



The **Brazilian Highlands** cover most of the central, Southern and Eastern areas of Brazil. This area contains many hills and mountains.



The **Pantanal** is a huge area of tropical wetlands which covers part of Brazil, Bolivia and Paraguay.



- **Population:** 213 million
- **Capital:** Brasilia (population – 4.2 million)
- **Language:** Portuguese



The **Amazon Rainforest** is the world's largest tropical rainforest, famous for its many flora and fauna. It is under threat due to deforestation.





Vocab	Definition
Amazon Basin	the part of South America drained by the Amazon River
Rio De Janeiro	A huge seaside city in Brazil, famous for its 'Christ the Redeemer' statue
Deforestation	The clearing or cutting down of forests
Brazilian Pantanal	The world's largest flooded grasslands which contain many different species
Urbanisation	The movement of populations from rural areas to towns and cities
Highlands	An area of high or mountainous land
Flora and Fauna	The plants and animals which inhabit a certain area
Favela	Brazilian slums located on the outskirts of the main cities
Squatter	A person who illegally inhabits an unused building



Rio De Janeiro has a population of 6.7 million and is known for its Christ the Redeemer statue and its carnivals.

More people are moving to the city to try and improve their living conditions (**urbanisation**). **Urbanisation** is making the city more crowded, forcing new migrants into unsafe favelas and into squatter settlements on the outskirts of the city. As a result, farmlands on the outskirts of the city are in decline.