

# **Dev-Zone Library & Online Resources on the Environment**

## **Some Films from the Dev-Zone Library:**

### **Darwin's Nightmare**

Mille et une productions, 2004

A booming multinational industry of fish and weapons has created an ungodly globalised alliance on the shores of the world's biggest tropical lake: an army of local fishermen, World Bank agents, homeless children, African ministers, EU-commissioners, Tanzanian prostitutes and Russian pilots.

### **The Dam Truth**

Community Aid Abroad, 2000

The Mekong River Basin is the lifeblood to over 60 million people. This documentary explores the success stories of local villages working to protect their resources from large-scale hydro-projects.

### **Waibulabula**

Television Trust for the Environment (TVE), 2003

In the Fijian language waibulabula means "living waters". But much of Fiji's fresh water is contaminated with untreated sewage and pesticides. This polluted run-off is killing coral, and with it, two of the island's economic mainstays - fishing and tourism.

### **Seeds for Life?**

Christian Aid, 2000

This video combines the concepts of biodiversity and responsibility for the environment with issues surrounding genetic engineering in a traditional farming community in rural India, and issues affecting this community.

### **Naturally Yours**

Television Trust for the Environment (TVE), 2004

This film provides some food for thought by highlighting stories about how we can buy products that safeguard the environment and do the poor a power of good.

### **Future of Food**

Lily Films, 2004

This is an in-depth investigation into the disturbing truth behind the unlabelled, patented, genetically engineered foods that have slipped into our stores for the past decade. It explores alternatives to industrial agriculture and organic and sustainable solutions to the farming crisis.

## **Some Books from the Dev-Zone Library**

### **See Change: Learning and education for Sustainability**

Nick Potter, Commissioner for the Environment, 2004

The purpose of this think-piece is to raise the level of debate about education for sustainability, and to stimulate action so that New Zealanders can learn to live in sustainable ways.

**Water wars, pollution, profits, privatisation**

Vandana Shiva, Pluto Press, 2002

Using the international water trade and industrial activities such as damming, mining, and aquafarming as her lens, Shiva exposes the disenfranchisement of the world's poor as they are stripped of rights to a precious common good.

**Equity, well-being, and ecosystem health**

PRGA and CGIAR, 2000

These case studies show how communities and organisations are working to improve the health and well-being of people and the environment, by learning how to live within the ecological means.

**The world food problem**

Howard Leathers and Phillip Foster, 2004

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**Greening trade and investment: environmental protection without protectionism**

Eric Neumayer, Earthscan Publications, 2001

This book provides a critical analysis of the interactions between investment, trade and the environment.

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## Some Links from the Knowledge Centre:

### **The Soy Case**

While Brazil's economy is booming thanks to the production and export of soy for animal feed to the meat industry in Europe and China, millions of people in one of the world's biggest food exporting regions are now suffering from malnutrition. (A SEED, 2006)

[www.dev-zone.org/cgi-bin/knowledge/jump.cgi?ID=10495](http://www.dev-zone.org/cgi-bin/knowledge/jump.cgi?ID=10495)

### **A Sinking Feeling: Views On Climate Change From Tuvalu**

The floods are getting worse in Tuvalu. As scientists argue over climate change, the author meets the locals of this tiny island nation, whose attitudes and responses to the impending catastrophe vary in complex and sometimes surprising ways. (Samir S. Patel, Nature, April 2006)

[www.dev-zone.org/cgi-bin/knowledge/jump.cgi?ID=10061](http://www.dev-zone.org/cgi-bin/knowledge/jump.cgi?ID=10061)

### **A Conflict Of Interest: The Uncertain Future Of Burma's Forests**

This report highlights the timber trade in Burma as unregulated, highly destructive of the environment and intertwined with corruption, illegality, and armed conflict. (Global Witness, September 2004)

[www.dev-zone.org/cgi-bin/knowledge/jump.cgi?ID=6306](http://www.dev-zone.org/cgi-bin/knowledge/jump.cgi?ID=6306)

### **India: Soft Drinks, Hard Cases**

Coca-Cola and Pepsi now own 90 factories in India. The extraction of groundwater to manufacture the soft drinks deprives poor people of their fundamental right of access to clean water. The factories spew out toxic waste that threatens health and the environment. (Vandana Shiva, Environment Times, September 2005)

[www.dev-zone.org/cgi-bin/knowledge/jump.cgi?ID=10637](http://www.dev-zone.org/cgi-bin/knowledge/jump.cgi?ID=10637)

### **From Ocean To Aquarium : The Global Trade In Marine Ornamental Species**

A source of income for communities living close to coral reefs, the aquarium trade has been heavily criticised for their unsustainable collection techniques. This article discusses how you control the environmentally undesirable aspects of the industry without risking the economic incentive which aquarium fishers have in caring for the coral reefs. (UNEP-WCMC, 2003).

[www.dev-zone.org/cgi-bin/knowledge/jump.cgi?ID=9015](http://www.dev-zone.org/cgi-bin/knowledge/jump.cgi?ID=9015)

## Take Action!

### **Stop Illegal PNG Timber Imports Into NZ**

Send a message to the Trade, Forestry and Economic Development Ministers responsible for allowing this destructive trade to take place.

[www.greenpeace.org.nz/action/forests/default.asp](http://www.greenpeace.org.nz/action/forests/default.asp)

### **Greenpeace Cyber-Activist Centre**

Greenpeace's internet activism website contains current campaigns that you can contribute to by participating online.

[www.greenpeace.org.nz/action/default.asp](http://www.greenpeace.org.nz/action/default.asp)

### **WWF Passport**

WWF Passport provides concise calls to action on important issues such as endangered species, global warming, and forest protection.

[www.passport.panda.org/campaigns/campaign.cfm uNC=06857780&uCampaignId=321](http://www.passport.panda.org/campaigns/campaign.cfm uNC=06857780&uCampaignId=321)

### **Radioactive Waste Dump in South Australia**

The Australian Government is proposing a national radioactive waste dump in the central desert homelands of South Australia. Support the Kungka Tjuta campaign.

[www.iratiwanti.org/iratiwanti.php3?page=get\\_involved](http://www.iratiwanti.org/iratiwanti.php3?page=get_involved)

### **10 Ways to Go Green**

Here is a list of 10 things you can do to reduce your ecological footprint, and also save you money and help you live a happier, healthier life.

[www.worldwatch.org/features/wwuniversity/10waystogogreen](http://www.worldwatch.org/features/wwuniversity/10waystogogreen)

### **Ask Sealord to Help Stop Whaling**

Send a message to Sealord asking them to persuade Sealord's parent company, Nissui, to bring the hunting of whales to a permanent end.

[www.greenpeace.org.nz/action/email-sealord.asp](http://www.greenpeace.org.nz/action/email-sealord.asp)

**Please visit [www.dev-zone.org/knowledge/Take\\_Action](http://www.dev-zone.org/knowledge/Take_Action) for an extensive collection of other Take Action links!**