

The 21st of September is the International Day of Struggle Against Monoculture Tree Plantations.

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WRM and GRAIN put together a great grouping of videos that call attention to the impacts from large industrial oil palm plantations.

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Oil Palm in Africa: voices from the communities

World Rainforest Movement, 2013, 7 minutes

Industrial oil palm plantations are rapidly expanding, not only in Liberia.

In many African countries expansion projects are happening and plans are announced.

Everywhere they go, the companies promise jobs and development. Everywhere, those promises are broken.

Watch here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sKVNEucB_iQ

Also available in Spanish, Portuguese and French.

The Herakles Debacle

The Oakland Institute, 2012, 21 minutes

The very name of American-owned SGSOC - SG Sustainable Oils Cameroon, Ltd.- makes for a pro-environment, pro-resource image.

This is supported by an impressive- sounding partnership with an NGO by the name of All for Africa and as a package typifies the

kind of convoluted modern-day foreign investment going on in Africa. It is sadly all too familiar to communities on the ground.

They are unimpressed with promises of infrastructure and jobs, and angry about their loss of land and livelihoods.

It is also part of a strategy to deceive the public into believing that there is logic to cutting down rainforests to make room for palm

oil plantations.

Only available in English.

Watch here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EgrFvayJhE0>

The Jogbahn Clan

Friends of the Earth
International, 2014, 5 minutes

In Liberia, the Jogbahn
Clan have been fighting against a palm oil company
grabbing their land.

In March 2014 Liberia's President
recognized their right to say no to British palm oil
company Equatorial Palm Oil PLC.

However, despite the
President's commitment, EPO still has not recognised
that the Clan said no to their operations.

They are
conducting studies on the Clan's land in preparation
for clearing. Only available in English.

Watch here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ufMXhc-h9Tg>

Palm oil plantations in Uganda

Friends of the Earth

International, 2012, 4 minutes

Wilmar International is developing palm oil plantations in biodiverse islands in Lake Victoria, Uganda.

The first phase of the project finished in 2011.

The second phase is currently going ahead, expanding palm oil plantations to several other islands.

The project is being promoted as a poverty-reducing endeavor, yet it is causing displacement, food insecurity and deforestation.

Only available in English.

Watch here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=elqurp7IFTI>

Environmental crime: in pursuit of palm oil industry

BastaMag, 2013, 15 minutes

Palm oil is massively imported into Europe, to be used for food and biofuels.

A new refinery might be established in Port la Nouvelle (Aude - South of France),

supported by local authorities (or local governments) like the Languedoc Roussillon region.

In West Africa, where palm oil is produced, land grabbing by multinationals and the expropriation of people are skyrocketing.

Watch here: <http://vimeo.com/40934862>

Also available in French.

Stop land grabbing! Life, land,
and justice in Uganda

Friends of the Earth
International, 2012, 5 minutes

In Kalangala, Uganda, John
Muyisa woke up one day to find bulldozers clearing his
land to plant oil palms.

John and his community have
preserved their forests and lands for generations. Now
their way of life is at risk. Only available in
English.

Watch here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=17QxF61PVC4>

Palmed Off

LifeMosaic, 2007, 20
minutes

Palmed Off is based on
testimonies from indigenous peoples affected by oil
palm plantations in Indonesia and explores

the impacts
of oil palm plantations on their local economies, on
the local environment,

on their culture and on the prospects for the future generations. Only available in English.

Watch here:<http://vimeo.com/10234538>

A Paradise Lost

Friends of the Earth
International, 2013, 4 minutes

A look at the devastation wrought by illegal land grabbing for palm oil plantations in Indonesia. Only available in English.

Watch here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vnTIASZfk6A>

Manufacturing Consent

The Environmental
Investigation Agency, 2013, 10 minutes

Evidence and testimony from
Muara Tae, in East Kalimantan, Indonesia,

of the
abuses of oil palm company First Resources Ltd thought
its subsidiary PT Borneo Surya Mining Jaya (PT
Borneo).

Only available in English.

Watch here: <http://vimeo.com/75423415>

Melikin

Pesticide Action Network
Asia Pacific, 2013, 13 minutes

It was their native
customary land until palm oil companies came and
claimed it their own. With the help of corrupt
politicians,

almost 9,000 hectares of forest and
agricultural lands were flattened.

Fences were put up,
barring indigenous peoples from entering their own
ancestral land.

This is the story of Melikin. The
story of many indigenous peoples in Sarawak, Malaysia.
Only available in English.

Watch here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t6_RXfVa43I

Oil Palm Aggression on Palawan
UNESCO Man and Biosphere Reserve

ALDAW Network, 2011, 17
minutes

Agrofuels in Palawan, as
elsewhere in the Philippines, have been portrayed as a

key solution to lower greenhouse gas emission,

achieve
energy independence, as well as a tool for poverty
eradication.

With these objects in mind, the
Provincial Government of Palawan is strongly promoting
agrofuels development,

without taking into account the
socio-ecological impact of such mono-crop plantations.
As a result,

thousands of hectares of lands in the
province have been set aside for jatropha feedstock
and oil palm.

Only available in English.

Watch here: <http://vimeo.com/16570512>

Lower Aguán - Cry for the Land

Alba Sud and Rel-UITA, 30
minutes

The documentary is aimed at
exposing to the international public the state

of
constant threat faced by peasant farmers in the Bajo
Aguán region of Honduras.

Watch here: <http://vimeo.com/79152935>

Also available
in French , Portuguese
and Spanish

Ironic Survival

EngageMedia, 2012,
6 minutes

Video about the struggle of
the Malind people against the MIFEE project in West
Papua, Indonesia.

Alex Mahuze is a Malind tribesman
and a sago farmer in Merauke. His clan has for
generations lived in harmony with nature.

The arrival
of the Merauke Integrated Food and Energy Estate
(MIFEE) program has forced him to earn money through
other means,

which ironically harms the environment.
He lost his lands and his culture is threatened, but
Alex fights on. Only available in English.

Watch here: http://www.engagemedia.org/Members/papuanvoicesmerauke/videos/ironic_survival/view

On Our Land

The Oakland
Institute in partnership with the Pacific Network on
Globalisation (PANG) and Bismark Ramu Group,

2013,
36 minutes

On Our Land chronicles the experiences of rural communities in Papua New Guinea--giving a voice to those who are

losing their land and natural resources to illegal logging operations.

The film exposes the failure of current development strategies and highlights community

and local NGO struggles to take back what is rightfully theirs.

Only available in English.

Watch here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KWozmq1IYdw>