

Tropical Geography

H.R. Jarrett

ST 75-

LOW-PRICED EDITION



Contents

<i>Chapter</i>	<i>Page</i>
INTRODUCTION TO THE SERIES	v
AUTHOR'S PREFACE	vii
INTRODUCTION	ix
LIST OF ILLUSTRATIONS	xv
I. THE REGION DEFINED	1
The human background	1
The physical background	11
Further climatic considerations	27
II. NATURAL RESOURCES OF THE HUMID TROPICS	31
The role of the environment	31
The present situation	33
Resources and the environment	34
The assessment of natural resources	37
Water	39
Soils	42
Vegetation	49
Minerals and power	52
III. HUMAN RESOURCES OF THE HUMID TROPICS	58
Preliminary considerations	58
The past and the present	58
Climate and the human factor	62
Disease	65
Diet and nutrition	70
Population	74
Population control	84
IV. AGRICULTURE IN THE HUMID TROPICS:	
SHIFTING CULTIVATION	87
Shifting cultivation	87

A case study : the Maya	
Final considerations	Page 100 103
V. AGRICULTURE IN THE HUMID TROPICS: OTHER FORMS OF FARMING ACTIVITIES	105
Wet-land cultivation	105
Cash crop farming	107
Plantations	113
Livestock farming	128
VI. INCREASING AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTIVITY IN THE HUMID TROPICS	
The problem examined	133
Agricultural productivity in the humid tropics	133
Land	139
Labour	141
Capital	146
Enterprise	147 157
VII. THE BACKGROUND TO INDUSTRIALISATION IN THE HUMID TROPICS	
The early stages of industrial development	159
The present situation	159
Agriculture and industry	163
The economic bases of industrialisation	165
Capital and productivity	168
The balance of development	172
Some other problems of industrial development	173
The roles of agriculture and industry	176
What is the answer?	178
The pattern of industry	180 182
VIII. TRANSPORT, MARKETS AND TRADE IN THE HUMID TROPICS	
Transport	184
Markets	184
Trade	197
Final comments	201 210
BIBLIOGRAPHY	213
INDEX	217