

Cine-caravan Against the Green Desert

The expansion of eucalyptus monoculture in Brasil and the struggle for land rights.

The Alert Against the Green Desert Movement in Brasil continue resisting the expansion of destructive eucalyptus plantations that have expelled traditional communities and wrought an environmental disaster. Governments, IFIs, international agreements and multinational corporations play various roles in expanding eucalyptus monoculture through biased economic interests while calling it "progress"; however the people affected label it the Green Desert.

Join us for positive debates, documentaries about environmental justice, resistance and climate change, and an exhibition during this exciting multimedia caravan with five Brazilian activists who are resisting eucalyptus expansion and involved in local struggles in aims to link up with movements in Spain and Portugal from 28 April to 17 May, 2007.

Agenda:

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Portugal

28 April

G Desportivo Mouraria - GAIA, Lisboa

29 April
Crew Hassan - GAIA, Lisboa

2 May
CES - GAIA, University of Coimbra

3 May
Casa Viva - GAIA, Porto

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Spain

4 May

IES Valle-Inclán, Pontevedra, Galicia

5 May

March against cellulose in Pontevedra

Asociación Pola Defensa da Rã-a

4-6 May

Forest Movement Europe Meeting

Oleiros, A Coruña, Galicia

8 May

Navia, Asturias

9 May

Local Cambalache, Oviedo, Asturias

10 May

Escanda, Pola de Lena, Asturias

11-12 May

Alcuentru de Sensibilización Sur-Norte Soldepaz-Pachakuti

La Pola-Siero, Asturias

14 May

Inst. Santa Clara, Santander, Cantabria

15 May

University of León

16 May

Ecologistas en Acción, Madrid

Documentaries:

Luta Quilombola

9 min. | PAL | Little Sister Productions

On July 28, 2006 a Quilombola community in a Brazilian rural village took action to reclaim a cemetery where their slave ancestors were buried, now covered with eucalyptus monoculture by Norwegian Multinational, Aracruz Cellulose. Together with music, dance and ritual the community combines civil disobedience and clearly articulates demands to their lands. This revealing 9 minute documentary looks at how slavery persists over time and explores affects of environmental racism.

Portuguese with English or Castellano subtitles

Our Land, Our Struggle

33 min. | PAL | Little Sister Productions

In May 2005 Tupinikim and Guarani peoples in Espirito Santo, Brasil continued a long struggle to self-demarcate 11,009 Hectares of their lands from Norwegian Multinational, Aracruz Cellulose. In this inspiring and courageous action the people explore the affects that the exploitation, coercion and racism from the company has had on their livelihoods and demonstrate how detrimental the Green Desert has been on their lives and culture. This striking film shows through action, dance and music exactly how a community can organize together to fight a powerful multinational and through the articulate voices of the people demonstrates what is important to their struggle; rights to their lands.

Portuguese

The Carbon Connection

34 min. | PAL | Fenceline Films

Two communities on different sides of the world, linked by a new emissions market find similarities and differences in their struggles. One community in Brasil face the grave affects of eucalyptus monoculture in a rural area. The company, Plantar, has tried three times to enter the Clean Development Mechanism of the Kyoto Protocol via the World Bank. The other community live next to the largest oil refinery in Scotland owned by BP which is already invested into the World Bank Prototype Carbon Fund. Through the use of community video training the two communities go through a remarkable process of sharing their own video letters in order to understand the impacts on both sides of the world.

Portuguese and English

Portuguese and English with Castellano subtitles

Gender and Environment

8 min. | PAL | Little Sister Productions

This inspiring group of young people from various communities in Brasil came together in a workshop in 2005 to act out the affects that eucalyptus monoculture has on gender relations in their communities. Through using tools of community video training, the youth from the Movement of Small Farmers (MPA) highlight issues of gender, solidarity and community organizing in what they see could be a solution to the degrading social fabric caused by the expanding eucalyptus industry.

Portuguese with English or Castellano subtitles

For info on the caravan: (+34) 685 35 66 59

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Read the report from the Caravan in Portuguese

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Â Â Â Â Where the Trees are a Desert photo essay

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^ ^ ^ ^ Brazilian government signs demarcation decrees of the Tupinikim/Guarani lands

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