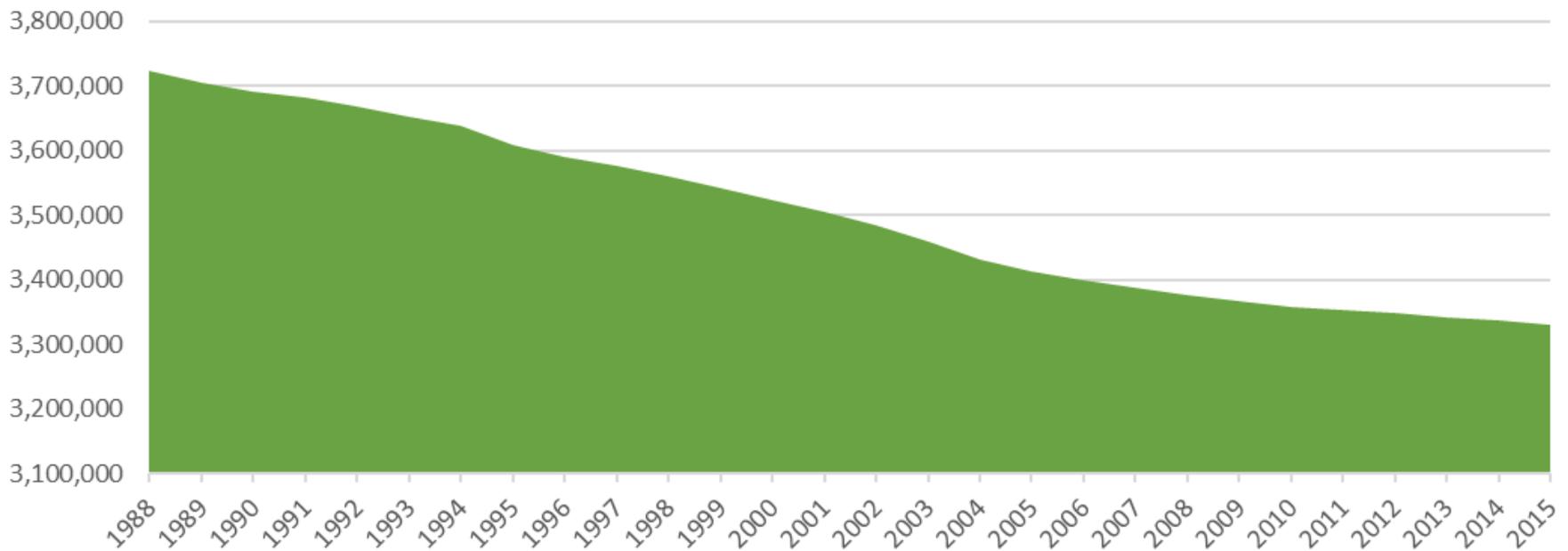
**Structure of a tropical rainforest**

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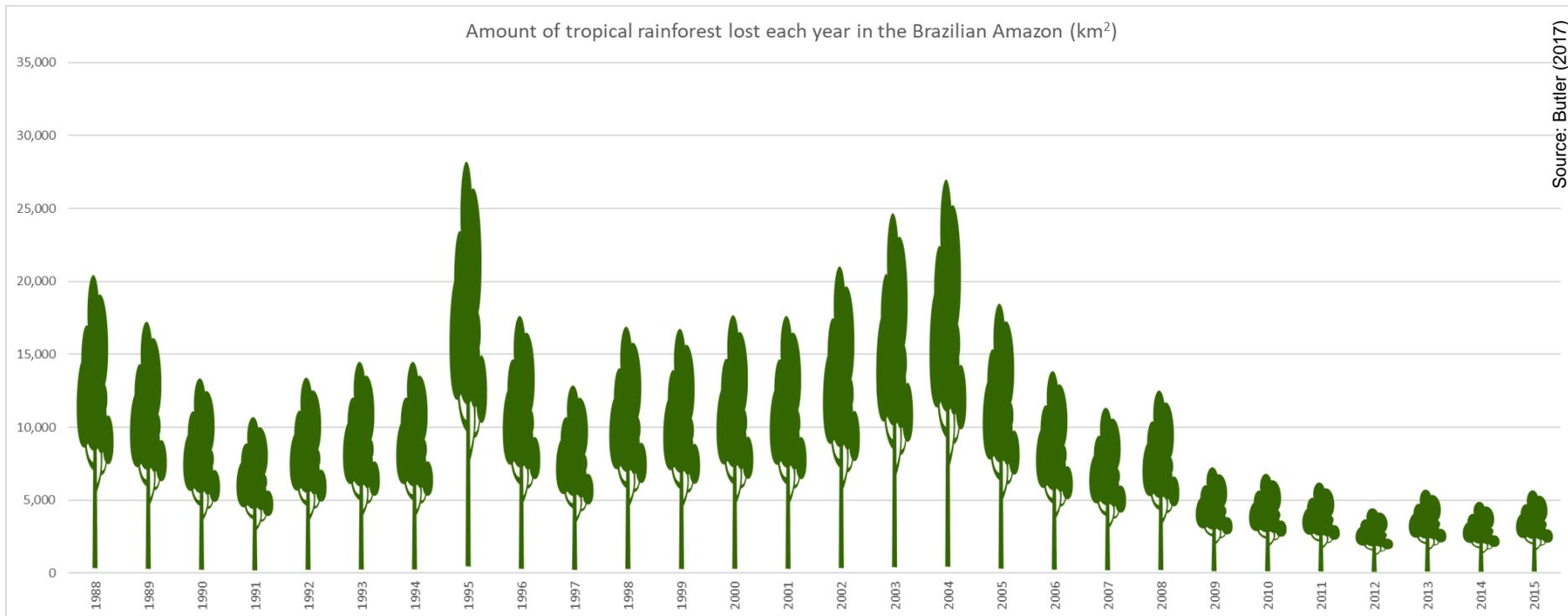
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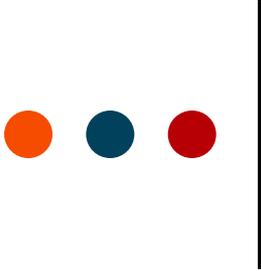
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Amount of tropical rainforest lost each year in the Brazilian Amazon (km<sup>2</sup>)



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Size of Brazil = 8.52 million km<sup>2</sup>

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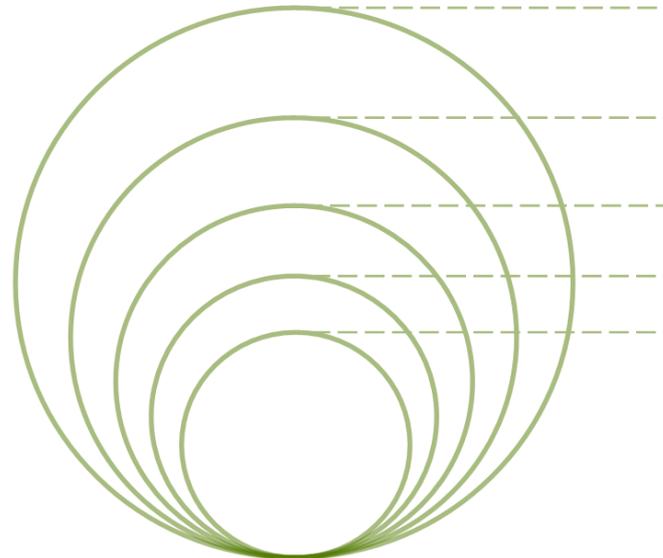
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## Estimated number of Species



Brazilian Rainforest



Key:

3 million

300,000

30,000

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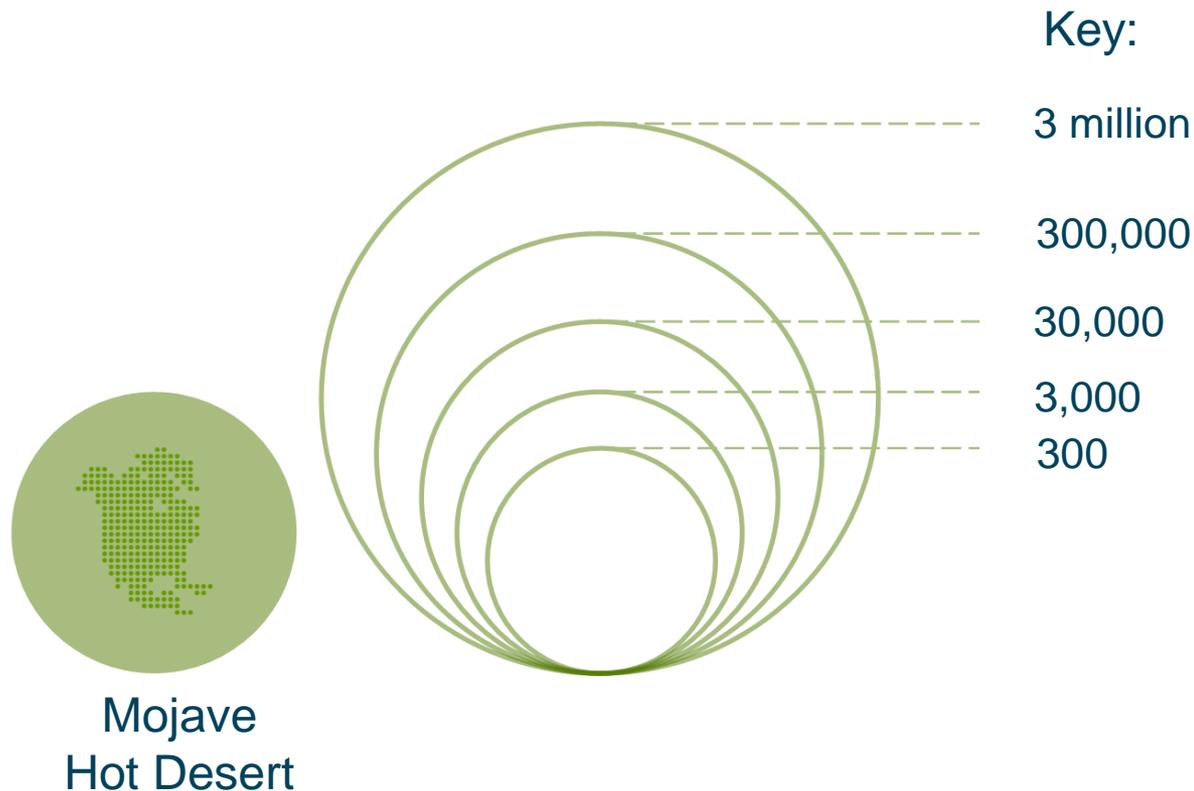
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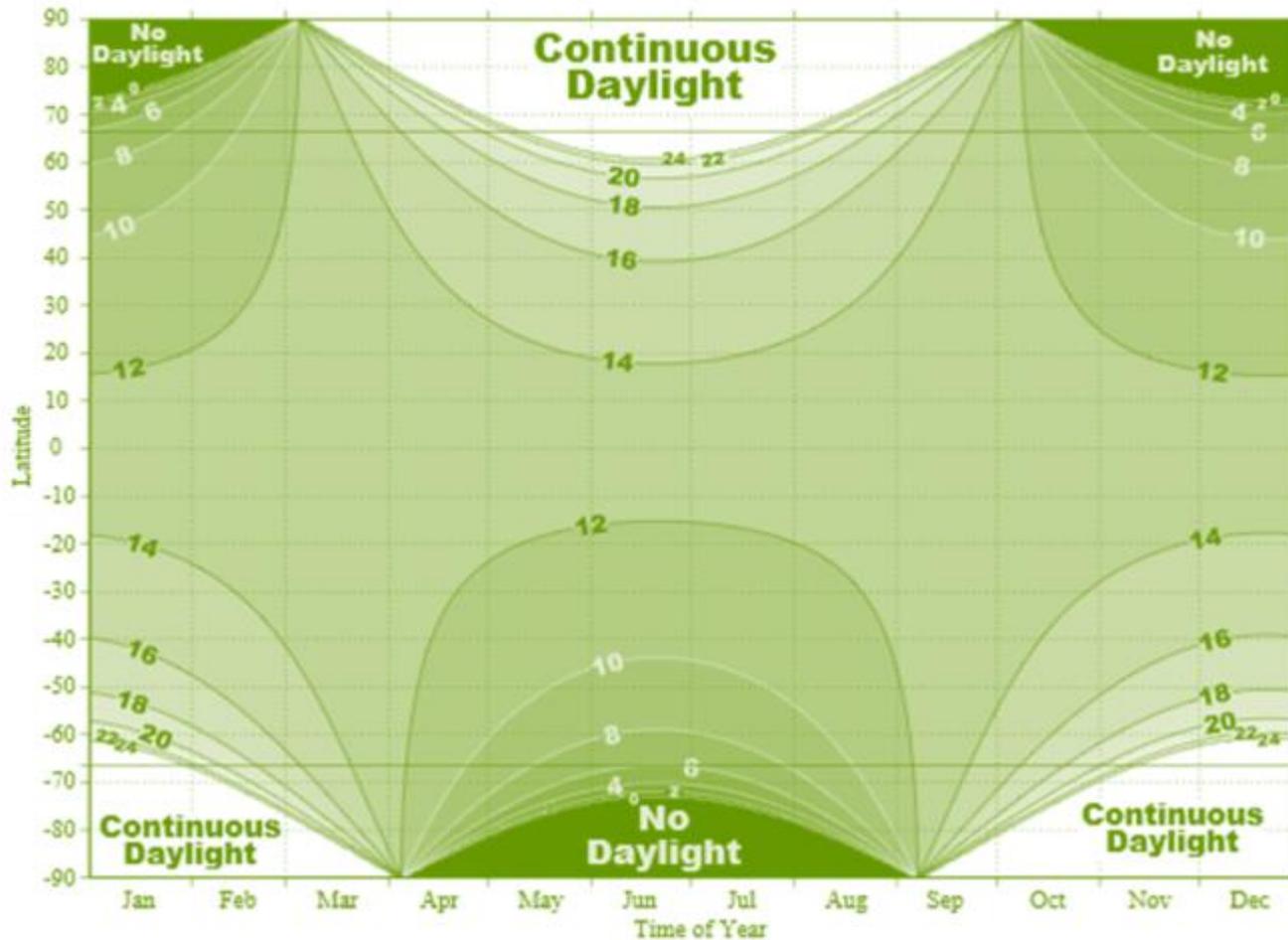


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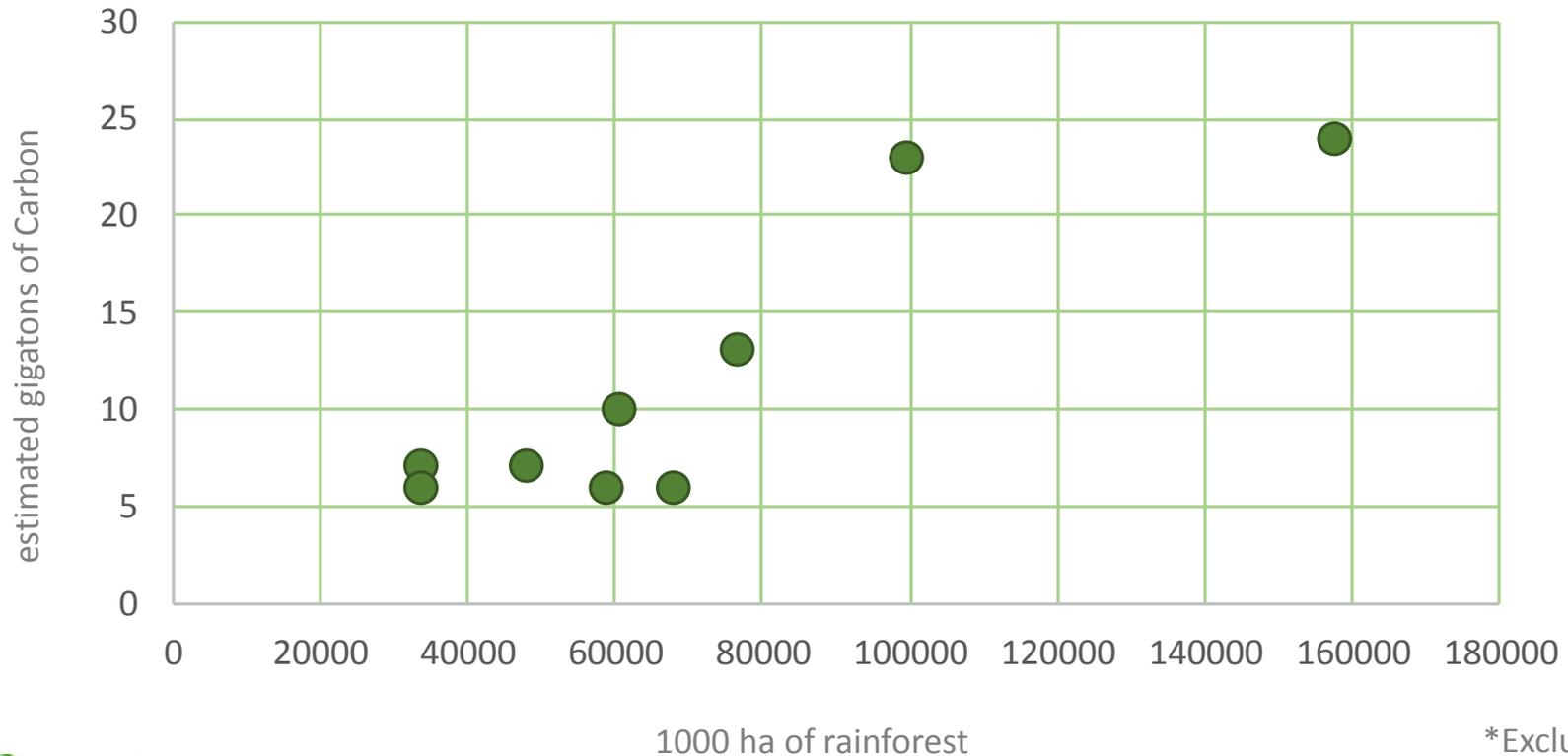


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Top ten\* countries by rainforest cover and their estimated carbon storage



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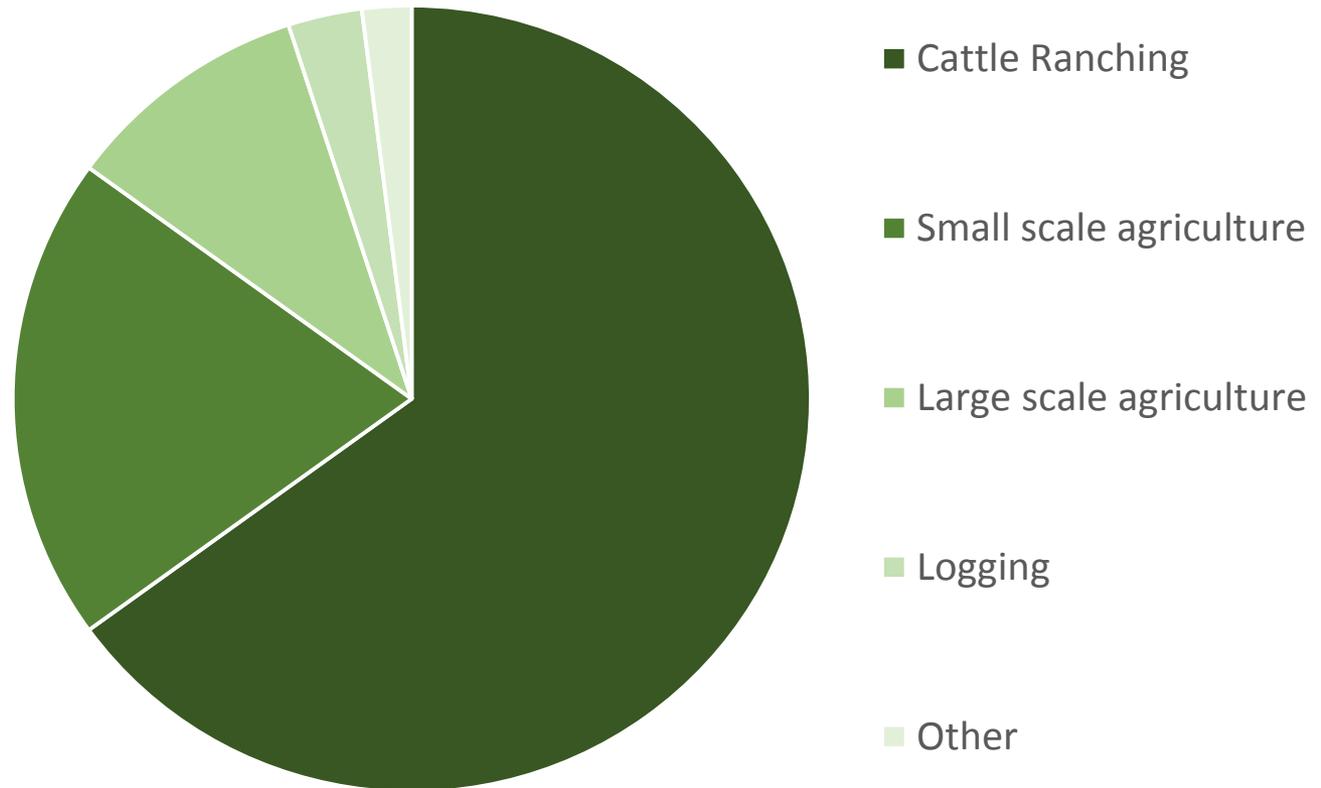
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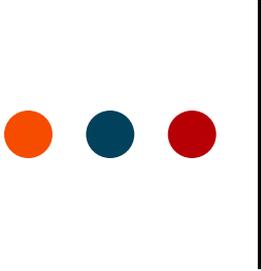
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## Causes of Deforestation



Source: Gibbs (2009)



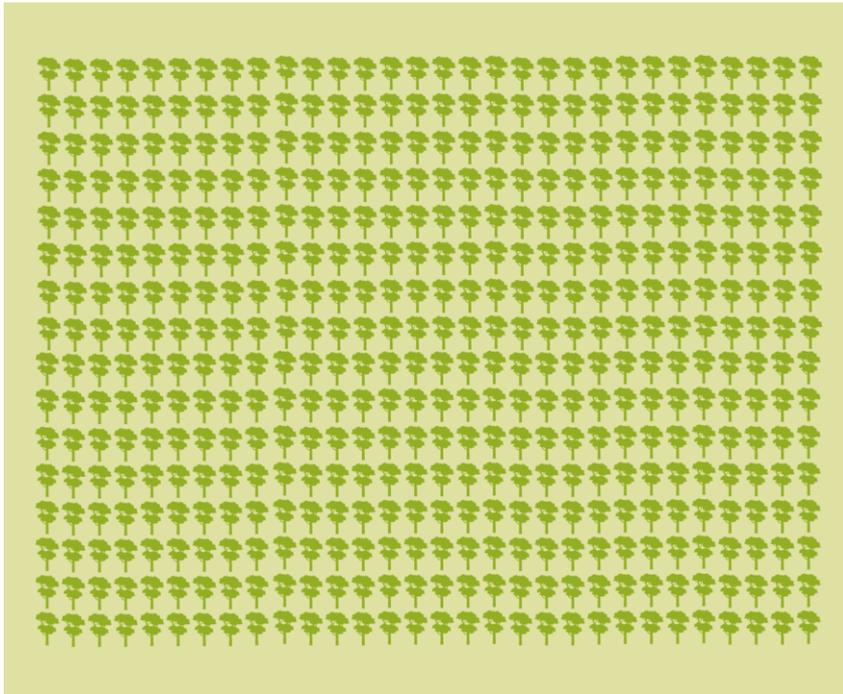
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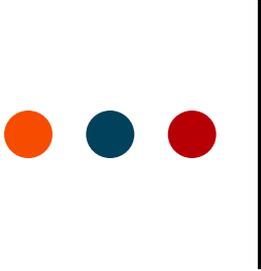
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**Average number of  
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**Tropical Rainforest**

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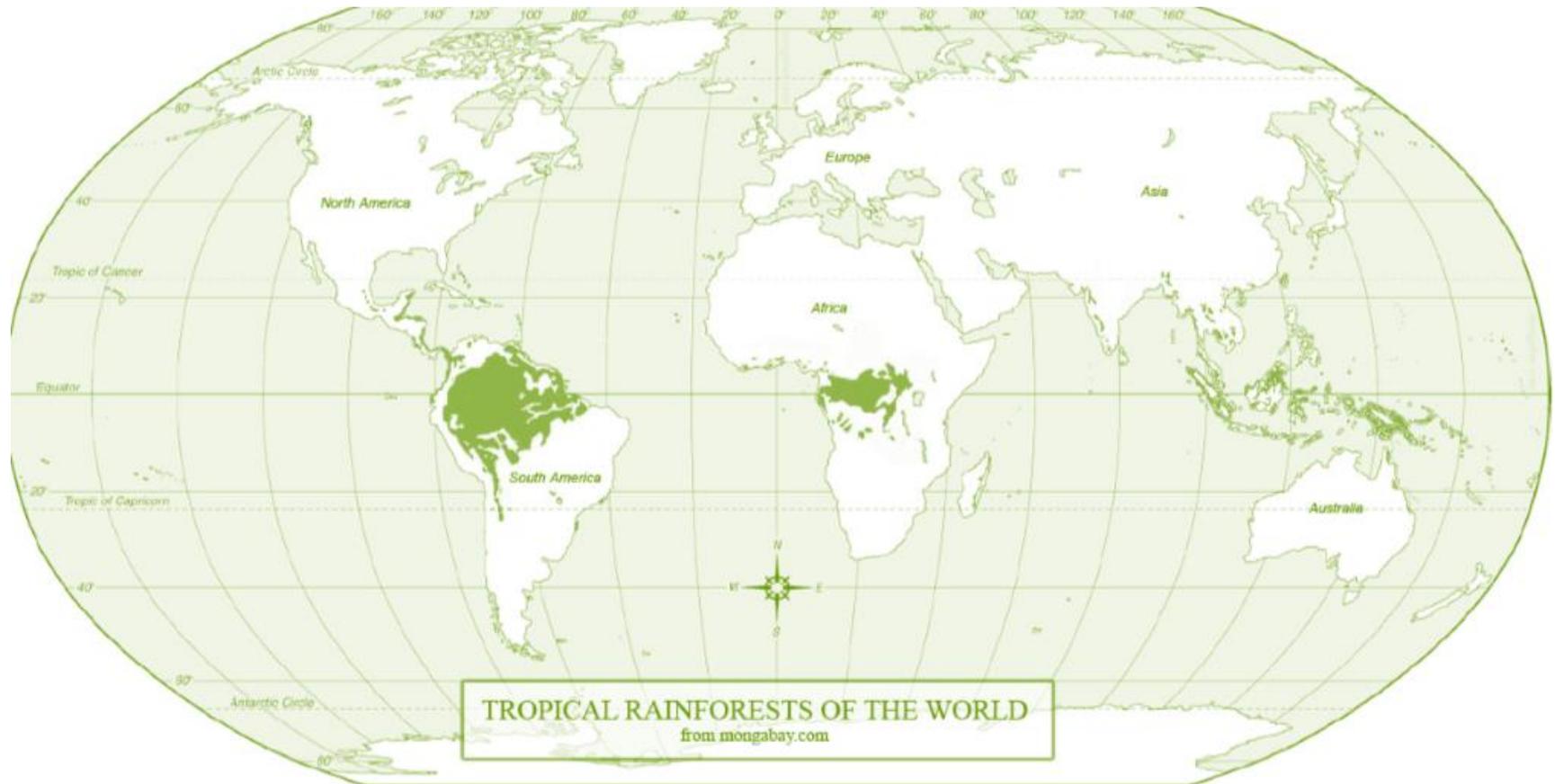
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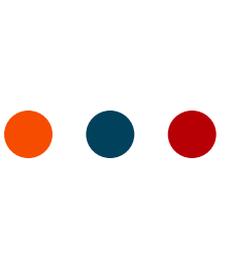
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**48%**

of Brazil is covered in  
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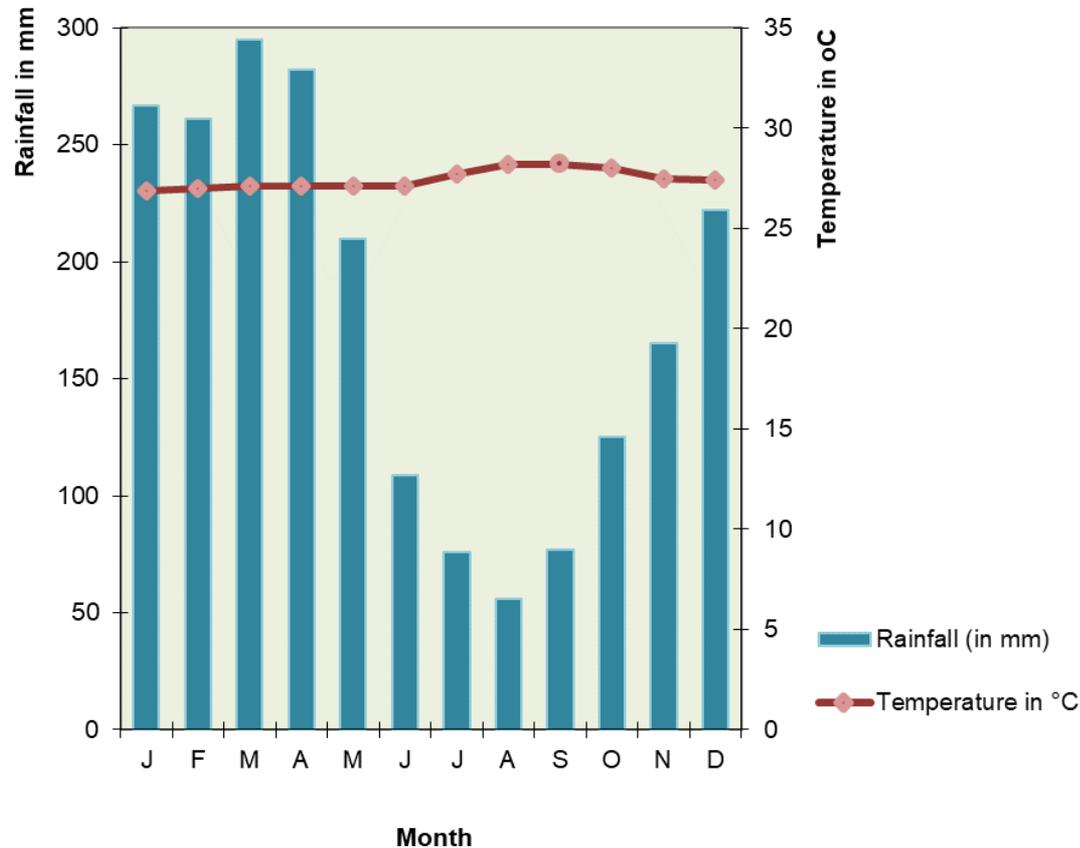
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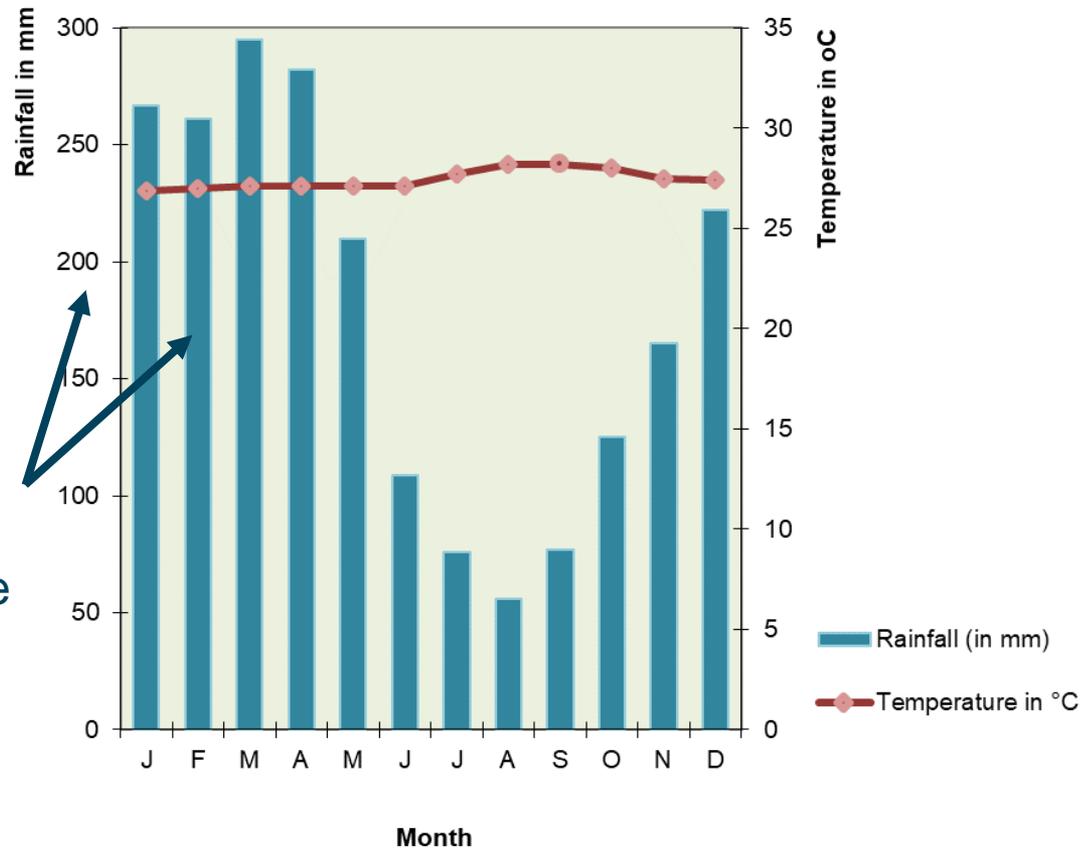
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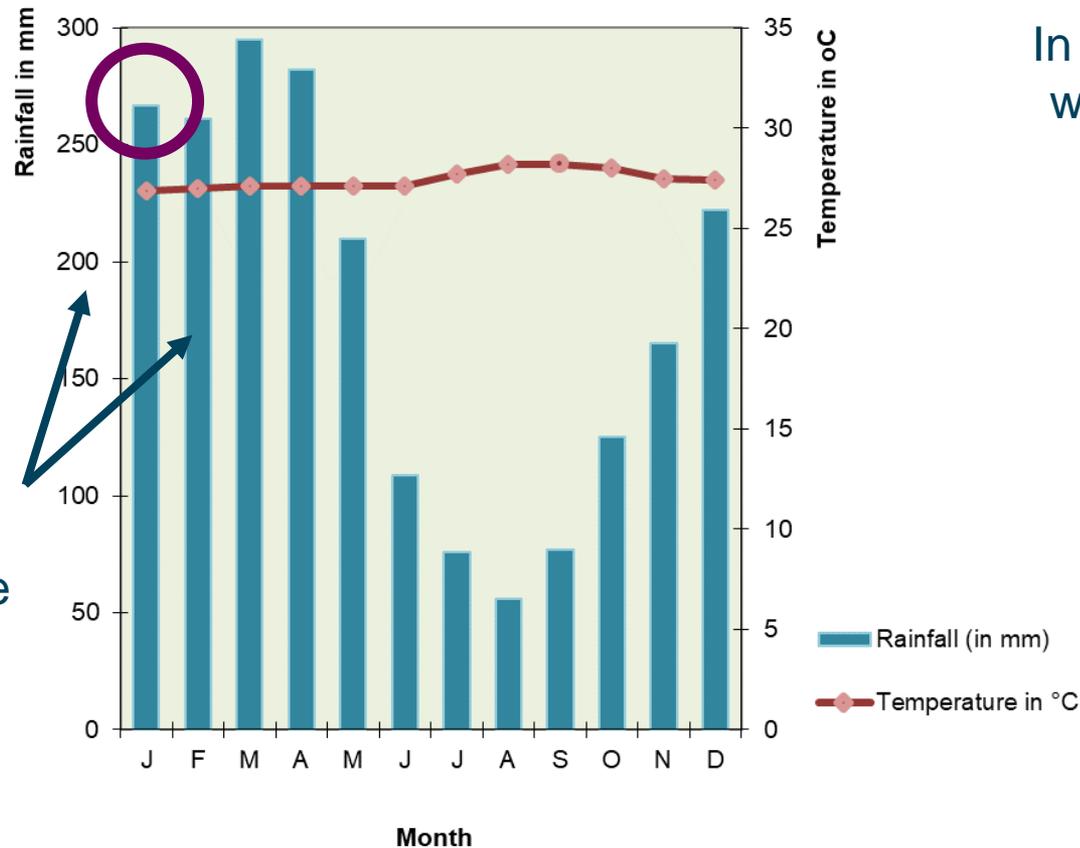
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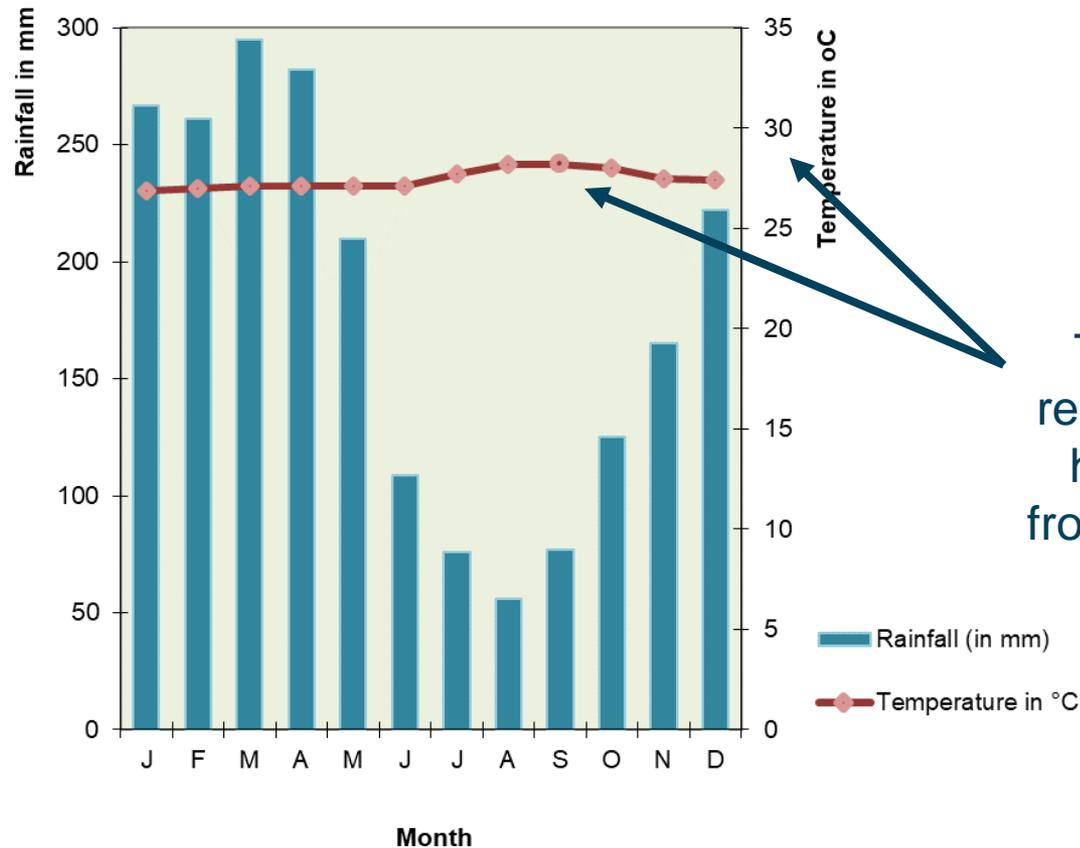
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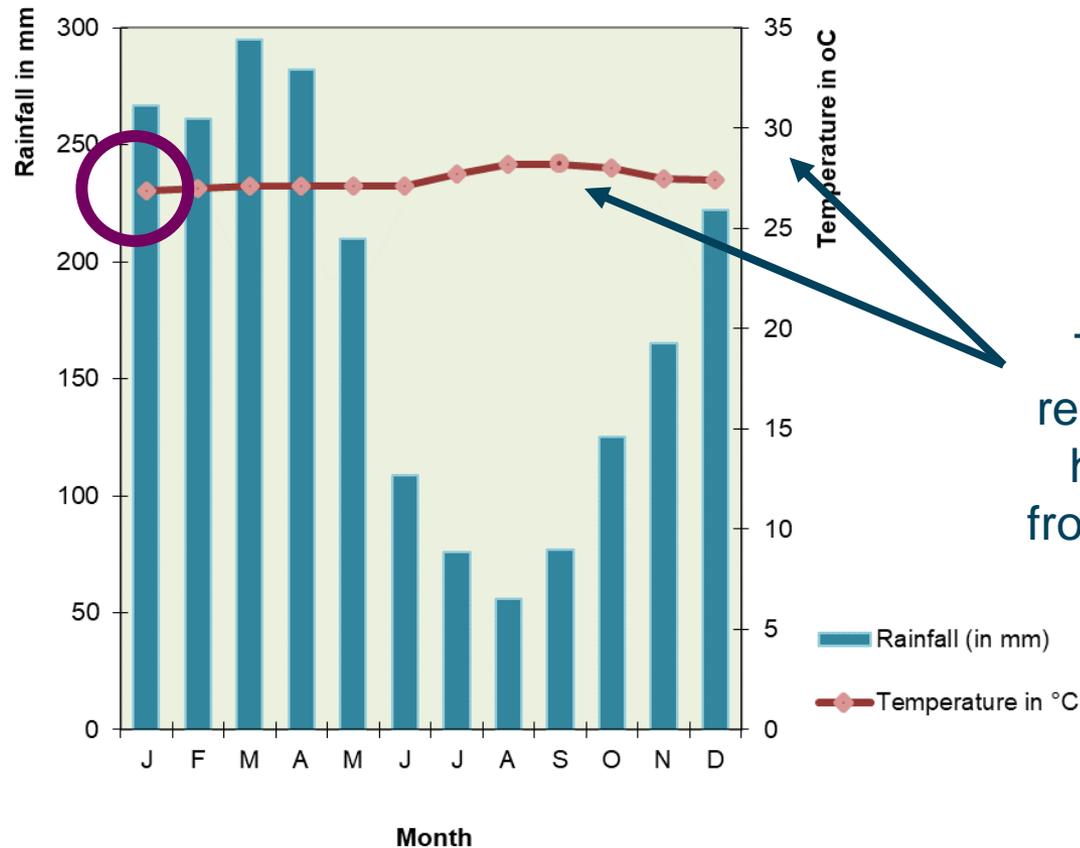


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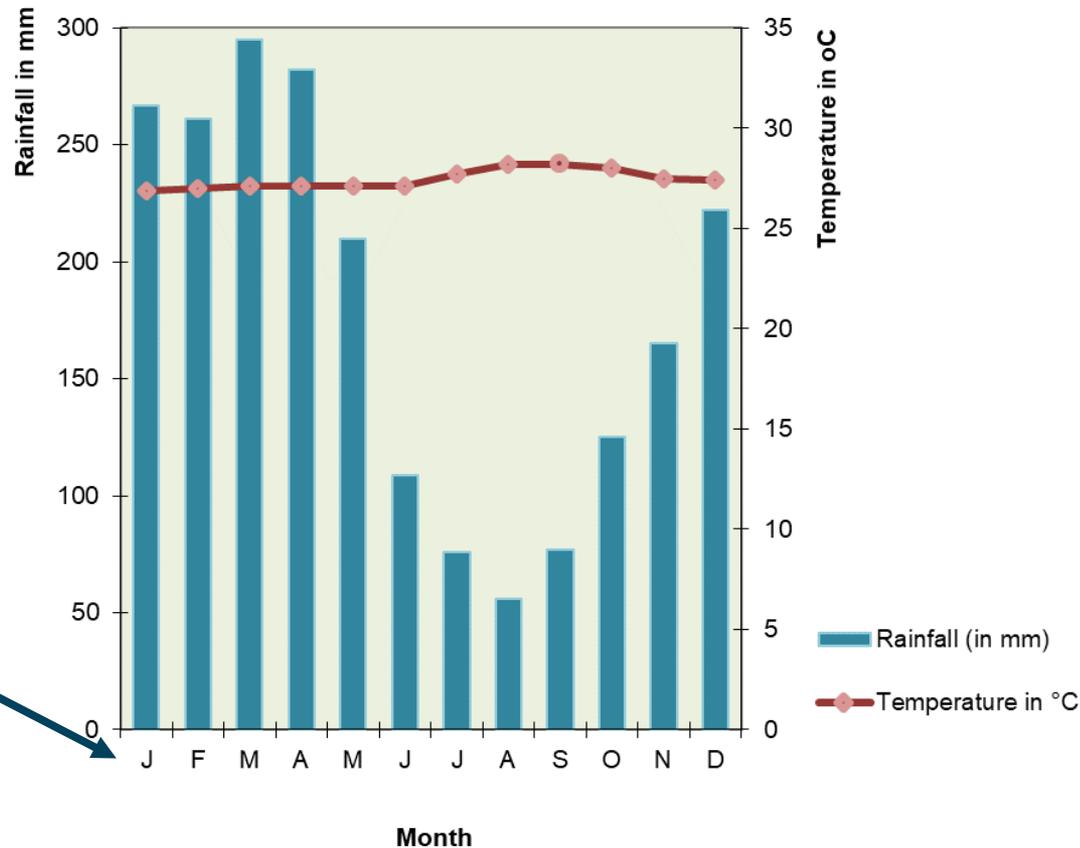
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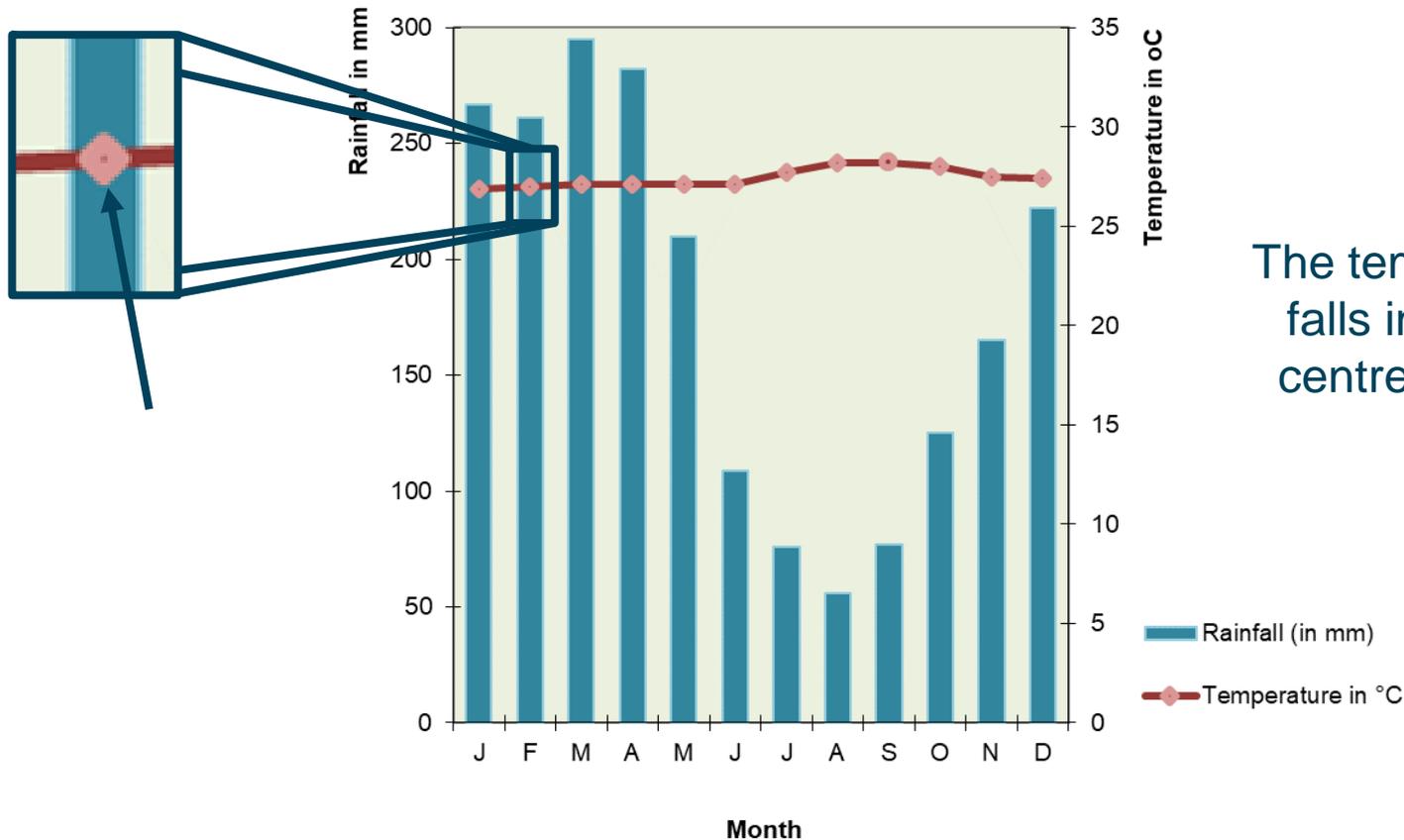


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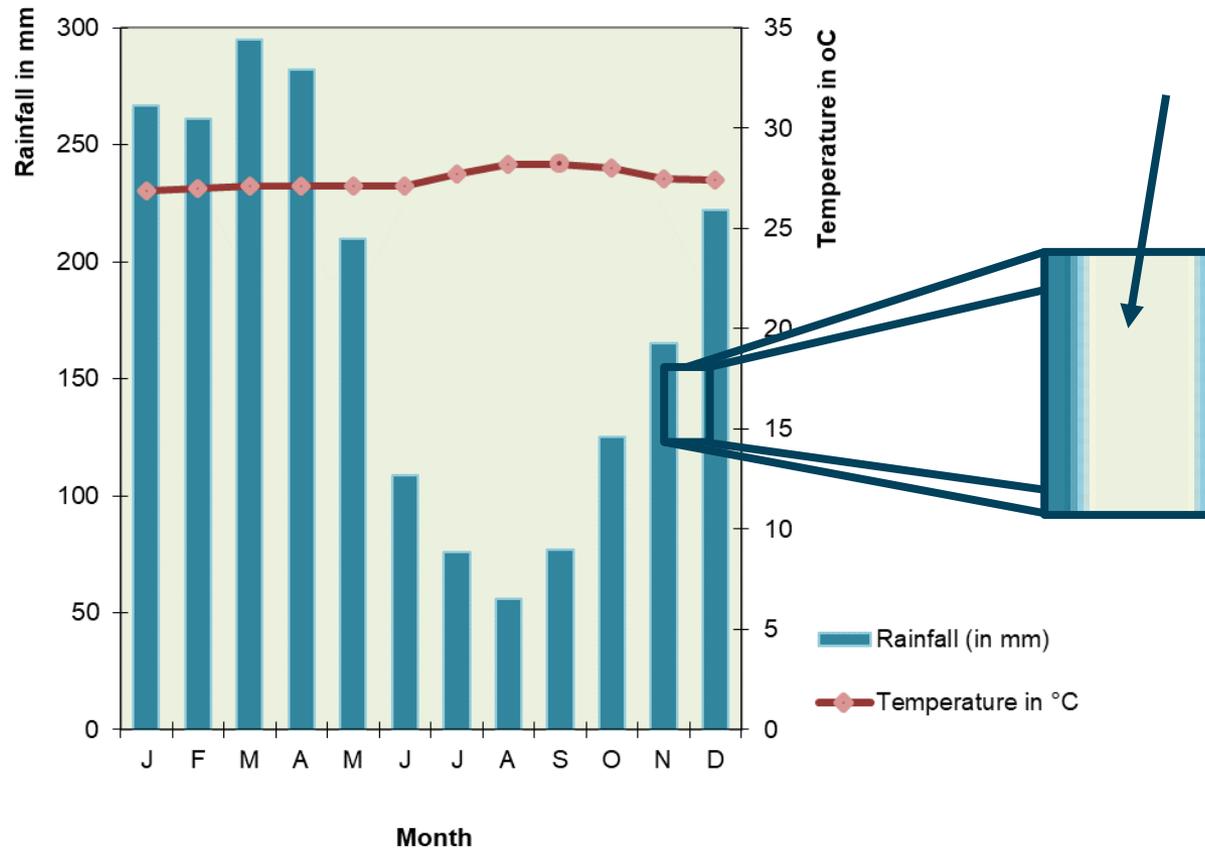
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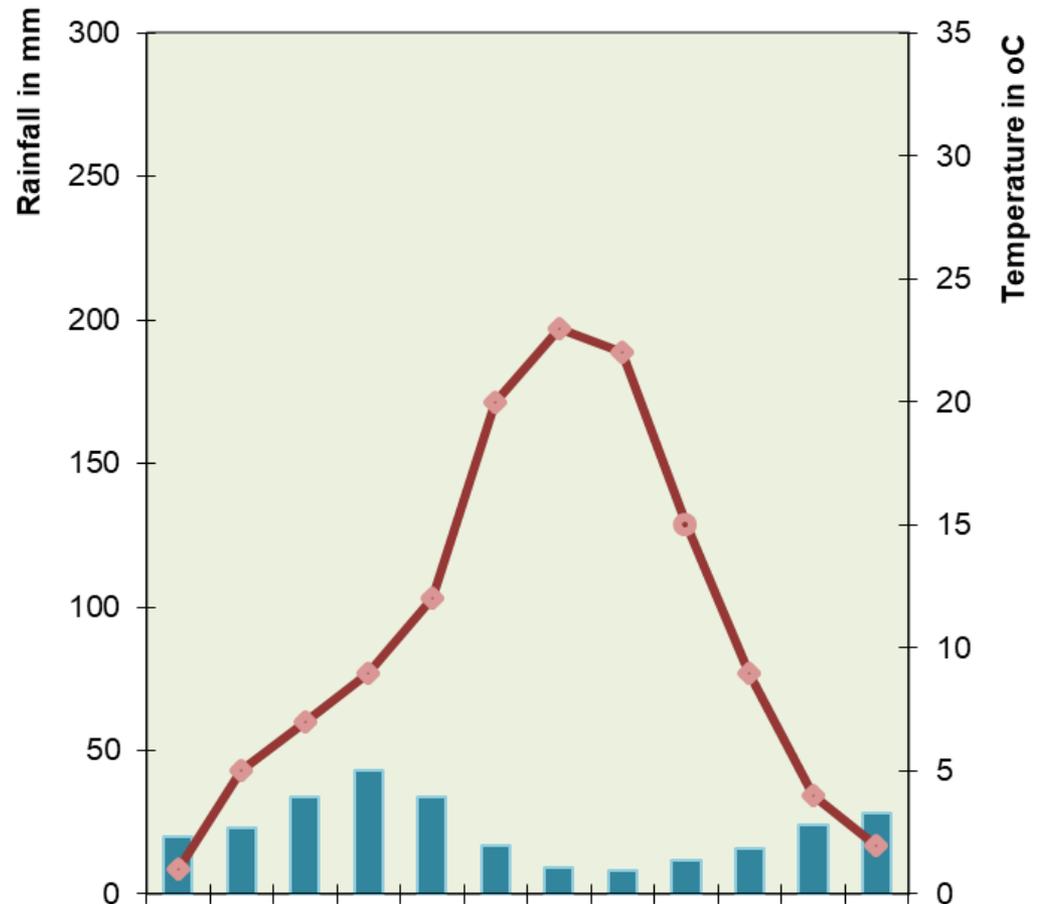
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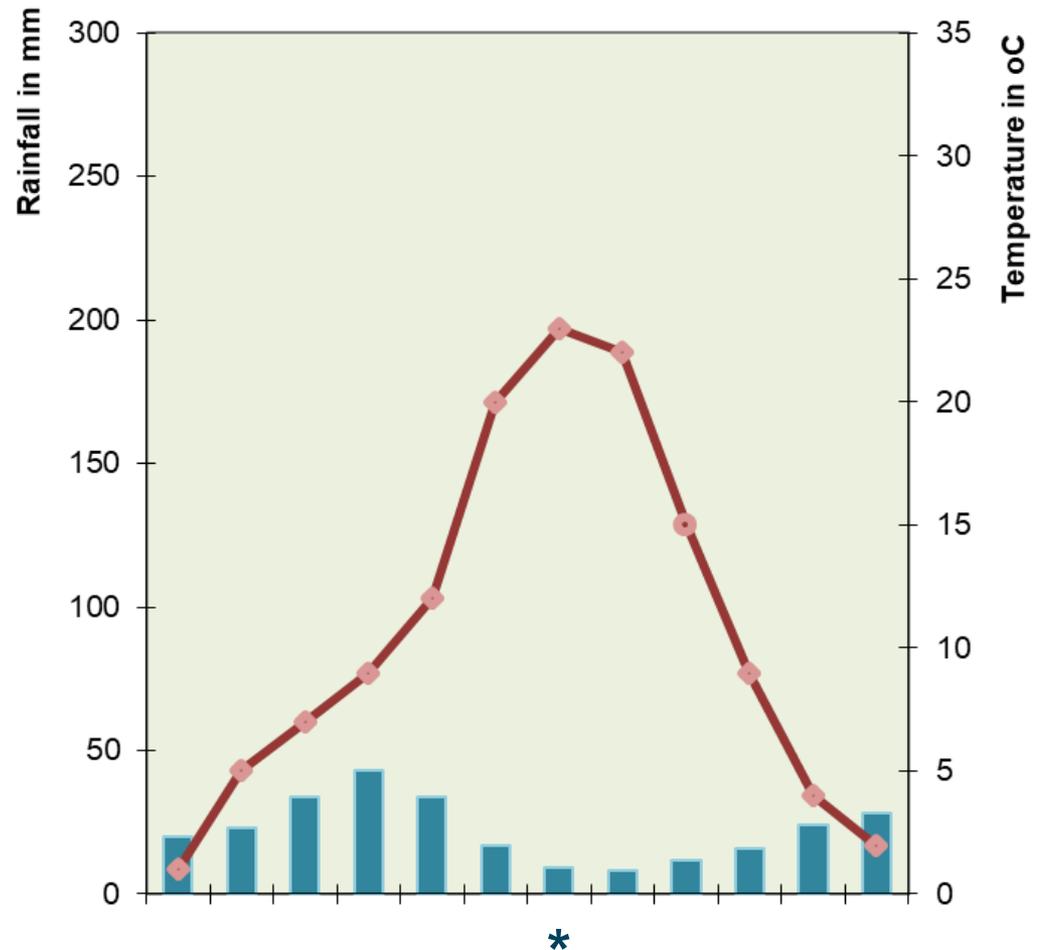
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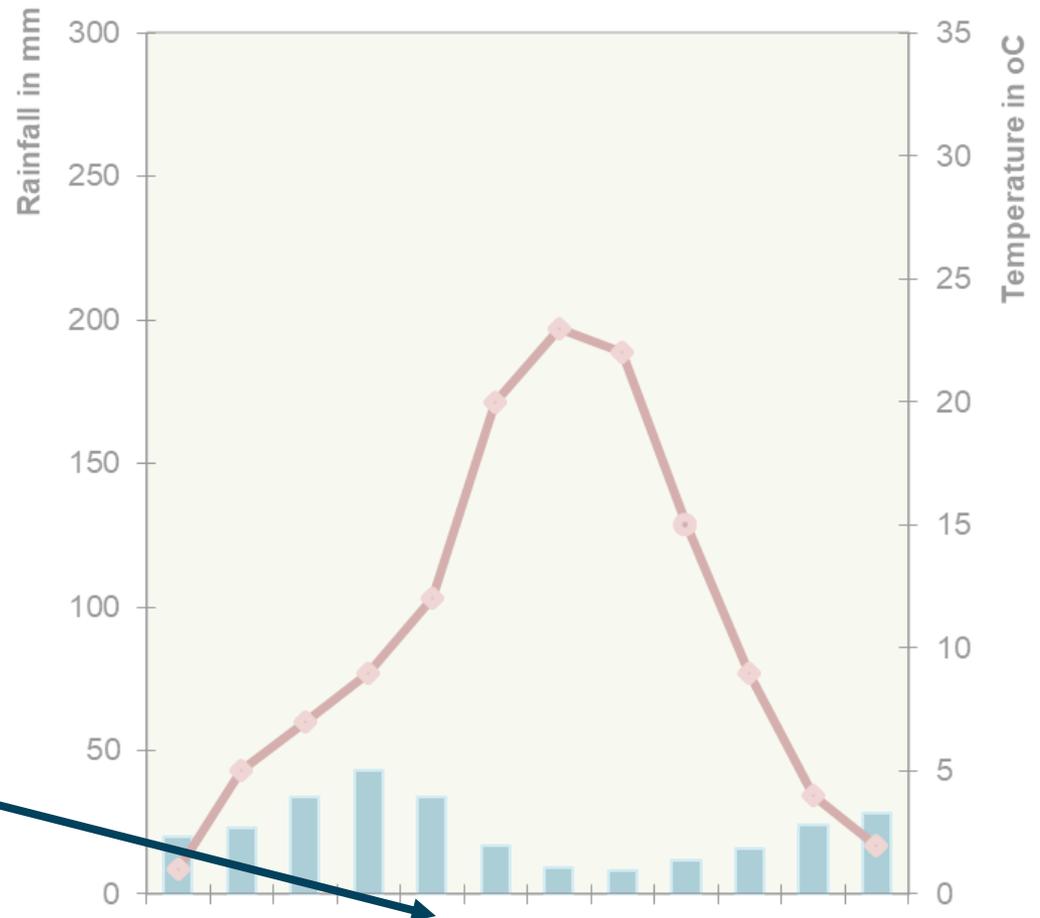
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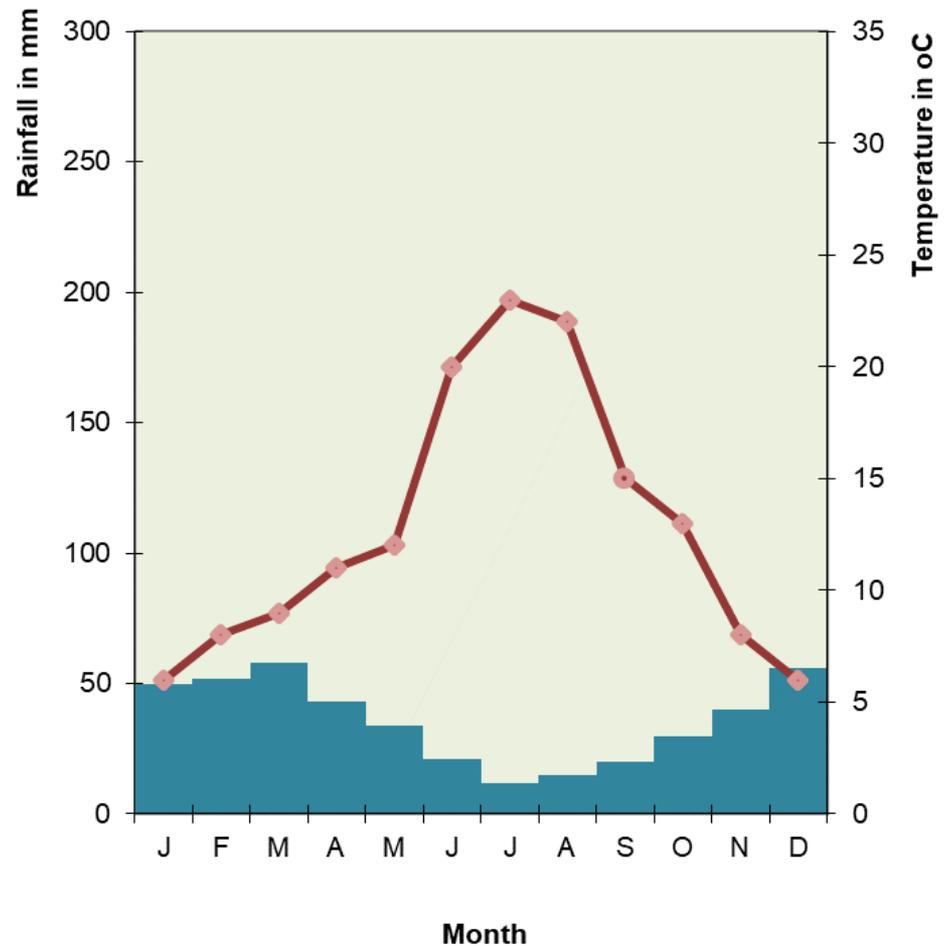


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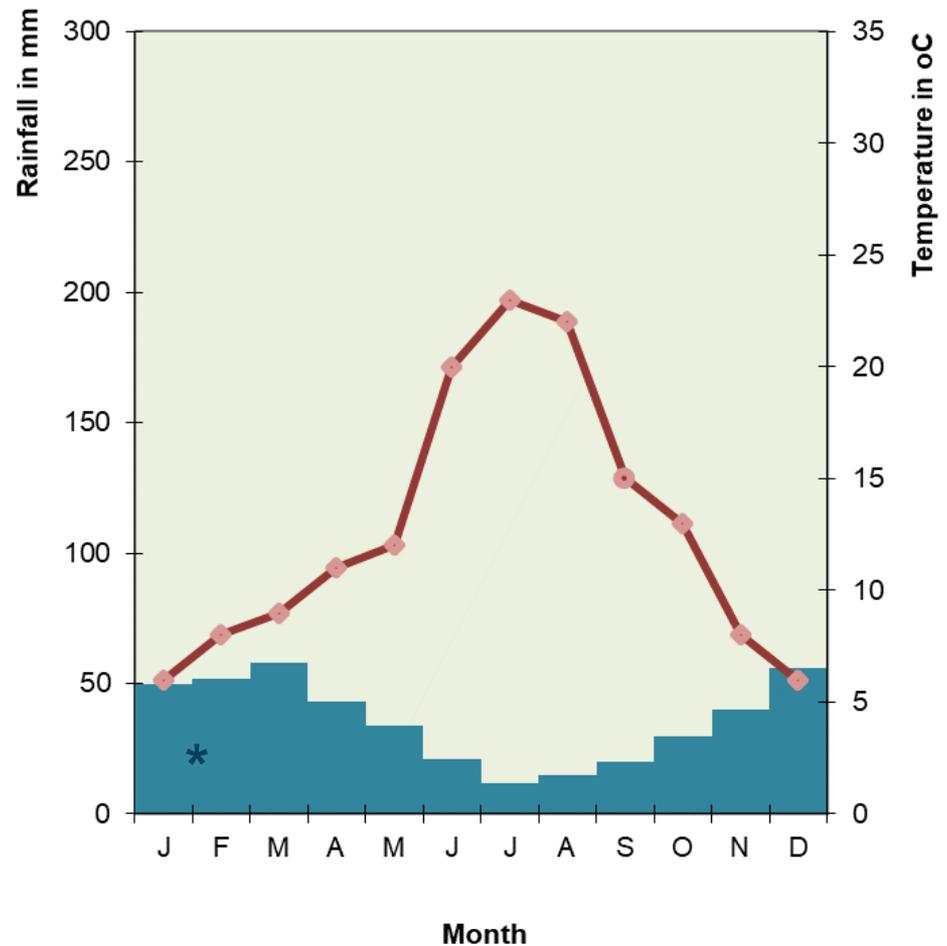
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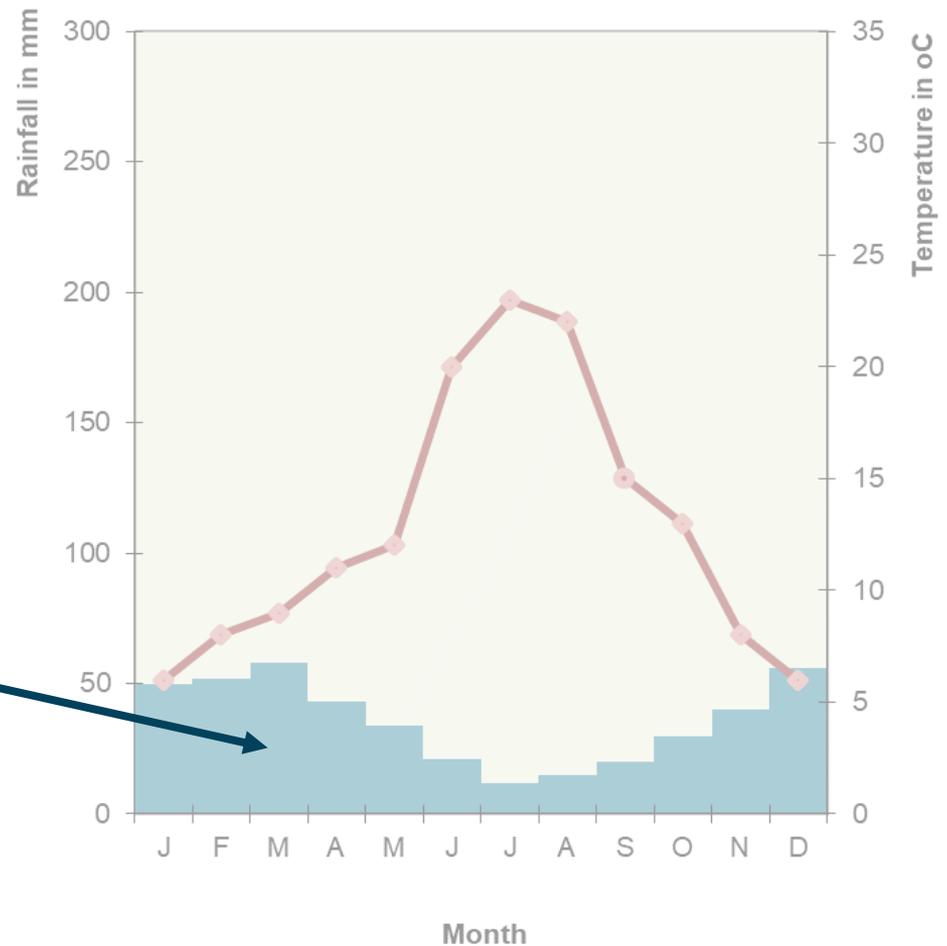


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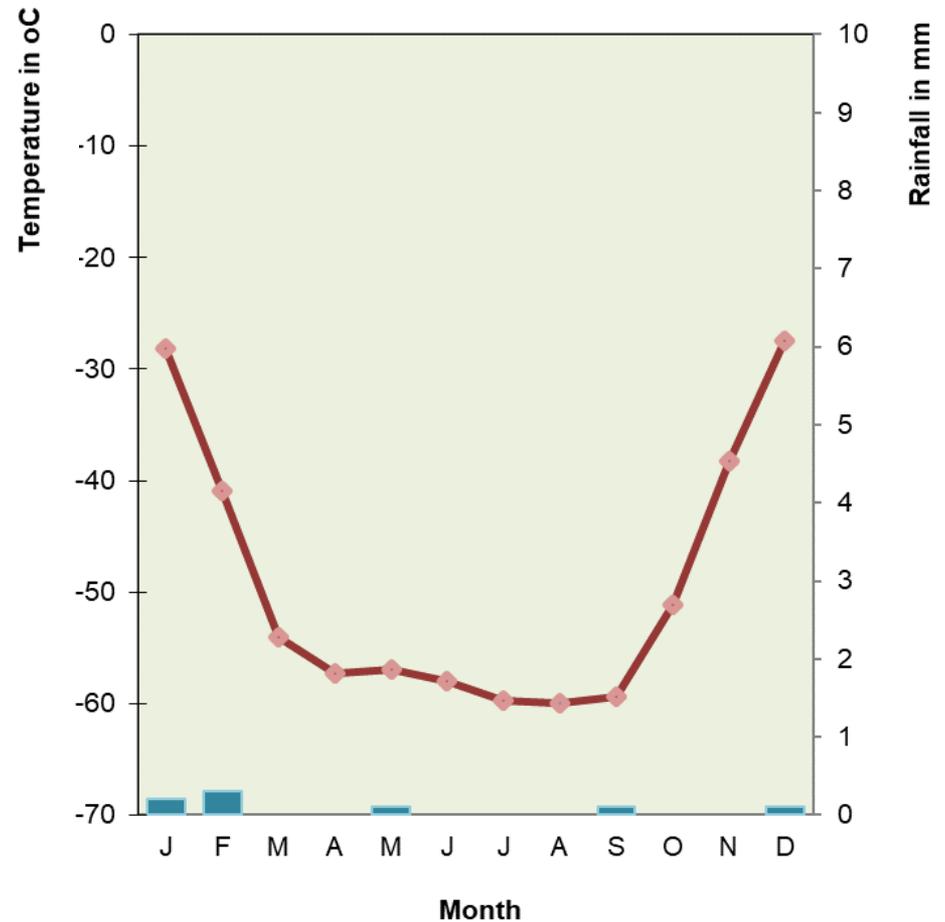


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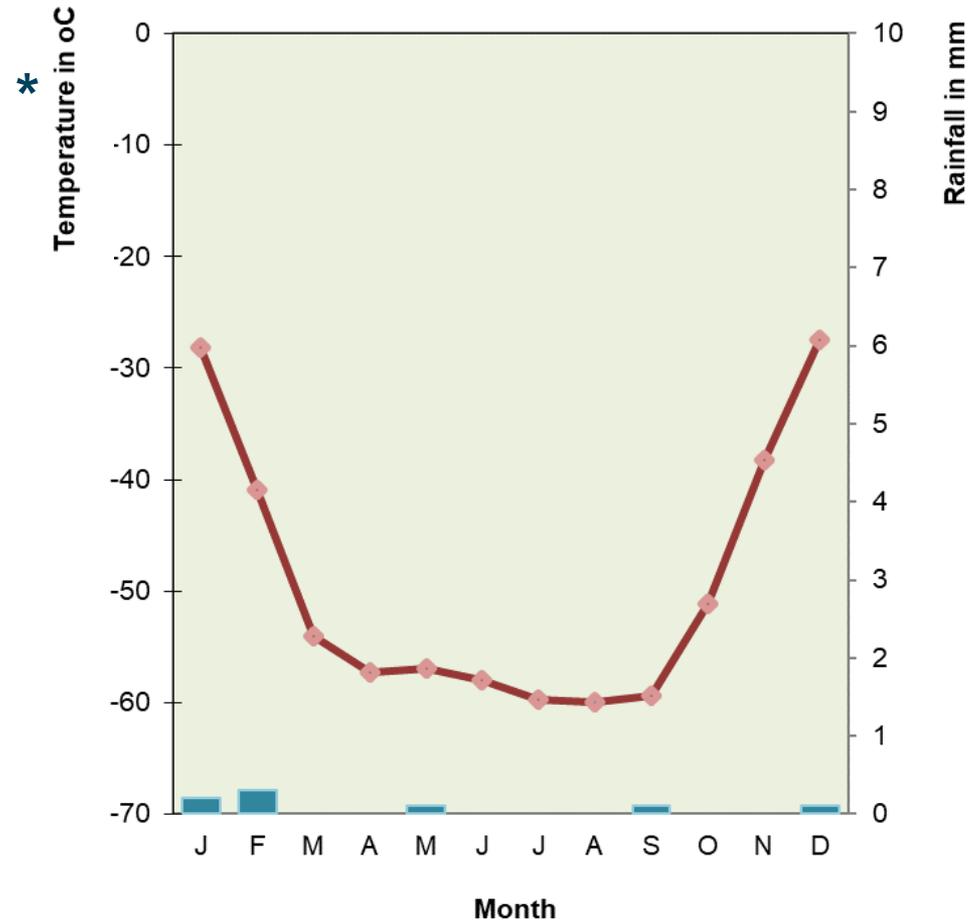
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