

Asia's Mounting Green Crisis: El Niño, Soaring Deforestation & Pollution Hots

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1. What is the primary environmental concern anticipated for Southeast Asia due to the potential "super El Niño" in mid-2026?

- A) Increased volcanic activity
- B) Widespread drought and water shortages**
- C) Unusually cold temperatures
- D) Decreased air pollution

2. According to recent reports in April 2026, by what percentage did Indonesia's deforestation rate surge in 2025 compared to the previous year?

- A) 20%
- B) 45%
- C) 66%**
- D) 10%

3. In April 2026, which city hosted the Regional Ecological Summit where Central Asian countries united to address shared environmental challenges like water scarcity and biodiversity loss?

- A) Tashkent, Uzbekistan
- B) Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan
- C) Astana, Kazakhstan**
- D) Dushanbe, Tajikistan

4. In March 2026, China's environment ministry set new national air quality standards. What is the targeted annual fine particulate matter (PM2.5) limit for 2030?

- A) 40 micrograms per cubic metre ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$)
- B) 35 micrograms per cubic metre ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$)
- C) 30 micrograms per cubic metre ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$)**
- D) 20 micrograms per cubic metre ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$)