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**D**eforestation *and*   
**D**estruction *of* biodiversity

*+Plus* Industrial Plantations, GMO Trees & Protected Areas



[REDUCING EMISSIONS FROM DEFORESTATION AND DEGRADATION]

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# REDD and Permits to Pollute<sup>1</sup>

**Carbon Markets** buy and sell permits to pollute called “allowances” and “carbon credits”. Carbon markets have two parts: emissions trading (also called “cap and trade”) and offsets. They are false solutions to climate change because they do not bring about the changes needed to keep fossil fuels in the ground. They claim to solve the climate crisis but really allow polluters to buy their way out of reducing their emissions. These multi-billion dollar trading mechanisms privatize and commodify the earth’s ability to keep its atmosphere balanced. The International Indigenous Peoples’ Forum on Climate Change opposes carbon markets. “We cannot condone activities that **defile the sacredness** of Mother Earth...Carbon trade-induced conflicts ... **endanger our survival**...”<sup>2</sup>



Northern polluters can get permits to pollute through offsets projects in the South like a dam or a tree plantation under the **Clean Development Mechanism (CDM)**. The International Indigenous Peoples’ Forum on Climate Change calls the CDM “**a new form of colonialism**.”<sup>3</sup> Permits to pollute are also being generated by promising not to cut down forests and plantations that absorb pollution. This is called **REDD**. The International Indigenous Peoples’ Forum on Climate Change says “REDD will not benefit Indigenous Peoples, but, in fact, will result in **more violations of Indigenous Peoples’ Rights**...Under REDD, States and Carbon Traders will **take more control over our forests**.”<sup>4</sup>



<sup>1</sup> IPS: “Under carbon trading programmes, companies that release greenhouse gases can either agree to reduce their emissions or buy the right to keep on polluting.” <http://ipsnews.net/africa/nota.asp?idnews=48273> See Carbon Trade Watch [www.carbontradewatch.org](http://www.carbontradewatch.org) Indigenous Environmental Network <http://www.ieneearth.org/carbontrading.html> Lohmann, Larry PDF: Carbon Trading: Climate, Privatization and Power [www.cornerhouse.org.uk/subject/climate](http://www.cornerhouse.org.uk/subject/climate)

<sup>2</sup> The Sky is Sacred: Indigenous Peoples’ Decade-long Struggle Against the Carbon Market [www.earthpeoples.org/blog](http://www.earthpeoples.org/blog)

<sup>3</sup> International Indigenous Peoples’ Forum on Climate Change, Declaration of Lyon, First plenary intervention to the UNFCCC, Lyon, France, Sept.15, 2000.

<sup>4</sup> Indigenous Peoples’ Guide: False Solutions to Climate Change [http://www.ieneearth.org/docs/Indigenous\\_Peoples\\_Guide-E.pdf](http://www.ieneearth.org/docs/Indigenous_Peoples_Guide-E.pdf)

## What is REDD?

According to the publication, “The Little REDD Book”, the basic idea behind Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Degradation (**REDD**) is simple: Developing countries that are willing and able to reduce emissions from deforestation should be financially compensated for doing so.<sup>5</sup> However, according to many Indigenous Peoples, **REDD** is **CO2lonialism of Forests** because it allows Northern polluters to buy permits to pollute or “carbon credits” by promising not to cut down forests and plantations in the South. The newspaper *The Australian* calls **REDD** a “**classic 21<sup>st</sup> century scam**” emerging from the global climate change industry.”<sup>6</sup>

## REDD is CO2lonialism of Forests<sup>7</sup>



**REDD** will probably include **forests in the carbon market** which raises a crucial property rights issue: **REDD commodifies and privatizes the air and forests**. Carbon traders require legal title to the carbon in the forests or **rights to the land**. REDD projects that utilize carbon market financing could also **generate profits for loggers, polluters and forest destroyers**<sup>8</sup> and reduce forests to mere carbon sequestration experiments. **REDD-type projects already exist** on the voluntary carbon market **without** a clear and agreed upon **framework that ensures Indigenous land and forest rights**, land tenure reforms and good governance. The United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) is negotiating a mechanism for implementing REDD in the post-Kyoto Protocol 2012+ framework. REDD could be the **cornerstone of the Copenhagen Deal**.<sup>9</sup>

The “ultimate goal” of the **World Bank’s** Forest Carbon Partnership Facility is “to jump-start a **forest carbon market**.”<sup>10</sup> The World Bank isn’t waiting for the UN to adopt a REDD implementation framework, it has moved forward with its own REDD-type projects through R-PINs (Readiness Plan Idea Notes) and through its other carbon and climate funds.<sup>11</sup> The **UN-REDD Program** is also moving forward with its own initiative set up by UNDP, UNEP, FAO and the World Bank. Additionally, governments, polluting industry, private sector and large NGOs are investing in carbon market REDD initiatives with no agreed upon policies that address Indigenous Peoples’ concerns.

There are hundreds of **REDD-type** pilot projects in the world and, as this booklet shows, many of them violate Indigenous Peoples’ rights and have resulted in **militarization, evictions, fraud, disputes, conflicts, corruption, coercion, conmen, crime, plantations** and **30-100 year contracts, deals with oil companies** and other climate criminals. Furthermore, economic speculation with carbon credits from REDD may contribute to the **next market crash** and Indigenous Peoples could **lose** out if their “benefits” are subject to the volatile price of carbon. Lastly, **Indigenous Peoples could be held liable** if **REDD projects fail** due to natural ecological or climate change-related disasters such as floods, droughts, forest fires, storms, pests or plagues.

<sup>5</sup> Scholz, I. and Schmidt, L. REDD in Developing Countries: Meeting the Main Challenges Ahead. Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik. 2008.

<sup>6</sup> The Australian: “The rush is on for sky money” <http://www.theaustralian.news.com.au/story/0,25197,26027588-16953,00.html>

<sup>7</sup> IPS: “Under carbon trading programmes, companies that release greenhouse gases can either agree to reduce their emissions or buy the right to keep on polluting.” <http://ipsnews.net/africa/nota.asp?idnews=48273> Indigenous Environmental Network <http://www.ieneearth.org/carbontrading.html>

<sup>8</sup> World Bank REDD “Poster Child would Reward Forest Destroyers” [www.redd-monitor.org](http://www.redd-monitor.org)

<sup>9</sup> The Guardian <http://www.guardian.co.uk/environment/2009/sep/24/redd-reducing-emissions-from-deforestation>

<sup>10</sup> World Bank. <http://web.worldbank.org/WBSITE/EXTERNAL/NEWS/0,contentMDK:21581819~pagePK:64257043~piPK:437376~theSitePK:4607,00.html>

<sup>11</sup> World Bank <http://wbcarbonfinance.org/Router.cfm?Page=Funds&ItemID=24670> <http://www.climatefundsupdate.org/listing/forest-investment-program>

## Most of the world's forests are on Indigenous Peoples' land.

"Some **1.6 billion people** rely on forests, including **60 million Indigenous people**, who are entirely dependent upon forests for their livelihoods, food, medicines and/or building materials (FAO, 2008) These people have already been severely impacted both by the loss of forests, cleared largely to grow crops and agrofuels for export, and by Clean Development Mechanism reforestation and afforestation projects. Often having no formal land title, **many people have already been forcibly and even violently ejected from their ancestral territories**. If the financial value of standing forests goes up they are increasingly likely to face governments and companies willing to go to extreme lengths to wrest their forests from them."<sup>12</sup>

Therefore, the implementation of REDD in Indigenous territories is **extremely risky** since there is **no guarantee** that REDD projects will fully recognize the land tenure, customary and territorial rights of Indigenous Peoples. Forests and the "environmental services" they provide are quickly becoming a valuable commodity in carbon markets. This could lead to land being taken away from local people.

Furthermore, "[c]ommodifying forest carbon is also inherently **inequitable**, since it discriminates against people, and especially **women**, who previously had free access to the forest resources they need to raise and care for their families, but cannot afford to buy forest products or alternatives."<sup>13</sup>

"**REDD-plus**" includes activities with potentially extremely serious implications for indigenous peoples, local communities and forests: The following is worth reading closely, because so far it is the only agreed text we have on REDD. The (paragraph 1b(iii)) of the "[Bali Action Plan](#)" referred to as "REDD-plus" calls for:<sup>14</sup>

"Policy approaches and positive incentives on issues relating to reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation in developing countries; and the role of conservation, sustainable management of forests and enhancement of forest carbon stocks in developing countries".

**More Protected Areas?** "[C]onservation" sounds good, but the history of the establishment of national parks includes **large scale evictions and loss of rights** for indigenous peoples and local communities."<sup>15</sup>

**Less Political Will to Resolve Land Disputes?** "In many tropical forest countries, states fail to recognize the collective customary rights of indigenous peoples over their ancestral forests, or only recognize a small portion of their traditional lands – legally defining the remaining forests as so-called 'State land'. Given the potential earning capacity of standing forests, REDD compensation payments to governments may create a **disincentive** for forest and conservation and other government authorities to resolve long-standing land disputes in forest areas."<sup>16</sup>

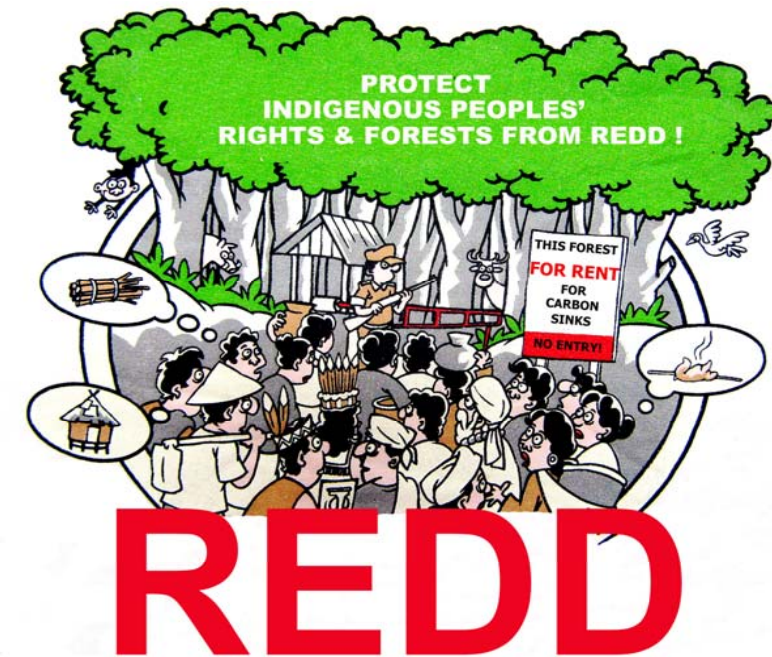
<sup>12</sup> Friends of the Earth International, Myths, critical review of proposed mechanisms to reduce emissions from deforestation and degradation in developing countries, December 2008, [http://www.foei.org/campaigns/climate/news/emissions\\_deforestation\\_200707.html](http://www.foei.org/campaigns/climate/news/emissions_deforestation_200707.html)

<sup>13</sup> Global Forest Coalition "Life as Commerce: the impact of market-based conservation mechanisms" [www.globalforestcoalition.org/img/userpics/File/Impactsmarketbasedconservationmechanisms-on-woman.pdf](http://www.globalforestcoalition.org/img/userpics/File/Impactsmarketbasedconservationmechanisms-on-woman.pdf)

<sup>14</sup> REDD-Monitor <http://www.redd-monitor.org/redd-an-introduction/>

<sup>15</sup> Ibid.

<sup>16</sup> Griffiths, Tom, "Seeing 'REDD'? Forests, climate change mitigation and the rights of indigenous peoples" [http://www.forestpeoples.org/documents/ifi\\_igq/seeing\\_redd\\_update\\_may09\\_eng.pdf](http://www.forestpeoples.org/documents/ifi_igq/seeing_redd_update_may09_eng.pdf)



## REDD A FALSE SOLUTION TO CLIMATE CHANGE

"could unleash a devastating wave of further forest loss, land grabbing, corruption, cultural destruction and conflict." Indigenous Peoples "risk displacement, violence and loss of livelihoods."<sup>17</sup>

## REDD means "Loss of Land"<sup>18</sup>

REDD could "drive land speculation"<sup>19</sup> and result in "**massive land grabs**"<sup>20</sup> in the name of saving the climate. REDD could result in **violations of the UN Declaration** on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples especially Articles 10, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30 and 32. The **United Nations** admits REDD could:<sup>21</sup>

- **Criminalize indigenous agriculture and lifestyles**
- **Violate Indigenous Peoples' rights**
- **"Lock-up forests" and "Marginalize the landless"**

<sup>17</sup> Friends of the Earth International, REDD: Critical questions and myths exposed., Summary [www.foei.org/publications](http://www.foei.org/publications)

<sup>18</sup> A Poverty Environment Partnership (PEP) Policy Brief, (Peskett et al, 2008) <http://www.povertyenvironment.net/pep/> UN-REDD Framework Document. "REDD will lock-up forests by decoupling conservation from development." p4-5, [www.undp.org/mdtf/UN-REDD/docs/Annex-A-Framework-Documents.pdf](http://www.undp.org/mdtf/UN-REDD/docs/Annex-A-Framework-Documents.pdf) See also "locking up" the land for a period of 25 or more years" in "Tasmania gets Australia's first REDD deal"

[http://www.climate-standards.org/news/files/First\\_REDD\\_project\\_validated\\_in\\_Australia\\_Mongabay.com.pdf](http://www.climate-standards.org/news/files/First_REDD_project_validated_in_Australia_Mongabay.com.pdf)

<sup>19</sup> Griffiths, Ibid.

<sup>20</sup> FERN: "Research is increasingly showing that attributing a price to forest carbon will not be enough to save the forests or protect the climate and may lead to massive land grabs." [http://www.fern.org/media/documents/document\\_4418\\_4420.pdf](http://www.fern.org/media/documents/document_4418_4420.pdf)

<sup>21</sup> UN-REDD Framework Document, p4-5, [www.undp.org/mdtf/UN-REDD/docs/Annex-A-Framework-Documents.pdf](http://www.undp.org/mdtf/UN-REDD/docs/Annex-A-Framework-Documents.pdf) Poverty Environment Partnership (PEP) Policy Brief [www.povertyenvironment.net/?q=filestore2/download/1874/PEP-REDD-policy-brief-Oct-08.pdf](http://www.povertyenvironment.net/?q=filestore2/download/1874/PEP-REDD-policy-brief-Oct-08.pdf)



# REDD MEANS LAND GRAB

In May 2009, Reuters, an international news agency, reported from a forestry conference in Indonesia that an Interpol environmental crime official warned that organized crime syndicates are eyeing the REDD forest carbon credit industry as a potentially lucrative new opportunity for fraud.



“**Fraud** could include claiming credits for forests that do not exist or were not protected or for **land grabs**.” - Interpol<sup>22</sup>

## SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN:

“...unscrupulous entities plan to profit from REDD: their methods could include **expelling an indigenous people** from their forest **to acquire legal title** over it.”<sup>23</sup>

“THE **BIGGEST LAND GRAB** OF ALL TIME”<sup>24</sup>?



<sup>22</sup> Reuters: Forest-CO2 Scheme will draw Organized Crime [http://www.reuters.com/article/internal/ReutersNewsRoom\\_BehindTheScenes\\_MOLT/idUSTRE54SID520090529?pageNumber=2&virtualBrandChannel=0](http://www.reuters.com/article/internal/ReutersNewsRoom_BehindTheScenes_MOLT/idUSTRE54SID520090529?pageNumber=2&virtualBrandChannel=0)

<sup>23</sup> Scientific American Magazine: Conflicted Conservation: When Restoration Efforts Are Pitted against Human Rights - Saving Earth might mean trampling indigenous societies <http://www.scientificamerican.com/article.cfm?id=conflicted-conservation-efforts> [http://www.fern.org/media/documents/document\\_4418\\_4420.pdf](http://www.fern.org/media/documents/document_4418_4420.pdf)

<sup>24</sup> Tom B.K. Goldtooth as quoted in Scientific American Magazine, <http://www.scientificamerican.com/article.cfm?id=conflicted-conservation-efforts>

FERN: “research is increasingly showing that attributing a price to forest carbon will not be enough to save the forests or protect the climate and may lead to massive land grabs” [http://www.fern.org/media/documents/document\\_4418\\_4420.pdf](http://www.fern.org/media/documents/document_4418_4420.pdf) “Firm Targets US Buyers with African REDD Credits” <http://www.pointcarbon.com/news/1.1166150> PHOTOS: REDD could cause evictions like this one that occurred in Manaus, Brazil -Luis Vasconcelos/Reuters

# REDD MEANS SCAMS<sup>25</sup>

## Carbon Conmen Selling the Sky<sup>26</sup>

**Indigenous Peoples Ripped Off in \$1 billion<sup>27</sup> carbon trading scandal in Papua New Guinea<sup>28</sup>**

“Carbon finance and **REDD** have triggered a ‘gold rush’ mentality.”<sup>29</sup>



- “Carbon Cowboys” with false contracts<sup>30</sup> and fake carbon credit certificates coerced<sup>31</sup> villagers “to **sign land rights away** to do carbon trading,”<sup>32</sup> and “to **sign over the rights to their forests**.”<sup>33</sup>
- The land and power of attorney of **45,000 indigenous** in East Pangia was handed over to the “Kingpin of Carbon Cowboys”.<sup>34</sup>
- “A dispute has broken out”<sup>35</sup>
- A NGO is “buying oxygen” in **Colombia**<sup>36</sup>



<sup>25</sup> The Australian: “this classic 21<sup>st</sup>-century scam emerging from the global climate change industry”. <http://www.theaustralian.news.com.au/story/0,25197,26027588-16953,00.html>

<sup>26</sup> Associated Press: “Papuan New Guinean landowners are being ripped off by conmen traveling village to village offering fake carbon trading deal and promising big returns from “sky money”...The crude carbon trading racket has duped at least 500 villagers since late last year around Popondetta, Oro Province on the north-west coast.” <http://www.smh.com.au/world/carbon-conmen-selling-the-sky-20090612-c63i.html>

<sup>27</sup> Business Spectator, <http://www.businessspectator.com.au/bs.nsf/Article/The-big-green-rush-pd20090907-VN255?OpenDocument> “25 REDD Projects have been contracted at \$1 billion per annum to date”, <http://www.redd-monitor.org/2009/09/11/more-questions-than-answers-on-carbon-trading-in-png/>

<sup>28</sup> Sydney Morning Herald, <http://www.smh.com.au/environment/australian-firm-linked-to-pngs-100m-carbon-trading-scandal-20090903-fa2y.html>

<sup>29</sup> Ibid.

<sup>30</sup> REDD Monitor: “More on PNG’s ‘Carbon Cowboys’” <http://www.redd-monitor.org/2009/07/24/more-on-pngs-carbon-cowboys/>

<sup>31</sup> Sydney Morning Herald, <http://www.smh.com.au/environment/i-am-a-top-foreigner-in-papua-new-guinea-says-carbon-kingpin-20090903-fa0m.html>

<sup>32</sup> Point Carbon <http://www.pointcarbon.com/news/1.1150782> Sydney Morning Herald <http://news.smh.com.au/breaking-news-world/pngs-pm-nephew-pushing-carbon-deals-20090703-d7q8.html>

<sup>33</sup> Sydney Morning Herald <http://www.smh.com.au/world/carbon-conmen-selling-the-sky-20090612-c63i.html>

<sup>34</sup> Watch VIDEO: “A Breath of Fresh Air” by Jeremy Dawes, <http://www.redd-monitor.org/2009/09/11/more-questions-than-answers-on-carbon-trading-in-png/>

<sup>35</sup> Carbon Trading Scandal linked to Government <http://www.smh.com.au/environment/carbon-trading-scandal-linked-to-government-20090908-fq32.html>

<sup>36</sup> Colombian Ministry of the Environment warns against selling oxygen <http://www.minambiente.gov.co/contenido/contenido.aspx?conID=1983&catID=687>



## Threats to Cultural Survival

**"Ordering us to leave Mau is like taking a fish out of water and expecting it to survive"** Ogiek People Development Program Director Daniel Kobei<sup>37</sup>

- Minority Rights Group International includes the Ogiek People in their list of "Peoples Under Threat" from genocide, mass killings or violent repression.<sup>38</sup>
- Kenyan Forest Service is acting like a "militia"<sup>39</sup>
- **Thousands already evicted<sup>40</sup> including Ogieks**

United Nations Environment Program-funded Mau Carbon Forest Project  
 "The Mau Forest was made 'ready' for this carbon offset project by **forceful and often violent eviction** of its inhabitants, including the Indigenous Ogiek People."<sup>41</sup>



### Amnesty International

#### **Kenya: Nowhere to Go: Forced Evictions in Mau Forest**

"Recommendation 1: Stop immediately the practice of forced evictions from forest areas and place a moratorium on *all* mass evictions in forests"

# REDD MEANS EVICTIONS



## **More than 20,000 Ogiek People face eviction from their ancestral land<sup>42</sup>**

"Kenyan Prime Minister Raila Odinga announced that **every single Ogiek would be facing arrest** if they did not voluntarily abandon their ancestral lands in the Mau Forest region of Kenya--where the Ogiek have lived for centuries."<sup>43</sup> Is this **"a humanitarian crisis"**<sup>44</sup> in the making? The Ogiek are called potential "Conservation Refugees"<sup>45</sup>, but they also could become **REDD refugees**. The Ogiek have vowed to resist any move to evict them.<sup>46</sup> **"UNEP's failure to prevent the eviction** of thousands of people to make way for a carbon project – particularly in the weeks running up to Copenhagen – **does not bode well for the millions of Indigenous Peoples and forest dwelling communities of the world.**"<sup>47</sup>



<sup>37</sup>The Standard, <http://www.standardmedia.co.ke/InsidePage.php?id=1144022524&catid=159&a=1>

<sup>38</sup>The Standard <http://www.standardmedia.co.ke/InsidePage.php?id=1144018627&catid=168&a=1>

<sup>39</sup> Minister of Agriculture William Ruto as quoted in <http://www.standardmedia.co.ke/InsidePage.php?id=1144022548&catid=48>

<sup>40</sup> Amnesty International: "Incidents of forced evictions have been reported in different areas of the Mau Forest since 2004, affecting thousands of families." <http://www.amnesty.org/fr/library/info/AFR32/006/2007> p.1-2

<sup>41</sup> REDD Monitor <http://www.redd-monitor.org/2008/10/06/global-forest-coalition-attacks-redd/>

<sup>42</sup> The Standard, Ogiek set to lose ancestral land <http://www.standardmedia.co.ke/InsidePage.php?id=1144020628&catid=159&a=1>

<sup>43</sup> Ground Report: Thousands of Ogiek will be Evicted <http://www.groundreport.com/World/Thousands-of-Ogieks-will-be-e>

<sup>44</sup> Mau: Settlers given 14 days to leave <http://www.standardmedia.co.ke/InsidePage.php?id=1144022463&catid=4>

<sup>45</sup> SI: "Conservation refugees - Ogiek face eviction from their forest home" <http://www.survival-international.org/news/4852>

<sup>46</sup> The Standard <http://www.standardmedia.co.ke/InsidePage.php?id=1144027459&catid=159&a=1>

<sup>47</sup> REDD-Monitor <http://www.redd-monitor.org/2009/11/19/ogiek-threatened-with-eviction-from-mau-forest-kenya/>

PHOTOS: Ogiek [www.ogiek.org](http://www.ogiek.org) Intercontinental Cry [www.intercontinentalcry.org](http://www.intercontinentalcry.org) Ben Powless





# PERU and REDD

Indigenous Peoples of the Peruvian Amazon heroically defend their land and forests from the laws passed by the Peruvian government to favor multinational companies<sup>52</sup> and the Free Trade Agreement with the United States.

These brave communities risk their lives in the struggle against oil companies, mining and agrofuels. They protest the causes of climate change such as the extraction and burning of fossil fuels as well as the false solutions to climate change like monoculture plantations. **REDD** will result in more land grabs, more plantations and more repression. That's why we say

**NO REDD !**



## REDD and Militarization

The full range of risks associated with REDD carbon offsetting merits serious consideration. In addition to the fundamental problem of equating forest and fossil carbon, it could "foster an 'armed protection' mentality that could lead to the displacement of millions of forest-dependent people, including by force."<sup>48</sup>

**Armed Guards** for pilot projects<sup>49</sup>

**UN: Remote Sensors** in forests for REDD<sup>50</sup>

**Satellite Surveillance** of forests<sup>51</sup>

<sup>48</sup> Friends of the Earth International, REDD: Critical questions and myths exposed., Summary [www.foei.org/publications](http://www.foei.org/publications)

<sup>49</sup> REDD: Wrong Path: Pathetic EcoBusiness, WAHLI (Friends of the Earth-Indonesia)

<http://www.redd-monitor.org/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2009/07/WAHLI-REDD.pdf>, p.8-9

For Merrill Lynch and Carbon Conservation project, REDD Myths, <http://www.foei.org/en/publications/pdfs/redd-myths/view>, p.11

<sup>50</sup> UNFCCC, SBSTA 3D agenda item 5, version 5 June 2009 at 09:00 hrs, Annex I(b) (i) Bonn, Germany

<sup>51</sup> The Woods Hole Research Center, Mapping and Monitoring Carbon Stocks with Satellite Observations: An Update, Scott Goetz, COP14, December 2008, Poznan, Poland, p. 2. [www.whrc.org](http://www.whrc.org) Specifically: Synthetic Aperture Radar (SAR), Light Detection and Ranging (Lidar), Optical Remote Sensing and Multi-Sensor Synergy. Also see REDD and Global Terrestrial Observing System (GTS). [www.gofc-gold.unijena.de/redd/](http://www.gofc-gold.unijena.de/redd/) European

## REDD and Gangsters

REDD will attract **Organized Crime**<sup>53</sup>

**Interpol:** "If there are indigenous people involved, there's **threats and violence** against those people."<sup>54</sup>



Space Agency (ESA), the German company specialist in "tele-detection" GAF AG and the KfW participate in REDD pilot project in Cameroon

<http://www.fan-bo.org/en/cambio-climatico-proyectos-redd.php>

<sup>52</sup> Amazon Watch: "oil concessions have jumped from roughly 15% to well over 70%" <http://www.amazonwatch.org/conoco2009.pdf>

<sup>53</sup> Sunday Mail <http://www.news.com.au/adelaidenow/story/0,25623269-5006301,00.html>



The **largest REDD pilot project in the world** is a 30 year “partnership” on indigenous land with oil giants **British Petroleum** and **Amoco**<sup>55</sup> which coincidentally are participating in “**the biggest global warming crime in history**”<sup>56</sup> and **violate Indigenous Peoples’ rights in Tibet**,<sup>57</sup> **Sudan**,<sup>58</sup> **Canada**<sup>59</sup> and **the United States**<sup>60</sup>. BP has also benefited from a regime of paramilitary terror in Colombia<sup>61</sup> and is implicated in a coup d’etat in

Azerbaijan.<sup>62</sup> Other partners include the biggest coal burner in the U.S., American Electric Power (which depends on coal and uranium mining<sup>63</sup> that have devastated native lands and health<sup>64</sup>) and PacifiCorp and The Nature Conservancy. The Nature Conservancy says that **REDD** is more important than cutting emissions.<sup>65</sup> **REDD** could be the cheapest way<sup>66</sup> for these polluting companies to buy permits to pollute. Cheap carbon credits from **REDD** could allow climate criminals to continue to destroy the earth and her peoples. A recent Greenpeace report condemns this model **REDD** project as a “**Carbon Scam**.”<sup>67</sup>

<sup>54</sup> Reuters [http://www.reuters.com/article/internalReutersNewsRoom\\_BehindTheScenes\\_MOLT/idUSTRE54SID520090529?pageNumber=2&virtualBrandChannel=0](http://www.reuters.com/article/internalReutersNewsRoom_BehindTheScenes_MOLT/idUSTRE54SID520090529?pageNumber=2&virtualBrandChannel=0) PHOTOS: Ben Powless

<sup>55</sup> “Through a unique partnership, the Government of Bolivia, the Friends of Nature Foundation (FAN), [The Nature Conservancy](http://www.natureconservancy.org) and three energy companies ([American Electric Power](http://www.aep.com), [PacifiCorp](http://www.pacifi.com) and [BP Amoco](http://www.bp.com)) have teamed up to jointly implement the US \$11 million Noel Kempff Mercado Climate Action Project—the largest forest based carbon project in the world.” <http://www.noelkempff.com/English/Welcome.htm> The contract is for 30 years. See TIME: <http://www.time.com/time/magazine/article/0,9171,1864302,00.html>

<sup>56</sup> The Independent: <http://www.independent.co.uk/environment/the-biggest-environmental-crime-in-history-764102.html>

<sup>57</sup> Corpwatch: “BP challenged to get out of Tibet” <http://www.corpwatch.org/article.php?id=1291>

<sup>58</sup> Los Angeles Times: “slavery and genocide in Sudan” <http://articles.latimes.com/2000/jun/01/news/mn-36342>

<sup>59</sup> The Globe: “a form of genocide” <http://www.theglobeandmail.com/news/politics/not-really-a-green-country-any-more/article1277258/b>

PBS: Extreme Oil – Athabasca Tar Sands <http://lists.ibiblio.org/pipermail/homestead/2005-February/003987.html> The Guardian

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/business/2009/aug/23/london-tar-sands-climate-protest>

<sup>60</sup> Greenpeace: Inupiat Eskimos sue BP <http://archive.greenpeace.org/pressreleases/arctic/1999oct21.html>

<sup>61</sup> The Independent <http://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/bp-pays-out-millions-to-colombian-farmers-408816.html>

<sup>62</sup> BP and Amoco behind Coup <http://www.muslimedia.com/archives/world00/azer-bp.htm>

<sup>63</sup> American Electric Power gets 66% of its energy from coal and 6% from nuclear power. See Fuel Diversity graph on p.4 of its 2008 Annual Report <http://www.aep.com/investors/annrep/08annrep/AepAnnRpt2008.pdf> AEP is also an aggressive proponent of the oxymoron “clean” coal and the highly dangerous false solution to climate change called Carbon Capture and Storage <http://www.aep.com/environmental/climatechange/carboncapture/>

<sup>64</sup> Indigenous Environmental Network <http://www.ienearth.org/mining.html> See video Dine’ Grandmothers resist relocation to radioactive lands [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FbrcTzawbec&url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww%2Eienearth%2Eorg%2Fmining%2Ehtml&feature=player\\_embedded](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FbrcTzawbec&url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww%2Eienearth%2Eorg%2Fmining%2Ehtml&feature=player_embedded)

<sup>65</sup> The Nature Conservancy: Forest offsets more important than emissions reduction targets <http://www.redd-monitor.org/2009/06/05/the-nature-conservancy-forest-offsets-more-important-than-emissions-reduction-targets/>

<sup>66</sup> The Economist: “Companies would then buy cheap credits and continue doing business as usual rather than cutting their own emissions.” [http://www.economist.com/opinion/displaystory.cfm?story\\_id=13829421](http://www.economist.com/opinion/displaystory.cfm?story_id=13829421)

<sup>67</sup> Carbon Scam: Noel Kempff Climate Action Project <http://www.greenpeace.org/usa/press-center/reports4/carbon-scam-noel-kempff-clima>



## REDD and Oil Companies



Oil companies have caused **genocide** and **continue to violate Indigenous Peoples’ rights** in the Ecuadorian Amazon and in Niger River Delta.<sup>68</sup> Oil companies also actively lobby in favor of the carbon market. “We denounce the further **delays in ending fossil fuel extraction** that are being caused by corporate, government and United Nations’ attempts to construct a ‘carbon market’.”<sup>69</sup>



<sup>68</sup> See Chevron Toxicco <http://chevrontoxico.com/> Amazon Watch <http://www.amazonwatch.org/> Crude <http://chevrontoxico.com/crude/> Justice in Nigeria Now <http://justiceinnigerianow.org/> Sweet Crude <http://www.sweetcrudemovie.com/> Shell Guilty <http://www.shellguilty.com/>

<sup>69</sup> Durban Declaration, 2004, <http://www.carbontradewatch.org/durban/durbandec.html> PHOTOS: Amazon Watch, JINN, GRAPHIC: Rising Tide





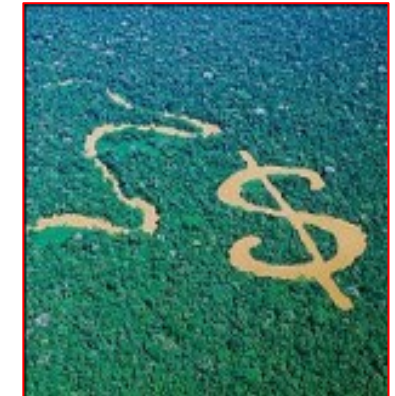
“The International Indigenous Peoples’ Forum on Climate Change reiterates that indigenous peoples have been and continue to be the **primary guardians of forests**. For generations, indigenous peoples have managed to utilize forests resources in a sustainable manner. Indigenous peoples have always regarded forests as **not simply resources to be exploited** but as the **source of life** and an integral part of our lives and lifestyles. Forests not only provide shelter and food to indigenous peoples; they also form the **basis of many cultures**, and have various **spiritual and cultural values** for us that **cannot be expressed in monetary values**. Many indigenous peoples derive their distinct **identities** from their relationship with the forests. In addition, many of the forests that are looked at for utilization in

REDD mechanisms are located **within our ancestral lands and territories**.....<sup>70</sup>

IIPFCC continues to **oppose the commercialization and commodification of forests** and recommends that Parties and other key actors be educated to understand the different, **holistic worldview** of indigenous peoples and to understand the different values that forests have for indigenous peoples and for humankind. Climate change and sustainable forest management must be based on **different mindsets** with full respect for Nature, and **not on market-based mechanisms** that benefit only a few for only a short time.”<sup>71</sup>



REDD is “**air politics** and **air business for new colonialism** instead of rights, traditional lifestyles, customs, culture and spirituality. **Trading air**... causes negative impacts for Indigenous Peoples’ traditional lifestyle. Indigenous Peoples ...will be **more exploited; our rights to our territories, land and resources will be violated**. Indigenous Peoples do not want to put Mother Earth in “custody.” ...**There will be forced displacement, militarization**, and Indigenous Peoples will become...**refugees**.”<sup>72</sup> -Kamal Rai, Nepal



## REDD Corrupts the Sacred<sup>73</sup>

**Privatizes and Commodifies forests, trees and air**

“These REDD and carbon market regimes **violate the cosmovision and spiritual beliefs and indigenous worldview** of many of our Indigenous peoples in the South and North. The commodification of forests and the atmosphere is a corruption of the Sacred.”  
-Tom “*Mato Awanyankapi*” Goldtooth, Indigenous Environmental Network



<sup>70</sup> International Indigenous Peoples Forum on Climate Change (IIPFCC). IIPFCC made this submission in response to the call from UNFCCC Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice for Parties (SBSTA) and accredited observers to submit their views on “issues relating to indigenous people [sic] and local communities for the development and application of methodologies by 15 February 2009” paragraph 3.1 <http://unfccc.int/resource/docs/2009/smsn/ngo/108.pdf>

<sup>71</sup> Ibid. paragraph 8.2

<sup>72</sup> Kamal Rai on REDD [www.indigenoussummit.com/servlet/download?id=100](http://www.indigenoussummit.com/servlet/download?id=100)

<sup>73</sup> “REDD corrupts the sacred... It was born in darkness” <http://www.redd-monitor.org/2009/01/14/interview-with-tom-bk-goldtooth/>  
Watch Video: SommerFilms for EARTH PEOPLES “Carbon Trading is not Ethical-Indigenous Elders from the North” <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tYlwAs3w0Lo>  
PHOTOS: WRM, [www.wrm.org.uy](http://www.wrm.org.uy) Kamal Rai - Agencia Gazeta; GRAPHIC: REDD-Monitor





# REDD and PLANTATIONS

## DESTRUCTION OF BIODIVERSITY

### Definition of Forests:

#### Includes Plantations and Logging

"The definition of 'forests' used by the UNFCCC...includes monoculture tree plantations and clearcuts (euphemistically referred to as 'temporarily unstocked areas')...it is unlikely this definition will change before the 15th Conference of the Parties in Copenhagen in 2009...Under the current definition, the Brazilian government's plans to replace part of the Amazonian forest with oil palm plantations would not even count as deforestation: they will only 'temporarily unstock' the Amazon before planting new trees."<sup>74</sup>

### Definition of Degradation: Blame Indigenous Peoples for Climate Change?<sup>75</sup>

#### Criminalizing Indigenous Peoples and Agriculture?

"Depending on the definition of 'degradation,' 'illegal activities' could include shifting cultivation; hunting; foraging; collecting kindling, medicinal plants, materials for housing and art; performing ceremonies and accessing sacred sites. "[T]he interpretation of definitions relating to 'degradation' will have to be carefully monitored in situations where the poor are engaging in activities that are seen to be degrading forest resources." PEP, p.5; "'degradation' activities that can be crucial for the poor (such as shifting cultivation) may be disrupted by REDD systems without adequate compensation." PEP, p.3; "[P]oor people are unlikely to benefit directly...and evidence indicates that they could actually be subject to increased risks if they are engaging in illegal activities." PEP, p.4"<sup>76</sup>

<sup>74</sup> Global Forest Coalition, "REDD without Rules: Another Disaster in the Making"

<http://www.globalforestcoalition.org/img/userpics/File/forest%20cover/ForestCover-no27-september2008.pdf>

REDD will fail with the current definition of forests <http://www.redd-monitor.org/2009/09/08/redd-will-fail-with-the-current-definition-of-forest/#more-2776> See UNFCCC Decision 11/CP.7 Annex I (a) <http://unfccc.int/resource/docs/spanish/cop7/cp713a01s.pdf>

<sup>75</sup> "They are slashing and burning and cutting forests of the world." Richard Sandor as quoted in "Climate Politics: What we can learn from the financial crisis?" Lohmann, L. <http://www.thecornerhouse.org.uk/subject/climate/>

<sup>76</sup> A Poverty Environment Partnership (PEP) Policy Brief, (Peskett et al, 2008)

<http://www.povertyenvironment.net/pep/> as cited in REDD According to the UN, p.2 <http://earthpeoples.org/blog>

## REDD = Plantations

The definition of forests in the climate change negotiations allows for plantations.<sup>77</sup> Therefore a government or logging company could evict indigenous communities, chop or burn down the forest, impose a plantation and still get REDD money.



Protests against Plantations<sup>78</sup>



## REDDPlus = More Plantations

REDD-Plus could include agriculture, soils<sup>79</sup> and biochar.<sup>80</sup> To make biochar, wood is burnt and the resulting charcoal is buried. A lot of wood has to be burnt to make biochar which increases the demand for plantations.



Many More

## REDDPlus + Afforestation<sup>81</sup> = Plantations

Afforestation has been added to REDD-Plus. Afforestation is planting trees where they did not previously exist. The cheapest way to do this is with, you guessed it, plantations.



<sup>77</sup> See UNFCCC Decision 11/CP.7 Annex I (a) <http://unfccc.int/resource/docs/spanish/cop7/cp713a01s.pdf> Also the 'enhancement of forest carbon stocks' "could result in conversion of land (including forests) to industrial tree plantations." <http://www.redd-monitor.org/redd-an-introduction/>

<sup>78</sup> PHOTOS and excellent resources on plantations World Rainforest Movement <http://wrm.org.uy> In Brazil, the Plantar S.A. plantations expelled the Tupinikim and Guarani Peoples, afrobrasilian communities and thousands of small farmers. Plantar S.A. is seeking to sell carbon credits.

<sup>79</sup> Including agriculture and soils in REDD-Plus could lead to the commodification of the entire surface of the planet.

Agriculture considered for inclusion in REDD-Plus [http://www.donorplatform.org/component/option.com\\_docman/task.doc\\_view/gid.1082/Itemid.98/](http://www.donorplatform.org/component/option.com_docman/task.doc_view/gid.1082/Itemid.98/)

<sup>80</sup> Global Forest Coalition: "Forests and Climate Change" p. 7 <http://www.globalforestcoalition.org/>

<sup>81</sup> See UNFCCC negotiating texts: <http://www.unfccc.org>



# REDD and GMO TREES



The UNFCCC allows GMO trees to be used to generate carbon credits.<sup>82</sup> Genetically Modified Trees are trees whose genetic material has been modified in a laboratory for rapid growth or to make it easier to produce agrofuels from wood. Trees are also genetically modified to increase pollution absorption and consequently to sell more permits to pollute.<sup>83</sup> GMO Trees are very dangerous because they can contaminate natural forests just like GMO corn has contaminated natural corn.



**No Frankenforests!**<sup>84</sup>

<sup>82</sup> UNFCCC Decision that allows GMO trees in plantations for afforestation and reforestation. [http://unfccc.int/cop9/latest/substa\\_127.pdf](http://unfccc.int/cop9/latest/substa_127.pdf)

<sup>83</sup> STOP GE TREES CAMPAIGN [www.nogetrees.org](http://www.nogetrees.org) Canadian Biotechnology Action Network [www.cbna.ca](http://www.cbna.ca)

<sup>84</sup> International Paper Treads Monsanto's Path to 'Frankenforests'  
[http://www.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=newsarchive&sid=aEHN8\\_XJRWGU](http://www.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=newsarchive&sid=aEHN8_XJRWGU)

PHOTOS: ETC Group (graphic: Eric Drucker), MST Women Protest, Indigenous Representatives attending the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues protest Belgium planting GMO trees, Orin Langelle/Global Justice Ecology Project <http://www.globaljusticeecology.org/stopgetrees.php>

# REDD +

“Sustainable Forest Management”<sup>85</sup>

and Clear cutting



“...a country could create large “temporarily unstocked areas” by clear cutting forests before replacing them with monocultures, without causing deforestation, according to the UNFCCC...”<sup>86</sup>

**No mention of Forest Protection**<sup>87</sup>

The Collaborative Partnership on Forests  
“collaborates” with **UN-REDD**  
and includes the  
International  
Tropical  
Timber  
Organization<sup>88</sup>



<sup>85</sup> Australia, Indonesia, Brazil, India and Malaysia, among others, have tabled the inclusion of Sustainable Forest Management which allows for logging and clearcuts. *Australia, Indonesia in carbon trading plan*, August 10, 2009, *Tom Arup*

<http://www.theage.com.au/environment/australia-indonesia-in-carbon-trading-plan-20090809-ee9s.html>

<sup>86</sup> REDD-Monitor, <http://www.redd-monitor.org/2008/10/06/global-forest-coalition-attacks-redd/http://www.redd-monitor.org/redd-an-introduction/>

<sup>87</sup> Climate negotiations drowning in a sea of brackets: Forest Protection Missing <http://www.redd-monitor.org/2009/08/17/climate-negotiations-drowning-in-a-sea-of-brackets-forest-protection-missing/>

<sup>88</sup> UN-REDD <http://www.un-redd.org/Partners/tabid/591/language/en-US/Default.aspx>



## Does **REDD** mean **More Deforestation**?



According to REDD Monitor: "Proposals under discussion for a **REDD** mechanism based upon a baseline of deforestation also risk creating the **perverse incentives** for countries with low current levels of deforestation to **increase their level of deforestation** in order to subsequently be able to claim greater amounts of finance on the basis of reduced deforestation, thus increasing carbon emissions in the short term. These perverse incentives can

clearly be seen in Guyana, where President Jagdeo has launched an "**avoided threatened deforestation**" scheme. An editorial in Guyana's *Kaieteur News* in May argued that Guyana "should preceed full steam ahead with the exploitation of our forestry resources. In addition to placing our future development more firmly in our own hands, it will ironically make our arguments for REDD even stronger." <sup>89</sup>



## **REDD: More Human Rights Violations?**

### Carbon Markets Violate Indigenous Peoples' Rights.

Carbon Trading has a bloody record so far. Not only is it an eco-cidal false solution to climate change that has helped push the Arctic, Amazon and Antarctic closer to the Tipping Point<sup>90</sup> but it has also contributed to quicken the disappearance of 14 countries in the Pacific whose population is 90% Indigenous which constitutes cultural genocide on an unprecedented scale. Human rights violations include: **killings, servitude, regimes of terror, forced relocation, arbitrary detention, loss of land & territory, loss of income, livelihood and food, destruction of homes and crops, and threats to cultural survival.**<sup>91</sup> According to the UN, "More than 50 people were killed"<sup>92</sup> in an Ugandan carbon forest project. In other recent cases, Indigenous Peoples suffer forced displacement,<sup>93</sup> loss of access to land,<sup>94</sup> land tenure disputes<sup>95</sup> and social conflicts.<sup>96</sup> **REDD** is already showing that it will be more of the same. The Ogiek are threatened with arrest if they didn't vacate their ancestral Mau forest. "[A] tsunami of carbon traders is spreading across Papua New Guinea. Carbon Finance and **REDD** have triggered a 'gold rush' mentality"<sup>97</sup> spiced with fraud, land disputes, rip offs, and coercion to sign Indigenous Peoples' land rights away. (See previous pages.)

(PHOTO: REDD-Monitor)

<sup>89</sup> REDD Monitor <http://www.redd-monitor.org/2009/06/24/offsetting-a-dangerous-distraction/>

<sup>90</sup> Director of NASA on the "Tipping Point" <http://www.guardian.co.uk/environment/2008/jun/23/climatechange.carbonemissions>

<sup>91</sup> "Snapshots of Co2lonialism" in "Indigenous Peoples' Guide" [http://www.ieneearth.org/docs/Indigenous\\_Peoples\\_Guide-E.pdf](http://www.ieneearth.org/docs/Indigenous_Peoples_Guide-E.pdf)

<sup>92</sup> United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, "Impact of climate change mitigation measures on indigenous peoples and their lands and territories" March 2008 [http://www.un.org/esa/socdev/unpfii/documents/E\\_C19\\_2008\\_10.pdf](http://www.un.org/esa/socdev/unpfii/documents/E_C19_2008_10.pdf)

<sup>93</sup> IPS: "Carbon Trading Scheme Pushing People off Their Land" "...methods suggested to reduce global carbon emissions is causing the displacement of indigenous persons as western companies rush to invest in tree-planting projects in developing countries...indigenous people known as the Benet have been displaced to clear the way to tree-planting projects." <http://ipsnews.net/africa/notes.asp?idnews=48273> <http://www.counterpunch.org/checker09092009.html>

<sup>94</sup> "Threatened Tribesman: The Melayu of Indonesia may lose fishing and hunting grounds to a forest-saving carbon plan...The project would limit the access of the Melayu people to their traditional fishing creeks and hunting grounds; they have protested by preventing company staff from entering the area." Scientific American Magazine: Conflicted Conservation: When Restoration Efforts Are Pitted against Human Rights - Saving Earth might mean trampling indigenous societies <http://www.scientificamerican.com/article.cfm?id=conflicted-conservation-efforts>

<sup>95</sup> Reuters: "deals sparked land ownership disputes" <http://www.reuters.com/article/latestCrisis/idUSL171901>

<sup>96</sup> Scientific American Magazine. Ibid.

<sup>97</sup> Sydney Morning Herald. <http://www.smh.com.au/environment/australian-firm-linked-to-pnqs-100m-carbon-trading-scandal-20090903-fa2y.html>

## **REDD: Slaving on the Plantation?**



**REDD monitoring** requires cheap labor. According to a European ministry roadmap, "**working with local communities could reduce the costs of monitoring**" **REDD**.<sup>98</sup> In fact, there seems to be a consensus that "community involvement is the **most cost-efficient mechanism** to collect large volumes of such data" and that it is "**two to three times**" cheaper to hire natives than "professionals" or than using "remote sensing."<sup>99</sup> Indians, get out your carbon rulers! Just imagine. You can have a very low paying job measuring captured CO<sub>2</sub> on the GMO tree plantation that was created where your rainforest use to flourish before it was clear cut and you were forcibly evicted for a **REDD** project.

The **Carbon Markets' Exploitation of Indigenous Peoples** was not unanticipated. In 2000, in its first plenary statement to the UNFCCC, the International Indigenous Peoples' Forum on Climate Change predicted that carbon offset projects would turn Indigenous Peoples into "**slaves of the carbon trade**."<sup>100</sup> An eye-opening book published by the International Alliance of Indigenous and Tribal Peoples of the Tropical Forests documents how **Batswa Pygmies suffer "servitude"**<sup>101</sup> on the **World Bank Ibi-Batéké Carbon Sink Plantation**.<sup>102</sup> An employee of the project says "this must not be understood...as if it were **slavery**."<sup>103</sup> Hailed as an inspiring model for all of Africa,<sup>104</sup> this touted plantation for **fuel wood and charcoal** claims to be the Democratic Republic of the Congo's first Clean Development Project<sup>105</sup> and to contribute to sustainable development and climate change mitigation.<sup>106</sup> However, Pygmy leaders have repeatedly denounced the World Bank for funding deforestation of their ancestral forests which not only releases emissions but also violates their rights, leads to the destruction of their livelihood and causes social conflict.<sup>107</sup>

(PHOTO: WORLD BANK)

<sup>98</sup> Bas Clabbers of the Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality of the Netherlands, "Roadmap for safeguarding indigenous rights in EU REDD policy and proposals", May 2009 <http://www.globalforestcoalition.org/img/userpics/File/presentations/Road-Map-EU-REDD.pdf>

<sup>99</sup> International Institute for Geo-information Science and Earth Observation (ITC), Submission to SBSTA 29, item 5: "Reducing emissions from deforestation in developing countries: approaches to stimulate action", paragraph II. (Document FCCC/SBSTA/2008/L.23) "Forest biomass assessment in support of REDD by indigenous people and local communities" [http://www.recoftc.org/site/fileadmin/docs/Themes/Climate\\_change/ITC\\_Submission\\_REDD\\_Para\\_II\\_SBSTA-29.pdf](http://www.recoftc.org/site/fileadmin/docs/Themes/Climate_change/ITC_Submission_REDD_Para_II_SBSTA-29.pdf) See also UN-REDD: REDD Monitoring and Verification Roadmap to UNFCCC <http://74.125.47.132/search?q=cache:sb65KP6typQJ:www.un-redd.org/LinkClick.aspx%3Ffileticket%3Dp1ghdzEgQ%253D%26tabid%3D587%26language%3Den-US+REDD+cost-effective+monitoring+and+verification+community+involvement&hl=en&ie=UTF-8>

RECOFTC, "Community-based forest management: a key element of effective REDD methodologies", <http://www.communitycarbonforestry.org>

<sup>100</sup> International Indigenous Peoples' Forum on Climate Change, Declaration of Lyon, First plenary intervention to the UNFCCC, Lyon, France, Sept.15, 2000.

<sup>101</sup> International Alliance of Indigenous and Tribal Peoples of the Tropical Forests, "Indigenous Peoples and Climate Change: Vulnerabilities, Adaptation, and Responses to Mechanisms of the Kyoto Protocol," (2007) Makelo, S., "The DRC Case Study: the impacts of carbon sinks of Ibi-Batéké Project on the indigenous Pygmies of the Democratic Republic of Congo" p.45-74 especially 62-64 <http://www.international-alliance.org/documents/Climate%20Change%20-%20DRC.pdf> The human rights violations against Pygmies are acute throughout the country. See "Pygmies beg UN for aid to save them from Congo cannibals"

<http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/news/world/article1135111.ece>

<sup>102</sup> World Bank "DRC Ibi Bateke Carbon Sink Plantation" <http://wbcarbonfinance.org/Router.cfm?Page=Projport16ProjID=43647> World Bank documents claim no Indigenous Peoples affected on pages 4 and 8 [http://www-wds.worldbank.org/external/default/WDSContentServer/WDSP/IB/2009/06/04/000333037\\_20090604015605/Original/4874701SDSDrevli0Bateke0BBox33892480.doc](http://www-wds.worldbank.org/external/default/WDSContentServer/WDSP/IB/2009/06/04/000333037_20090604015605/Original/4874701SDSDrevli0Bateke0BBox33892480.doc) Four million dollar investment from World Bank Carbon Finance:

<http://web.worldbank.org/external/projects/main?Projectid=P0964148Type=Financial&theSitePK=409418pagePK=64330670&menuPK=642821356piPK=64302772> Forest Carbon Inventory Project [http://www.forestcarbonportal.com/inventory\\_project.php?item=294](http://www.forestcarbonportal.com/inventory_project.php?item=294)

<sup>103</sup> Makelo, S. Ibid, p.64

<sup>104</sup> Watch Video: [http://openvideo.dailymotion.com/video/x6i2sx\\_ibi-bateke\\_lifestyle](http://openvideo.dailymotion.com/video/x6i2sx_ibi-bateke_lifestyle)

<sup>105</sup> However, as of Sept. 9, 2009 the project is not listed by this name on the CDM Pipeline Spreadsheet [www.cdmpipeline.org/cdm-projects-region.htm](http://www.cdmpipeline.org/cdm-projects-region.htm)

<sup>106</sup> Reuters: World Bank to buy carbon credit from Congo Project <http://www.reuters.com/article/environmentNews/idUSTRE57409120090805>

<sup>107</sup> World Bank Inspection Panel - Request for Inspection from Pygmy Organization for harm caused by World Bank funding to forestry sector in DRC [http://www.rainforestfoundationuk.org/files/Congo\\_CDR\\_NoR.pdf](http://www.rainforestfoundationuk.org/files/Congo_CDR_NoR.pdf)





# Profits for the **REDD** and World Bank<sup>108</sup>



“The **World Bank** causes genocide in the Amazon”<sup>109</sup>

“**REDD** is made for corporations”<sup>110</sup>

Egberto Tabo

General Coordinator of COICA

Coordinating Body of Indigenous Organizations of the Amazon Basin



World Bank **REDD** would  
**Reward Forest Destroyers**<sup>111</sup>



Is this the World Bank’s “poster child”?

PHOTO: Robin Wood

World Bank on **REDD**: “We will make mistakes.”<sup>112</sup>



<sup>108</sup> Institute for Policy Studies, World Bank: Climate Profiteer [http://www.ips-dc.org/reports/world\\_bank\\_climate\\_profiteer](http://www.ips-dc.org/reports/world_bank_climate_profiteer)

<sup>109</sup> Global Summit of Indigenous Peoples on Climate Change, Panel with the World Bank, webcast

<http://www.livestream.com/talkingcircle?referrer=mogulus>

<sup>110</sup> Public Radio International, <http://www.iqe.org/shows/segments.htm?programID=09-P13-000238segmentID=3>

<sup>111</sup> World Bank’s Forest Carbon Partnership Facility would reward Forest Destroyers in Indonesia <http://www.redd-monitor.org/2009/03/02/fcpfs-poster-child-would-reward-forest-destroyers-in-indonesia/>

<sup>112</sup> World Bank admits “We will make mistakes” on REDD <http://www.redd-monitor.org/2008/12/05/world-bank-admits-we-will-make-mistakes-on-redd/>



“ **REDD** is a threat for Indigenous Peoples... The World Bank wants to do **REDD** to make money”<sup>113</sup>

Mary Simat

Maasai People

Africa



<sup>113</sup> Global Summit of Indigenous Peoples on Climate Change, Panel with the World Bank

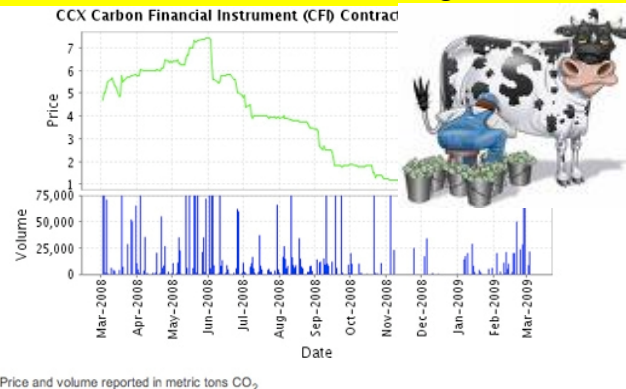
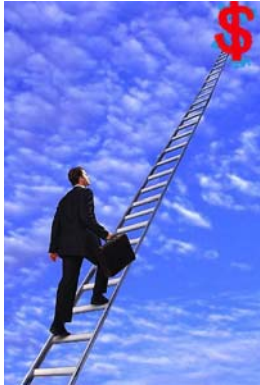
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PHOTOS: Ben Powless, REDD-Monitor: Robin Wood, UNFCCC and others



## Is REDD a “Cash Cow for Forest Destroyers”?<sup>114</sup>

A trillion dollar carbon market?



Graph of Price of Carbon 2008-9

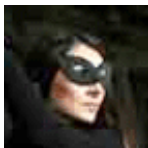
### The New Bubble<sup>116</sup> - The Next Crash?<sup>117</sup>

- “The global carbon market is likely to become the largest commodity market in the world”<sup>118</sup>
- 'I guess in many ways it's akin to subprime ... You keep layering on crap until you say, "We can't do this anymore."’<sup>119</sup>



### Carbon Criminals Arrested in Multi-Million Dollar Fraud

Reuters: *Europol expects more arrests in carbon fraud probe:*



An “**organized crime group** operat[ed] a network of companies trading large volumes of European Union carbon emissions credits in so-called carousel fraud (\$62.8 million) value-added tax (VAT) **scam** related to carbon credit trading”<sup>120</sup>

### UNFCCC = WTO of the Sky

*Establishing a robust global regime for addressing climate change is... comparable to the creation of the international trade regime under the World Trade Organization.*<sup>121</sup>

-Michael Zammit Cutajar, Ex-Executive Secretary of UNFCCC

<sup>114</sup> New York Times, <http://www.nytimes.com/2009/08/22/science/earth/22degrees.html>

<sup>115</sup> Public Radio International, <http://www.loe.org/shows/segments.htm?programID=09-PI3-000236segmentID=3>

<sup>116</sup> “The Big Takeover” [http://www.rollingstone.com/politics/story/26793903/the\\_big\\_takeover](http://www.rollingstone.com/politics/story/26793903/the_big_takeover)

<sup>117</sup> “Could Cap and Trade Cause Another Financial Meltdown?” <http://www.motherjones.com/politics/2009/06/could-cap-and-trade-cause-another-market-meltdown> <http://www.redd-monitor.org/2009/07/27/our-climate-crisis-seeing-redd-plundering-our-forests>

<sup>118</sup> New York Times: “Carbon Trading: Where greed is green” quotes Head of Environmental Markets of Barclays Capital.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2007/06/20/business/worldbusiness/20iht-money.4.6234700.html>

<sup>119</sup> Marc Stuart, EcoSecurities executive (Jeffrey Ball, 'Up In Smoke: Two Carbon-Market Millionaires Take a Hit as UN Clamps Down - EcoSecurities Sees Shares Slide 70 Per Cent', Wall Street Journal, 14 April 2008.)

<sup>120</sup> Reuters: <http://www.reuters.com/article/idUSTRE57J38C20090820>

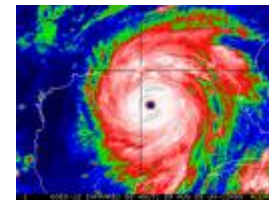
<sup>121</sup> US United Nations Archives <http://www.unusa.org>

## REDD = Cheaper than Reducing Emissions

Cheapest Permits to Pollute • Bargain Basement Carbon Credits

The going price for carbon credits from offsets is USD \$25 to \$35 but a REDD credit is calculated at as little as USD \$4 which is more than 6 to 8 times cheaper.<sup>122</sup> For big polluters, like oil companies and the United States, it will be cheaper to buy permits to pollute from REDD than to reduce emissions. “[I]ndustrialized countries could find it easy to fulfill much of their targets with cheap REDD offset credits.”<sup>123</sup> According to *The Economist*, REDD “will push down the price. Companies would then buy cheap credits and continue doing business as usual rather than cutting their own emissions.”<sup>124</sup> It’s just “trading thin air.”<sup>125</sup>

## REDD does **NOT MITIGATE** Climate Change<sup>126</sup>



According to the Director of NASA, James Hansen, the world’s most distinguished climatologist, “industrialized countries could offset 24-69% of their emissions via the CDM and REDD... thus avoiding the necessary domestic cuts that are required to peak emissions around 2015 in line with avoiding dangerous climate change..” The much trumpeted US climate change legislation is “counterfeit.”<sup>127</sup>



### A Suicide Pact

“The globe’s **worst polluters, colluding governments and profit-mad carbon traders, have seized REDD in their rush to assure the doom of the Livable Plant.**”<sup>128</sup>



REDD: “Utterly bogus”<sup>129</sup>

<sup>122</sup> Carbon Positive “REDD carbon markets: Proposals Compared” <http://www.carbonpositive.net/viewarticle.aspx?articleID=1209>

<sup>123</sup> Ibid

“Offsets are still counterfeit carbon credits” - Offsets “make profits for large corporations and revenue for governments and consultants”

Gar Lipow <http://www.grist.org/article/offsets-are-still-counterfeit-carbon-credits>

<sup>124</sup> The Economist: [http://www.economist.com/opinion/displaystory.cfm?story\\_id=13829421](http://www.economist.com/opinion/displaystory.cfm?story_id=13829421)

<sup>125</sup> The Economist: “Trading Thin Air” [http://www.economist.com/displaystory.cfm?story\\_id=9217960](http://www.economist.com/displaystory.cfm?story_id=9217960)

Scientific American <http://www.scientificamerican.com/article.cfm?id=a-mechanism-of-hot-air>

<sup>126</sup> James Hansen, Director de NASA, <http://solveclimate.com/blog/20090710/q8-failure-reflects-congress-failure-write-effective-climate-policy>

<sup>127</sup> James Hansen, Ibid. Institute for Policy Studies “Good news there is a climate bill, bad news it stinks” [http://www.ips-dc.org/articles/good\\_news\\_theres\\_a\\_climate\\_bill\\_bad\\_news\\_it\\_stinks](http://www.ips-dc.org/articles/good_news_theres_a_climate_bill_bad_news_it_stinks)

<sup>128</sup> Our Climate Crisis: Seeing REDD, Plundering Our Forests <http://www.redd-monitor.org/2009/07/27/our-climate-crisis-seeing-redd-plundering-our-forests/>

<sup>129</sup> Ibid.



# GOURMET REDD.



Carbon trading scandals, carbon criminals and flagrant human rights violations have brought both the mandatory<sup>130</sup> and “voluntary carbon market under fierce criticism.”<sup>131</sup> To **greenwash**<sup>132</sup> and **sugar-coat REDD** and **carbon trading** there are norms, standards<sup>133</sup>, third-party verifiers, certification systems, “**small-scale, cute and cuddly carbon projects**,” “**charismatic carbon**”<sup>134</sup> and “the gourmet niche of the carbon market.”<sup>135</sup>



Another way to **dress up carbon trading** and make even more money is to combine it with **sexy and exotic forms of supposed compensation for environmental destruction**. These days, everything is being turned into an environmental service or “offset”<sup>136</sup> and “biobanking”<sup>137</sup> is all the rage.

## Premium REDD and Aggregate values:

**REDD + PES + Biodiversity Offsets<sup>138</sup> + Water Offsets<sup>139</sup> + “Sustainable Development”<sup>140</sup> + Traditional Cultures = Compounded Commodification: Privatization of Air, Life & Culture**



<sup>130</sup> See the Corner House <http://www.thecornerhouse.org.uk/subject/climate/>

<sup>131</sup> Brunner, Stephen, “Gourmet credits: refining Swiss carbon cheese”, [http://www.icfi.com/Markets/Climate-Change/doc\\_files/carbon-credits-switzerland.pdf](http://www.icfi.com/Markets/Climate-Change/doc_files/carbon-credits-switzerland.pdf)

<sup>132</sup> “How to use offsets in your marketing”, see especially Climate Change Chocolate <http://ecopreneurist.com/2008/09/08/how-to-use-offsets-in-your-marketing/> and Ecosystem Market Place <http://ecosystemmarketplace.com/index.php>

<sup>133</sup> “Voluntary Carbon Standard (VSC), backed by Geneva-based International Emissions Trading Association, the Climate Group and World Economic Forum, is likely to capture the largest volumes of the global voluntary offset market...The Basel-based Gold Standard Foundation developed a standard for ‘gourmet credits’” [http://www.icfi.com/Markets/Climate-Change/doc\\_files/carbon-credits-switzerland.pdf](http://www.icfi.com/Markets/Climate-Change/doc_files/carbon-credits-switzerland.pdf) There are also third-party verifiers like the Climate, Community & Biodiversity Alliance. <http://www.climate-standards.org/>

<sup>134</sup> EcoSecurities Exec quoted in Business Green <http://www.businessgreen.com/business-green/comment/2246060/gourmet-carbon-anyone>

<sup>135</sup> Abyd Karmali, Managing Director and Global Head of Carbon Markets at Bank of America Merrill Lynch <http://www.slideshare.net/FinancingForests09/financing-the-worlds-forests-integrating-markets-and-stakeholders3>

<sup>136</sup> IUCN, Building Biodiversity Business, See p.12 “How to combine carbon and biodiversity offsets? Afforestation/Reforestation, soil carbon and REDD” [http://www.sustainability-zurich.org/cm\\_data/Bishop\\_biodiversitypanel.pdf](http://www.sustainability-zurich.org/cm_data/Bishop_biodiversitypanel.pdf) Climate, Community & Biodiversity Alliance has developed voluntary standards to help design and identify land management projects that claim to simultaneously minimize climate change, support sustainable development and conserve biodiversity <http://www.climate-standards.org/> Read about “The Duck Factory” [http://www.climate-standards.org/news/files/Duck\\_Habitat\\_Breeds\\_Carbon\\_Offsets\\_ClimateBiz.pdf](http://www.climate-standards.org/news/files/Duck_Habitat_Breeds_Carbon_Offsets_ClimateBiz.pdf)

<sup>137</sup> “The idea is that real and measurable biodiversity outcomes based not only on species, but also structure and function, allow biodiversity performance to be better assessed and therefore value-added.” <http://eianzecology.blogspot.com/2009/04/biodiversity-and-revegetation-in-farm.html>

<sup>138</sup> For example, including credits for endemic and/or endangered species. See Species Banking <http://www.speciesbanking.com/> Climate, Community & Biodiversity Alliance has developed voluntary standards to help design and identify land management projects that claim to simultaneously minimize climate change, support sustainable development and conserve biodiversity <http://www.climate-standards.org/> Read about “The Duck Factory” [http://www.climate-standards.org/news/files/Duck\\_Habitat\\_Breeds\\_Carbon\\_Offsets\\_ClimateBiz.pdf](http://www.climate-standards.org/news/files/Duck_Habitat_Breeds_Carbon_Offsets_ClimateBiz.pdf)

<sup>139</sup> Transnational Institute, Smith, Kevin, “Offsetting Democracy”, [http://www.tni.org/detail\\_page.phtml?act\\_id=18013](http://www.tni.org/detail_page.phtml?act_id=18013)

<sup>140</sup> Forest Carbon Portal: Sierra Gorda Taps Voluntary Markets for Carbon and Environmental Offsets <http://www.forestcarbonportal.com/article.php?item=26>

## A Prototype<sup>141</sup> for the Emerging Market of Biocultural Carbon Credits: West Arnhem Fire Abatement Project

**Commodifies Indigenous Traditional Knowledge for Carbon Offsets**

**Sells Permits to Pollute to Oil Giant ConocoPhillips**



According to the United Nations, “indigenous peoples see the potential economic benefits in taking part in carbon trading projects, especially when they have already developed, over thousands of years, sustainable neutral and carbon negative livelihoods. As an example, in June 2007, **an oil company, ConocoPhillips agreed to pay** a group of indigenous peoples in northern Australia A\$1m (**\$US850,000**) a year, for **17 years, to offset 100,000 tons of the refinery's own greenhouse emissions.**”<sup>142</sup> North Australian Indigenous Land and Sea Management Alliance (NAILSMA) uses **aboriginal traditional knowledge of fire management practices** which have been scientifically shown to reduce greenhouse gas emissions as compared to naturally occurring wildfires.<sup>143</sup> The United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues hailed this Project as “beneficial”<sup>144</sup> for Indigenous Peoples. **However, Indigenous Peoples suffering the impacts of this oil company in other parts of the world are not pleased:**



**“Indigenous Peoples who participate in Carbon Trading are giving ConocoPhillips a bullet to kill my people.”**

-Casey Camp-Horinek, Ponca Nation



**“We are on the frontlines of a genocidal environmental attack by major corporations like ConocoPhillips...”**<sup>145</sup> whose refinery has been “in our homeland” for fifty years and caused “cancer clusters.”<sup>146</sup> But the people of the Ponca Nation are not the only ones suffering from

<sup>141</sup> Based on this prototype which is almost the size of Britain, “four new landscape-scale emissions abatement projects” are being developed for “emerging carbon and related markets...and opportunities on the unregulated or voluntary market.” North Australia Indigenous Land and Sea Management Alliance <http://www.nailsma.org.au/projects/carbon.html> <http://www.nailsma.org.au/projects/walfa.html>

<sup>142</sup> United Nations International Expert Meeting on Indigenous Peoples and Climate Change, April 2-4, 2008, Concept Note [http://www.un.org/esa/socdev/unpfii/documents/EGM\\_cs08\\_conceptnote.doc](http://www.un.org/esa/socdev/unpfii/documents/EGM_cs08_conceptnote.doc)

<sup>143</sup> Mugarura, Victor *Abarigines burn the way to climate control*, BBC, September 18, 2007 <http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/asia-pacific/6726059.stm> and United Nations University [http://www.ias.unu.edu/resource\\_centre/UNU-CARBONMARKET.pdf](http://www.ias.unu.edu/resource_centre/UNU-CARBONMARKET.pdf) p.11

<sup>144</sup> United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues: “impact of climate change mitigation measures on Indigenous Peoples” p. 28 “Beneficial Effects of Mitigation, paragraph 57. “good results,” paragraph 63 [http://www.un.org/esa/socdev/unpfii/documents/E\\_C19\\_2008\\_10.pdf](http://www.un.org/esa/socdev/unpfii/documents/E_C19_2008_10.pdf)

<sup>145</sup> National Indian Education Association [http://www.niea.org/media/news\\_detail.php?id=2918catid](http://www.niea.org/media/news_detail.php?id=2918catid)

<sup>146</sup> Obama: Canada must address dirt oil from the tar sands [http://74.125.93.132/search?q=cache:8EVLxzo\\_hoJ:www.ienearth.org/news/obama2canadamustaddressdirtyoilfromthetarsands.html+Conoco+Pillips+Ponca+Nation+cancer&hl=en&ie=UTF-8](http://74.125.93.132/search?q=cache:8EVLxzo_hoJ:www.ienearth.org/news/obama2canadamustaddressdirtyoilfromthetarsands.html+Conoco+Pillips+Ponca+Nation+cancer&hl=en&ie=UTF-8)

ConocoPhillips.<sup>147</sup> ConocoPhillips ranked third on the list of the worst corporate air polluters in the U.S.<sup>148</sup> And deep in the Peruvian Amazon the very survival of Indigenous Peoples in Voluntary Isolation is endangered by ConocoPhillips' plans to drill for oil.<sup>149</sup> The threat of genocide is so acute that the Inter-American Commission was asked to grant these groups "precautionary measures" in an effort to save their lives.<sup>150</sup> Drilling is also slated for the territories of the Kichwa, Achuar and Shuar Peoples.<sup>151</sup> In Alberta, Canada, "The company has the explicit goal of becoming the largest oil sands producer"<sup>152</sup> in the "worst environmental crime in history."<sup>153</sup> Looking at the big picture, the Western Arnhem Fire Abatement project is not a very pretty posterchild.

## Carbon Footprint Trading<sup>154</sup>

Nonetheless, it is at the forefront of an emerging specialty niche in carbon trading that hopes to sell carbon credits generated from **commodifying Indigenous Peoples' traditional knowledge** on climate change mitigation and adaptation, "low carbon" lifestyles and "small carbon footprints."<sup>155</sup> Indigenous cultures and traditional practices that conserve biodiversity are in danger of being privatized, patented, packaged and sold to polluters as **REDD** and other kinds of "avoided emissions," environmental services and offsets.

## A Strange Kind of Suicide

To sell our ancestral culture and way of being to the very governments and multinational corporations that are destroying the sky and the ecosystems which our people depend upon for survival is to become accomplices in our own destruction. For example, it might seem easy to sell the carbon of the Amazon and think that your people are finally getting compensated for taking care of the rainforest for thousands of years. But in reality, you would be accepting money from big multinationals so that they can continue to pollute and cause global warming which worsens the drought in the Amazon and causes the forest to die<sup>156</sup>. You would be committing collective suicide and **murdering the future** of your people.

## My Moccasins are NOT for Sale!

At the Earth Summit in 1992, Indigenous Peoples told the world, "We walk to the future in the footprints of our ancestors."<sup>157</sup> The sky sellers want to put **this sacred path** on the auction block of **carbon capitalism**. Fortunately, those who refuse to sell out are defiant: "My moccasins and the footprint of my moccasins are not for sale!"<sup>158</sup>

<sup>147</sup> Groundbreaking Lawsuit Accuses Big Oil of Conspiracy to Deceive Public About Climate Change

[http://www.democracynow.org/2008/7/3/groundbreaking\\_lawsuit\\_accuses\\_big\\_oil\\_of](http://www.democracynow.org/2008/7/3/groundbreaking_lawsuit_accuses_big_oil_of)

<sup>148</sup> ConocoPhillips ranked 3rd on a 2002 list of the worst U.S. corporate air polluters in terms of the amount and toxicity of pollution, and the numbers of people exposed to it <http://www.peri.umass.edu/Toxic-100-Table.265.0.html>. Activists turn to courts to stop ConocoPhillips refinery expansions

<http://www.ethicalcorp.com/content.asp?ContentID=2420> [http://www.democraticunderground.com/discuss/duboard.php?az=view\\_all&address=389x1547471](http://www.democraticunderground.com/discuss/duboard.php?az=view_all&address=389x1547471)

<sup>149</sup> Amazon Watch and Save America's Forests report on ConocoPhillips in the Amazon <http://www.amazonwatch.org/conoco2009.pdf>

<sup>150</sup> Ibid.

<sup>151</sup> Amazon Watch, annual report 2008 <http://amazonwatch.org>

<sup>152</sup> Tar Sands Watch <http://www.tarsandswatch.org/shareholders-show-strong-support-conocophillips-oil-sands-proposal>

<sup>153</sup> The Independent: <http://www.independent.co.uk/environment/the-biggest-environmental-crime-in-history-764102.html>

<sup>154</sup> Even US army generals assigned to "climate change strategy" are going around giving presentations about how the military should pay attention to its "carbon footprint".

<sup>155</sup> One proponent heralds "the emergence of a "forest economy" based on the knowledge of indigenous forest dwellers, cutting-edge science, and compensation for the ecosystem services provided by the Amazon as a living entity." <http://news.mongabay.com/2009/0908-smeraldi.html>

<sup>156</sup> Scientific American: "Global Warming: Beyond the Tipping Point" <http://www.scientificamerican.com/article.cfm?id=global-warming-beyond-the-co2>

<sup>157</sup> Kari Oca Declaration <http://www.landislife.org/pages/kariocaeng.doc>

<sup>158</sup> Tom B. K. Goldtooth, Director of Indigenous Environmental Network <http://www.ieneearth.org>

**Why Indigenous Peoples in the North have the right to have a say about REDD**  
**HOW WOULD YOU FEEL IF YOUR TERRITORY LOOKED LIKE THIS:**



"**REDD** and carbon offset projects **create toxic hotspots in the North within the homelands of Indigenous Peoples** and local communities. **REDD** will help polluting industries in the North to continue to operate and to expand fossil fuel development, resulting in negative health effects and destruction to the environment and cultural practices of Indigenous communities. This is why Indigenous Peoples of the North have a right to have a voice in REDD policy discussions."<sup>159</sup>



## OR IF THIS WAS YOUR HOME?

In Alaska, the **Inupiat People of Kivalina** who are **forced to relocate** because of flooding caused by climate change are **suing ConocoPhillips** and 18 other corporate polluters in a landmark lawsuit.<sup>160</sup>

## OR IF YOUR WHOLE COUNTRY HAD TO RELOCATE?

## CULTURAL GENOCIDE<sup>161</sup> BY DROWNING

**in the Pacific caused by Climate Change**

**and False Solutions like REDD**

- **14 Countries must relocate**
- **90% of the population of the Pacific is Indigenous<sup>162</sup>**



<sup>159</sup> Ibid.

<sup>160</sup> New York Times "Flooded Village Files Suit, Citing Corporate Link to Climate Change" <http://www.nytimes.com/2008/02/27/us/27alaska.html>

PHOTO: [http://www.aas.org/news/releases/2006/images/1204alaska\\_444\\_lq.jpg](http://www.aas.org/news/releases/2006/images/1204alaska_444_lq.jpg)

<sup>161</sup> Nersessian, David, "Rethinking Cultural Genocide under International Law" [http://www.cceia.org/resources/publications/dialogue/2\\_12/section\\_1/5139.html](http://www.cceia.org/resources/publications/dialogue/2_12/section_1/5139.html)

<sup>162</sup> United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues Workshop: Effects of Climate Change on Indigenous Peoples - A Pacific Presentation, Fiu Mataese Elisara, Executive Director, DLSSI, Samoa, [http://www.un.org/esa/socdev/unpfii/en/EGM\\_CS08.html](http://www.un.org/esa/socdev/unpfii/en/EGM_CS08.html)





# REDD PROS:

- **Money (Benefit Sharing)** - "We will pay you to take care of your forest."
- "REDD could lead to **forest and land tenure reform.**"
- **Recognition** - "We recognize Indigenous Peoples as stewards of the environment."
- "It's an **alternative** to oil and gas extraction."
- "REDD could include co-benefits to **reduce poverty**" - "You'll get **schools and clinics.**"
- "You will be **helping the climate**"



## Interesting Articles on pro-REDD "conservation" NGOs:

Controversial deal between US-based conservation NGOs and polluting industry slammed  
 REDD-Monitor <http://bit.ly/TYtO1>  
 Environmental Defense office invaded in eco-protest against carbon trade  
 REDD-Monitor <http://bit.ly/qXVUr>  
 Nature Conservancy role in World Bank REDD initiative highlights growing US NGO isolation on forests and climate policy  
 REDD-Monitor <http://bit.ly/Fd7nV>  
 Conservation International shock advert adds to confusion about REDD | REDD-Monitor <http://bit.ly/KZPwz>

## A Word about Liability and REDD as an "Alternative" to Oil Extraction & Mining:

Indigenous Peoples could lose their land or other forms of collateral and/or have to reimburse carbon traders with money if a REDD project fails, for example, if there is a natural ecological or climate change-related disaster, drought, forest fire, hurricane or if trees die from a pest or plague. For the FACE/PROFAFOR carbon forestry project in Ecuador, the **25 to 99 year contracts** stipulated that the communities had to plant trees as many times as necessary in case of forest fires and **pay 300%** what they had received **if they broke the contract.**<sup>163</sup> Sociobosque, the Ecuadorian Government's REDD program, **DOES NOT GUARANTEE THAT OIL EXTRACTION AND MINING** will not be done, is funded in part by USAID, has already created divisions amongst Indigenous Peoples and may undermine collective land tenure.<sup>164</sup>



## REDD CONS according to the **United Nations**,<sup>165</sup> REDD could:

- Expropriate Indigenous Peoples' forests, lands and territories and **"lock-up forests"**<sup>166</sup>
- Violate human rights and Indigenous Peoples' rights and result in **"loss of land"**
- Cause **"conflict over resources,"** forced relocation and displacement
- Privatize forests and the sky: **"a new form of tradable commodity linked to land and forest"**
- Privilege "Carbon Rights" over Human Rights - **"rights to own and transfer carbon"**
- **"Marginalize the Landless"**
- Increase Poverty: **"new risks for the poor"** "the poor may ultimately end up worse off"
- Undermine Democracy and promote **"the concentration of power by elites"**
- Violate international law and **"deprive communities of their legitimate land-development"**
- Threaten local economies: **"distort local economies"** "especially in relation to food & fuel"
- Cause hunger: **"financial payments from REDD...may be much less than"** subsistence
- Award deforesters, loggers and polluters and **"erode communal tenure systems"**
- **"REDD benefits ...traded off against other social, economic and environmental benefits"**
- Criminalize indigenous livelihoods and blame Indigenous Peoples for climate change: **"degradation' activities...such as shifting agriculture may be disrupted by REDD"**
- Include monoculture tree plantations as forests & create **"perverse incentives"**
- Repeat mistakes of CDM and do pilot projects in areas of armed conflict
- Increase World Bank climate profiteering - World Bank is part of UN-REDD
- Offend Indigenous Peoples' Spirituality: The sky and forests are sacred, not commodities!
- **"erode culturally rooted not-for-profit conservation values"**
- Last a long time and take forever to pay up: **"holding reserves of credits as insurance against potential loss"**
- Be impossible to verify because of leakage and non-permanence

**ALSO:** You will be selling permits to pollute to oil companies and the destroyers of the planet so that they can continue to burn fossil fuels, log, mine and cut down rainforests and destroy indigenous peoples' territories elsewhere.

<sup>165</sup> UN-REDD Framework Document. <http://www.unep.org/mdtf/UN-REDD/docs/Annex-A-Framework-Documents.pdf>, p. 4-5

A Poverty Environment Partnership (PEP) Policy Brief. Based on the report "Making REDD Work for the Poor", (Peskett et al, 2008)

<http://www.povertyenvironment.net/pep/> PEP includes UNDP, UNEP, IUCN, OCI, SIDA, ADB, DFID, WCMC

<sup>166</sup> For footnotes and complete textual citations of UN documents: See Earth Peoples <http://www.earthpeoples.org/blog> REDD Brochure

GRAPHIC: Riki Watzka

<sup>163</sup> Bonilla, Nathalia, ACCION ECOLOGICA, "Socio Bosque: Puntal de la Venta de la Natureleza" en "Biodiversidad" magazine, October 2009

<sup>164</sup> Ibid, GRAPHIC: REDD-Monitor

# Can REDD be fixed?



**That recipe sweeps the whole issue under the rug, validating the carbon market paradigm of buying and selling permits to pollute more.**

- Many countries do not even recognize the existence of Indigenous Peoples - let alone their rights. National efforts to legislate and implement FPIC and UNDRIP may take years or decades to achieve and, in some cases, may never happen. So, saying that FPIC and UNDRIP will protect indigenous peoples is not entirely true.
- Neither FPIC nor UNDRIP are considered legally binding by the Executive Secretary of the UNFCCC<sup>167</sup> nor by any state except Bolivia. The right to FPIC has already been violated in pilot projects (in Papua New Guinea, for example) and in R-PINs in several countries.<sup>168</sup>
- UNDRIP is for defending Indigenous Peoples not for justifying the corruption of the Sacred.

## REDD's Fundamental Flaws and Environmental Nightmares

Remember REDD rewards forest destroyers, its fundamental concept is irremediably flawed and there is **no political will to correct it**. Furthermore, the definition of forests includes monoculture tree plantations; there is no mention of 'forest protection' in the negotiating text and there are compounded perverse incentives for clear cutting or burning forests (i.e. REDD-plus with biochar, "sustainable forest management" and "temporarily unstocked carbon"). And let us not forget that GMO trees are acceptable, too! Not to mention the fraud, corruption, militarization and the role of organized crime predicted by Interpol. (Gangsta REDD)

## Can REDD work outside the carbon market?

Fund-based approaches may be assembly plants for the carbon market, a tiny percentage of REDD, not economically competitive<sup>169</sup> or even linked to polluters. For example, the manager of the billion-dollar Amazon Fund is the Brazilian Development Bank<sup>170</sup> which funds projects that cause devastating deforestation in the Amazon. Fund-based approaches may also serve as **window dressing and a pretty poster child for the massive land grab of market-based REDD**. Non-market projects should use another name to avoid **green washing REDD**, which, fittingly, is the color of blood.



## Wake Up and Smell the Emissions!

### Why UNFCCC REDD will be in the Carbon Market

Even though some REDD supporters are saying "Let's wait and see," and "You can't oppose something that doesn't exist yet," and others are hoping non-market investment mechanisms will be developed; **market-based REDD is already happening** on the voluntary carbon market and it is rife with scandals, speculation and carbon criminals. It is naive to deny that eventually REDD will be in the UN mandatory carbon market and that it will not be more of the same. Here are four reasons why UNFCCC REDD will be market-based:

1. **THE UNFCCC and Kyoto Protocol created the UN mandatory carbon market** and its Executive Secretary has **compared it to the WTO**. It is more of **a multilateral trade agreement on carbon commerce** than an environmental accord.<sup>171</sup>
2. **The political and economic actors in favor of a market-based REDD architecture have tremendous power** which allows them to call the shots and influence the decision-making **in the UN** (i.e. the vast majority of countries, including all the superpowers, the World Bank, UN agencies, scientists, universities, oil and energy companies and fossil fuel-dependent industry.) The small countries that are proposing non-market REDD don't have the political clout or even the support of their own regions to get their proposals accepted.
3. **The Economic Imperative: Wall Street needs REDD**. REDD is part of the New Bubble of the world's biggest commodities market whose worth is projected to reach trillions of dollars.
4. **The Political Imperative: The superpowers need the cheapest way to appear to be climate heroes and REDD provides this cover**. According to *Business Spectator*, "[R]eaching an agreement on REDD is important to developed countries such as the US and Australia...Obama is supporting an emissions trading scheme that would allow **half of a nation's carbon reduction targets to be sourced internationally, such as through REDD**."<sup>172</sup> "REDD might be used as a **fig leaf**: covering the rich countries lack of targets, but giving the appearance of "doing something" to address climate change."<sup>173</sup>

REDD is the **"wrong path"** and **"pathetic eco-business"**.<sup>174</sup> **A weak mention of FPIC** or some vague allusion to "consultation" **is not an acceptable trade-off for Indigenous Peoples' land rights and survival**. We reiterate the Indigenous Peoples' Global Summit on Climate Change's **rejection of market-based mechanisms like forest offsets i.e. REDD**<sup>175</sup> and the COP14 call of the International Indigenous Peoples' Forum on Climate Change for the **immediate suspension of all REDD projects**<sup>176</sup>. As a matter of principle and of honoring our Original Instructions, Indigenous Peoples must say **NO REDD!**



<sup>167</sup> In response to a question from an Indigenous Representative of the Assembly of First Nations, the Executive Secretary of the UNFCCC, Yvo de Boer, in a meeting with civil society during SBSTA 3D in June 2009 in Bonn, read a previously prepared statement that clearly stated that the UNFCCC Copenhagen Deal will not be bound by the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples because it is not a legally binding instrument.

<sup>168</sup> REDD-Monitor; See lack of meaningful consultation on R-PINs in Suriname, Indonesia, Liberia and Panama <http://www.redd-monitor.org/?s=R-PINs>

<sup>169</sup> "Voluntary markets are much smaller in scale." PEP <http://www.povertyenvironment.net/=filestore2/download/1874/PEP-REDD-policy-brief-Oct-08.pdf>

<sup>170</sup> "The Amazon Fund is managed by the BNDES." <http://www.amazonfund.gov.br/> [http://inter.bndes.gov.br/english/news/not191\\_08.asp](http://inter.bndes.gov.br/english/news/not191_08.asp) GRAPHIC: Earth Peoples

<sup>171</sup> Lohmann, Larry: "Carbon Trading: Climate, Privatization and Power" PDF [www.cornerhouse.org.uk/subject/climate](http://www.cornerhouse.org.uk/subject/climate)

<sup>172</sup> Business Spectator: The Green Gold Rush <http://www.businessspectator.com.au/bs.nsf/Article/The-big-green-rush-pd20090907-VN255?OpenDocument>

<sup>173</sup> REDD Monitor <http://www.redd-monitor.org/2009/11/06/accra-caucus-warns-of-redd-greenwash-in-copenhagen/>

<sup>174</sup> WAHLI - FDI Indonesia REDD Wrong Path: Pathetic Ecobusiness <http://www.redd-monitor.org/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2009/07/WAHLI-REDD.pdf>

<sup>175</sup> Paragraph 6 of the Declaration of Anchorage <http://www.indigenoussummit.com/servlet/content/declaration.html>

<sup>176</sup> Closing Plenary Statement, International Indigenous Peoples' Forum on Climate Change, COP14, Poznan, Poland, 12 December 2008



First Indigenous Peoples’ Statement on REDD<sup>177</sup>

The 13<sup>th</sup> Session of Conference of the Parties to the UNFCCC, December 2007, Bali, Indonesia, SBSTA 27, agenda item 5/REDD

Thank you Mr. President, on behalf of the International Forum of Indigenous Peoples on Climate Change, I would like to express our profound concern about reducing emissions from deforestation (REDD).

Many adaptation and mitigation policies and projects promoted as solutions to climate change like **market-based mechanisms, carbon trading, agrofuels and the Clean Development Mechanism devastate Indigenous Peoples’ lands and territories** and cause more Human Rights violations.

**REDD will not benefit Indigenous Peoples, but in fact, it will result in more violations of Indigenous Peoples’ Rights.** It will increase the violation of our Human Rights, our rights to our lands, territories and resources, steal our land, cause forced evictions, prevent access and threaten indigenous agriculture practices, destroy biodiversity and culture diversity and cause social conflicts. **Under REDD, States and Carbon Traders will take more control over our forests.**

The United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples was adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations on September 13 of this year and consecrates fundamental rights of indigenous peoples which are relevant to the REDD discussions especially Articles 10, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 32.

Given the threat to Indigenous Peoples’ Rights that REDD represents, the International Forum on Indigenous Peoples and Climate Change calls for SBSTA to organize with the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues an Expert Meeting on Climate Change Mitigation Strategies Impacts on Indigenous Peoples. Furthermore, we urge the Convention to participate actively in the next session of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues whose special Theme is Climate Change.

In closing, we inform the SBSTA that we are requesting that the Human Rights Council and The Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms of Indigenous Peoples monitor the potential Human Rights violation related to the implementation of REDD.

We challenge States to **abandon false solutions** to climate change that negatively impact Indigenous Peoples’ rights, lands, air, oceans, forests, territories and waters. These include nuclear energy, large-scale dams, geo-engineering techniques, “clean coal”, agro-fuels, plantations, and **market-based mechanisms such as carbon trading, the Clean Development Mechanism, and forest offsets.** [REDD]<sup>178</sup>



International Indigenous Peoples’ Forum on Climate Change



UNFCCC COP13 Bali, Indonesia 2007	“We demand that the Conference of Parties...refrain from adaptation and mitigation schemes and projects ...that <b>devastate Indigenous Peoples’ lands and territories and cause more human rights violations, like market-based mechanisms, carbon trading, agrofuels</b> and especially avoided deforestation ( <b>REDD</b> ).”
UNFCCC SBSTA Statement on REDD Bali, Indonesia 2007	“ <b>REDD</b> will not benefit Indigenous Peoples, but in fact will result in more violations of Indigenous Peoples’ rights. It will <b>increase the violation of our Human Rights, our Rights to our lands, territories and resources, steal our land, cause forced evictions,</b> prevent access and threaten indigenous agricultural practices, destroy biodiversity and cultural diversity and cause social conflicts. <b>Under REDD, States and Carbon Traders will take more control over our forests.</b> ”
UNFCCC COP14 High Level Segment Poznan, Poland 2008	“...stand by our demand for <b>an immediate suspension of all REDD initiatives and carbon market schemes.</b> ...[There are] “human rights violations caused by the CDM and other carbon trading and offset regimes... <b>Cut emissions at source – No REDD!</b> ... The CDM and the carbon market are instruments that commodify the atmosphere...It <b>is not just “carbon” or pollution that is being traded, but people’s lives.</b>

<sup>177</sup>International Alliance of Indigenous and Tribal Peoples on the Tropical Forests <http://www.international-alliance.org/documents/IFIPCC%20Statement%20on%20REDD.doc>

<sup>178</sup> Declaration of Anchorage, paragraph 6, Indigenous Peoples’ Global Summit on Climate Change, <http://www.indigenoussummit.com/servlet/content/declaration.html>

# INDIGENOUS PEOPLES REJECT REDD



First Congress of Women of the CONAIE (Confederation of Indigenous Nationalities of Ecuador)

**"We reject** the implementation of the **Socio-Bosque** Program and the Socio-Paramo Program [the Ecuadorian Government's **REDD** programs] because they impose "conservation" without recognizing our rights to sustainably manage forest resources according to our needs. **We also reject the proposals to sell the carbon of the Amazonian rainforests.**"<sup>179</sup>

Confederation of Indigenous Nationalities of the Ecuadorian Amazon (CONFENIAE)



**"We reject** the negotiations on our forests, such as **REDD** projects, because they try to take away our freedom to manage our resources and also because they are **not a real solution to climate change**, on the contrary, they **only make it worse.**"<sup>180</sup>

The **Right to Development** and **Self-Determination** of Indigenous Peoples does not mean we embrace the values and forms of western development that has been imposed upon our Indigenous Peoples by colonization, neo-colonialism, economic globalization and capitalism. The right to development **does not mean we** take part in forms of development that will **endanger the well-being of indigenous brothers and sisters of other regions of the world and prevent a sustainable life on Mother Earth.**<sup>181</sup>

<sup>179</sup> Resolutions of the First Congress of Women of the CONAIE, paragraph 12, August 30, 2009

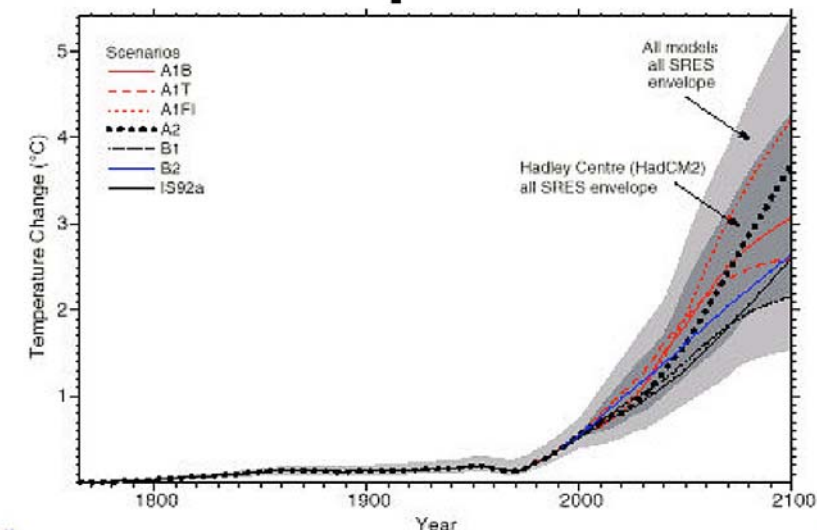
<sup>180</sup> "Indigenous Peoples in Ecuador Reject REDD" <http://www.redd-monitor.org/2009/08/11/indigenous-peoples-in-ecuador-reject-redd/#more-2624>

<sup>181</sup> Tom B.K. Goldtooth, Indigenous Environmental Network, September 2009.



**U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon:**  
**"Our foot is stuck on the accelerator and we are heading toward an abyss,"<sup>182</sup> and REDD just quickens the plunge...**

## Global Temperature Chart



WMO

INTERGOVERNMENTAL PANEL ON CLIMATE CHANGE (IPCC)



UNEP

**To REALLY Reduce Deforestation: NO REDD!**

- Demarcate and title Indigenous Peoples' lands and territories where most forests and 80% of the world's biodiversity are found because Indigenous Peoples have sustainably managed them for millennia!
- Declare and enforce bans on deforestation
- Address the underlying causes of deforestation
- Stop large-scale monoculture tree plantations and agrofuels production
- Reduce demand for pulp and paper and restructure the logging industry
- Declare moratoria on new fossil fuel exploitation, mega-hydro dams and metal and mineral extraction on Indigenous Peoples' traditional lands and territories
- Support non-market financial mechanisms for the full phase-out of fossil fuels development within and near traditional lands and territories of Indigenous Peoples, without nuclear power, with a just transition to sustainable jobs, energy and environment.

<sup>182</sup> Reuters <http://www.reuters.com/article/GCA-GreenBusiness/idUSTRE5821QZ20090903>



# UN Admits REDD Threatens Indigenous Peoples

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Sept. 29, 2008

**New York, NY (HNN)** -- On the third day of the General Assembly's 63rd Session United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon and the Prime Minister of Norway launched the United Nations REDD program, a collaboration of FAO, UNDP, UNEP and the World Bank.

The inclusion of forests in the carbon market, or REDD (Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Degradation) has caused anxiety, protest and outrage throughout the world since it was created at the failed climate change negotiations in Bali and funded by the World Bank.

An estimated 60 million indigenous peoples are completely dependent on forests and are considered the most threatened by REDD. Therefore, indigenous leaders are among its most prominent critics. The International Indigenous Peoples' Forum on Climate Change declared that: '...**REDD will steal our land...** States and carbon traders will take control over our forests.'

It is alarming that indigenous peoples' fears and objections have now been confirmed by the UN-REDD Framework Document itself.

On page 4 and 5 it blatantly states that the program could "**deprive communities of their legitimate land-development** aspirations, that hard-fought gains in forest management practices might be wasted, that it could cause the **lock-up of forests** by decoupling conservation from development, or erode culturally rooted not-for-profit conservation values."

It is further highlighted that "REDD benefits in some circumstances may have to be traded off against other social, economic or environmental benefits."

In carefully phrased UN language, the document further acknowledges that REDD could cause severe human rights violations and be disastrous for the poor because it could "**marginalize the landless...and those with... communal use-rights**".

This is tantamount to the UN recognizing that REDD could undermine indigenous peoples and local communities rights to the usage and ownership of their lands.

Could it be that **the UN is paving the way for a massive land grab?**



To read UN-REDD Framework Document: <http://www.undp.org/mdtf/UN-REDD/docs/Annex-A-Framework-Document.pdf>

To see photos from the protest against REDD and the World Bank in Bali: <http://www.globaljusticeecology.org/gallery.php>

To watch video from the protest against REDD at the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UtORVi7GyBY>

<sup>183</sup>Huntington News <http://huntingtonnews.net/political/080929-staff-politicalclimate change.html>