GLOBALIZATION: EFFECTS ON INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

AFRICA

Angola
Himba
Angola Gov't
International tourism strains local resources and threatens Himba sacred sites.

Fisherfolk, tribal peoples
Chevron (U.S.), Texaco (U.S.), Total (Fr.), others
Angola Gov't
Oil exploration threatens tribal traditional fishing livelihoods.

Botswana
Ghanzi, Gwi
Botswana Gov't
Campaign by Botswana Gov't is driving Bushmen off their lands by cutting off water supplies. Government wants to open up area to tourism and gain access to rich diamond deposits.

Basarwa (San)
Botswana Gov't
Basarwa forced from their homeland because the government opposes traditional subsistence hunting in the Central Kalahari Game Reserve.

Botswana, South Africa
San
South Africa Gov't
San expelled from Kalahari Gemsbok National Park, the San traditional homelands. They face cultural extinction.

Cameroon
Bagyeli
Chevron (U.S.), ExxonMobil (U.S.), Petronas (Malay.)
World Bank
Oil pipeline through Bagyeli homeland would bring danger of leakage, groundwater contamination, freshwater and marine pollution.

Bagyeli
Thanry (Fr.), Bolloré (Fr.), Comin (Fr.), Alpi (It.)
Cameroon Gov't, IMF
Three quarters of Cameroon's forest cover is destroyed. Pygmy livelihood, medicine, and shelter endangered.

Central African Republic
Bayaka
WTK (Malay.), SSAM (Malay., Fr.)
Central African Republic Gov't, IMF
Logging roads into forests have increased animal poaching, leading to conflict between Bayaka communities and newcomers; logging is also destroying local food sources.

Chad
Bagyeli, Sara, Massa, Mundani and Hausa, the majority agricultural populations
Chevron (U.S.), ExxonMobil (U.S.), Petronas (Malay.)
World Bank
Hundreds of oil wells in southern Chad and 650-mile pipeline through Cameroon threaten agricultural peoples.

Democratic Republic of Congo, Rwanda
Twa
Congolese Wood Industries, Danzer (Germany), Siebach (Germany), La Forestière (Italy)
Democratic Republic of Congo Gov't
Twa were expelled from traditional lands to create Kahuzi-Biega National Park; they now live in squatter camps surrounding park. Pygmies driven further into forest as environment is destroyed.

Democratic Republic of Congo
Mbuti
American Mineral Fields, Eagles Wings Resources (U.S.), Nokia (Fin.), Sony (Japan)
Rwandan Army
Mining of coltan metal for high-tech products threatens livelihoods of Mbuti and destroys wildlife.

Equatorial Guinea
Bakola
Shinnoor (Malaysia)
E. G. Ministry of Forestry
Industrial timber production has rapidly increased since mid-1990s. Forest people have been excluded from decision-making concerning management and use of forests upon which they depend for their livelihoods.

Bubi
ExxonMobil (U.S.)
Equatorial Guinea Gov't
Arms harvests Bubi using financial support from ExxonMobil.

Ethiopia
Anuak (Anywaa)
Gambela Petroleum (Petronas) Resources, Canada)
Ethiopia Gov't
Oil exploration threatens Anuak. Government transmigration program brings 60,000 settlers into traditional Anuak lands.

Traditional peoples
University of Toledo (U.S.)
University patent on endod threatens tribal people who have cultivated it for centuries and used it as an insecticant to trap and kill locusts.

Gabon
Traditional peoples
Nelsur Worldwide (U.S.), ProdGene (U.S.)
University of Wisconsin, U.S. Gov't
University has been granted exclusive U.S. market rights to bioactive, a proteins extracted from the berries of a West African plant, Pentadiplandra brazzeana, found on native lands. The University also controls the brazzein gene.

Ghana
Traditional farmers
Goldfields Ghana Ltd., Ashanti Anamoma Exploration Ghana, Teberebie Goldfields (Ghana)
U.S.'s World Bank, IMF, Ghana Gov't
Thousands of traditional farmers evicted to make way for World Bank–sponsored gold mining.

Kenya
Digo, Kamba
World Bank
Proposed project would divert lake and stream water from local communities.

Ayamara, Quechua, others
U.S. Gov't, Bolivia Gov't
Coca growers face eradication/fumigation of coca crops on their land, traditional cultural and medicinal roles.

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Samburu
Kenya Gov't
Samburu people displaced by tourism development in Shaba National Reserve.

Masai Mara
Tourist industry
Kenya Gov't, World Bank
Masai Mara National Park, over five private farms, ranches, government projects, and national parks.

Ogiek, Masai
Pan African Paper Mills (Passapan); Raisly Timber, Timsales
Kenya Gov't
Logging companies operate in protected forests and ancestral lands, illegally sold or granted to developers by government.

Liberia
Krelle, Bassa, Gio, Kru, others
Mohnan Gov't, Oriental Timber (Malaysia)
Liberia Gov't
Illegal logging for European markets. Incidents of human rights abuse and arms trafficking reported.

Madagascar
Tribal people
Rio Tinto (U.K.)
World Bank
Villagers are strongly opposed to World Bank proposed mine that would deforest the area.

Morocco
Amazigh
Lonestar Energy (U.S.)
Morocco Gov't
Oil exploration drilling and road construction displacing Amazigh from their land.

Sahrawi
Kerr McGee (U.S.), Total (Fr.), TGS-NOPEC (Nor.)
Morocco Gov't
Government contract with oil companies for oil exploration viewed by Saharawi as endorsement of the annexation of their territory by Morocco.

Namibia
Himbas
Namibia Gov't
Planned dam would devastate the pastoralist Himbas, flood grazing lands and ancestral graveyards, and destroy river ecosystem.

Niger, Algeria
Tuareg
Bechtel (U.S.), BHP (Australia), BRGM (Fr.), EI (Fr.)
Niger, Algeria, Mali Gov'ts
Foreign companies exploit minerals and oil/gas deposits in Tuareg territory.

Nigeria
Ogoni, Ijaw, Ogba, Ekpeye, Anyama, Sangana, Okrobira, Izaw, Nembe, fisherfolk
Shell (U.K.), Mobil (U.S.), Chevron (U.S.), Agip (It.), others
Nigeria Gov't, World Bank
Oil industry devastates the Niger Delta peoples with leaking pipelines, polluted water, ruined fisheries, oil fires, and violence.

Nigeria, Togo, Benin, Ghana
Ogoni, Ijaw
Chevron (U.S.), Shell (U.K.), Nigerian National Petroleum, others
Nigeria Gov't
Proposed 1,000-km pipeline to carry offshore gas from Niger Delta to Benin, Togo, and Ghana would cause massive environmental damage and expand destructive gold mining. Oil companies have refused to consult with the affected communities.

Rwanda, Uganda
Batwa
Logging companies
World Bank
World Bank funds commercial infrastructure and logging concessions. Batwa impoverished as forest cover declines and access to newly-protected forests is prohibited.

South Africa, Namibia
!Kung (San People)
Phytopharm (U.K.), Pfizer (U.S.)
Phytopharm patents the Hoodia plant, traditionally used by the Kung, as a miracle diet pill. The Kung were never consulted.

Sudan
Dinka, Nuer
Talisman Energy (Can.), Lundin Oil (Sweden), OMV (Austria), Petronas (Malay.), CNPC (China)
Sudan Gov't
Government clears Dinka and Nuer lands to tap vast oil reserves.

Nuba, Baggara nomads
Industrial farms
Sudan Gov't
Huge, mechanized farms drive Nuba off lands and threaten the environment. Baggara nomads lose pasture lands to industrial agriculture.

Tanzania
Masai
IMF, Tanzania Gov't
Forests cleared for the expansion of export-oriented large-scale commercial farms, displacing Masai inhabitants.

Uganda
Basoga, Baganda
AES (U.S.)
World Bank/IFC, OPIC, European export credit agencies
Proposed dam would drown Bujagali Falls, with unknown impacts on fisheries. 2,000 people around Nile River would be forcibly resettled.

Ik
Uganda Gov't
Ik evicted without warning for creation of Kidepo Valley National Park.

Zimbabwe
Traditional healers
Phytrix (U.S.), University of Lausanne
Swiss university and U.S. pharmaceutical company are attempting to patent the snake-bean tree, used by traditional healers for generations to treat a variety of health conditions.

MEXICO, CENTRAL, SOUTH AMERICA

Argentina
Kolla
Comercio Norandino SA, Tractebel (Belgium), Southern Energy (U.S.)
Argentina Gov't, ENARGAS (Argentina regulatory agency)
Gas pipeline would cut through one of the last mountain forests of the Kolla people.

Kolla
Seabord (U.S.)
Argentina Gov't
Eco-tourism development: clearcutting of Andean forest in Kolla territory.

Mapuche
YPF (Al Oregánico)
Argentina Gov't
Oil contaminants in water have caused severe medical problems among Mapuche children.

Miya Guarani
Mocona S.A. Forestry (Argentina)
Company exploits forests and illegally occupies Guarani ancestral territory.

Wichi
Argentina Gov't, Mercosur, FTAA (Free Trade Area of the Americas)
Major highway through indigenous territory has dredged one of the world's largest wetlands.

Belize
Maya
Fortuna Canada) Belize Electric Co.
Belize Gov't
Chalillo Dam would flood Maya community and destroy cultural heritage sites.

Bolivia
Aymara, Quechua
World Bank
World Bank, IMF, Bolivia Gov't
Privatization of Cochabamba's water system drastically increased rates and prompted uprising by indigenous communities. Contract reversed.

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World Bank (withdrew from original project), Electronorte (Brazilian state-run company)
Expansion of hydroelectric production would flood part of the Xingu indigenous park, affecting 25 groups.

Nambiquara
Logging industry, ranchers
World Bank, Brazil Gov't
Highway project reduces indigenous land and increases intrusions from loggers and settlers.

Parintintim, Mundurukú, Mura Pirahã, Mura
Trans Amazon Highway (Br.), Merchant Marine Fund, Hermasa (S.A.), CHAMPE
Brazil Gov't (Ministry of Transportation), state of Amazonas, Superintendency for the Development of Amazonia (regional dev. agency), Business Council for Sustainable Dev.
Overseas Private Investment Corp., World Bank
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Sateré-Awetkar
GEMA Consortium (Alcoa, BHP Billiton, Companhia Vale do Rio Doce, Camargo Correa, Votorantim)
Brazil Gov't
Santa Isabel dam will displace 7,000 people and flood the Serra da Mariticoa ecological reserve, affecting the Sateré-Awetkar people, who depend on the Arapaça River for their livelihoods.

Tupiniquim, Guarani
Aracruz Celulose (Brazil)
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Midland (U.S.), ADM (U.S.), Cargill (U.S.)
Brazil Gov't (Ministry of Transportation)
Indigenous communities oppose industrial waterway. Xavante won a court injunction blocking it.

Indigenous groups of the Amazon Brazil, Bolivia, Ecuador, Peru, Venezuela, Colombia, Guyana, Suriname, Guyana, French Guiana
U.S. private party, U.S. Gov't
Ayahuasca patent accepted by U.S. Patent Office despite the fact that thousands of indigenous people use it for religious and healing purposes.

Chile
Huilliche
Chile Gov't
Highway megaproject facilitates logging and conversion to coastal forest plantations. Huilliche communities were not consulted.

Apurina, Piaimabri, Deni, Juma *El Paso Energy Int'l (U.S.), Hullhutton (U.S.), Schlumberger (U.S.), Technit Engineering (Arg.)*
Japan Export-Import Bank, Brazilian National Dev. Bank, Petrobras (Brazil state oil co.)
Pipelines to expand oil and gas production open up indigenous lands to miners, loggers, ranchers, and colonists.

Kaabi, Mundukuru
Brazil Gov't
Industrial waterway will facilitate soy-product exports to Europe.

Guarani-Kaiowa
Large-scale ranchers
Large-scale ranchers have taken over Guarani and Kaiowa land, evicting indians from their remaining territories.

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Mapuche
Forestal Mininco (Chile), Bosques Arauco (Chile)
Chile Gov't
Big forestry companies invade indigenous territories. New pine and eucalyptus plantations grow where forest diversity once provided Mapuche livelihood.

Pehuenche
ENDESA (Spain)
Chile Gov't
Dams would displace 1000 Pehuenche, flood river valley, threaten plant and animal species, and increase access to logging.

Rapa Nui
Chile Gov't
Rapa Nui threatened by increased tourism and development on Easter Island.

Colombia
Arhuaco
Colombia Gov't, U.S. Gov't
Tribe faces threats and encroachment from guerrillas, paramilitaries, Colombian army, drug traffickers, and drug runners.

Embera Katio, U'wa
U.S. and Canadian Oil Industry
U.S. aid supports Colombian military and aerial fumigation, endangering human health and the environment.

Embera-Katio
Urra Hydro (Colombia), Cimeluc (Colombia)
Colombia Gov't, Canadian Export Development Corp., Northbridge (Canada), Nordic Investment Bank (Nordic countries)
Dam floods built on eastern territory without permission floods and ignores Embera-Katio of fish.

Guambiano, Paez, Inga, Cofán, others
Occidental Petroleum (U.S.), Ecopetrol (Col.), others
Colombia Gov't
In southern Putumayo province, Texaco and Ecopetrol have contaminated the fresh water supplies of the Inga, Siona, and Cofan Indians, forcing them to evacuate their territories.

Nukak
Ecopetrol (Colombia), Ecopetrol (Col.), others
Colombia Gov't
Oil exploration threatens community survival.

Tabaco indigenous/campesino community, Wayuu
Intercor (Colombia), Exxon (ExxonMobil), Cerrejon (Swiss), BHP Billiton (Australia/U.K.), Anglo American plc (Africa/U.K.)
Colombia Gov't, IMF
El Cerrejon open-pit coal mine has devastated lands. Construction of roads from the mining area to the open-air dumps forced burial grounds, homes, corrals. Protests met with military oppression.

U'wa, Guahibo
Occidental Petroleum (U.S.), Repsol (Spain), Ecopetrol (Colombia)
Colombia Gov't
Proposal to build pipeline through U'wa land brought massive international protest and project delays—a temporary victory for the U'wa.

Yarigüie, Motilon
Transnational oil corporations
Colombia Gov't
Oil projects exterminated the Yarigüie and the Motilon tribes.

Costa Rica
Bribrir, Cabecar
Harken Energy (U.S.)
Costa Rica Gov't, Plan Puebla Panama
Oil development in one of the most biologically-rich areas in the world threatens fishing and farming.

Brunca
Costa Rica Gov't/Costa Rican Energy Institute
Forest eradication of indigenous peoples makes way for dams.

Ecuador
Amazonian tribes—Achuar, Shuar, Huaorani, Quichua, Shiwiar, Zapara
OCP construction-Alberta Energy (Can.), Kerr McGee (U.S.), Occidental (U.S.), ALCOA (U.S.), others
Ecuador Gov't
Oil pipeline endangers ecosystems and indigenous communities by opening up frontier forests.

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Ecuador Gov't
Ecuadorian Gov't is selling 2 million hectares of Amazon rainforests to oil companies to expand foreign exchange reserves.

Cofán
Petroecuador, Lumbaqui Oil (Ecuador)
Ecuador Gov't
Cofan peoples occupied and closed down an oil well in 1998 to protest oil industry activity in their ancestral territories.

Cofán
Texaco-Gulf (U.S.)
Ecuador Gov't
Oil development starting in 1970 has reduced Cofan territory, and brought it ills, pollution, and social disruption. Cofan population, once unknown diseases. After 30 years, Cofan population has shrunk to 1,500.

Cofán, Secoya, Siona
Texaco (U.S.)
Ecuador Gov't
Billion-dollar lawsuit filed by indigenous leaders charges that Texaco deliberately dumped dangerous toxins to the rainforest environment and dramatically increased the rate of cancer among indigenous peoples. First class-action lawsuit filed by Amazon tribes for Guatemalan's determine whether persons in other countries can sue in U.S. courts for contamination by American corporations abroad.

Huaorani
Petroecuador (Ec.), AGIP (It.), Vintage Oil (Ec.), Alberta Energy (Canada), Repsol YPF (Spain)
Ecuador Gov't
Oil impacts include high-salinity and Hepatitis B contamination of drinking water, deforestation, colonization from oil-related infrastructure and access roads.

Awa, Quichua, Shuar, Cofán, others
International Monetary Fund
Indigenous peoples demand end to IMF austerity measures.

Quichua
PetroCuy (U.S.)
U.S. Gov't, Colombia Gov't
A class-action lawsuit by 30,000 Ecuadorian Indians and Colombian peasants charges DynCorp recklessly sprayed the herbicide glyphosate on homes and farms, causing illnesses and deaths, destroying crops and displacing thousands of small farmers.

Quichua, Sarayacu, Zapara
CGC (Argentina)
Ecuador Gov't
Quichua and Zapara peoples are resisting oil exploration activities.

Quichua, Secoya, Siona, Shuar
Occidental (U.S.)
Ecuador Gov't
Occidental is conducting oil exploration and production on native lands in four protected areas of Amazon including Yasuni National Park, the Cuyabeno Wildlife Reserve, the Panacocha and Limoncocha protected forest. Occidental plans 32 new wells as well as 90 kilometer pipeline.

Quichua, Shuar, Achuar, Siona
Burlington Resources, Inc. (U.S.)
Ecuador Gov't
Oil exploration suspended due to opposition from local indigenous peoples and environmental groups.

Tagaeri
Triangle OK Ecuador (originally was Elf Aquitaine of France)
Tagaeri live in voluntary isolation with little contact from the outside world. Community under pressure due to oil exploration/pre-production.

Tetetes
Texaco (U.S.)
Ecuador Gov't
Oil development forced the last Tetetes Indians off their lands and into Amazon region near Sucua-oil field, battening the Tetetes extinction.

Ecuador, Peru
Achuar, Shuar, Quichua, Shiwiar, Huaorani, Tagaeri
Alberta Energy (Canada)
Ecuador and Peru Gov'ts
Two new pipelines are planned to link oil fields in Ecuador with northern Peruvian pipeline. Pipelines are part of Peruvian and Ecuadorian bi-national border development plan.

Guatemala
Fisherfolk
Comunmes S.A. (Comerca), Pesca S.A.
Guatemala Gov't
Shrimp farming companies have chased access to wetlands traditionally used by local fisherfolk.

Maya Achi
Comercio Lumi (Cogefar—Italy, Lehmyer—Canada) Hidroelectrica Chixoy (Guatemala)
World Bank, Inter-American Development Bank, Guatemala Nat'l Inst. of Electrification
Villagers refuse to leave their ancestral lands for construction of dam, leading to Guatemalan's army's massacre of 400 Mayans.

Maya, other indigenous groups
Mayan Gold Inc. (Canada)
NAFTA, WTO
Many Central South American countries encourage the use of pesticides, including DDT. Pesticides made from the entire region have suffer high incidences of cancers and other heretofore unknown diseases.

Nicaragua
Indigenous fishing communities on the Northern and South Atlantic coast of Nicaragua
PETRAD (Venezuela)
Nicaragua Gov't
Oil exploration threatens traditional fishing communities.

Mayangna (Sumu), Miskito and Rama, other indigenous groups
Nicaragua Canal Development Investment Co. (Nicaragua)
NAFTA, WTO
Mayangna (Sumu), Miskito and Rama, other indigenous groups will have to make it easier for foreign investors to access Nicaragua; they have been logging indigenous ancestral lands.

Miskito, Mayangna
Reuters Nicaraguenses y Australianos S.A., Mars Investments (Australia), Nuevo Renacer (Canada)
Nicaragua Gov't
Gold mining activity in Bosawas Reserve endangers fresh water sources of indigenous communities.

Rama, Miskito, Sumu, Sumu
Cluster, Zeogas
Univ. of Georgia-Athens, The Colegio de la Frontera Sur (Mexico), Molecular Nature Ltd (Wales)
U.S. Gov't
Bioprospecting of Mayan medicinal plants and traditional knowledge has been terminated after Mayan opposition from indigenous groups.

Tzeltal, Tzotzil, Tojolabal, Chol, Zoque, Maam, and other Mayan language groups
Cemex (Mexico), Blue Circle Industries (U.K.), Lafarge (France), Holderbank (Switzerland)
Mexican Rural Bank, NAFTA, WTO
Pesticides, including DDT, have been found in the bodies of the Tzeltal Peoples throughout their traditional lands.

Zapotec, others
ADM (U.S.), Cargill (U.S.)
U.S. Gov't, NAFTA
Genetic contamination has been found in maize .

Kuna
Panama Gov't, Plan Puebla Panama (PPP)
Kuna lands taken over for eco-tourism.

Kuna, Embera-Wounan
Panama Gov't
Dam projects forcibly relocated 1,000 people from fertile traditional lands to marginal lands.

Guaymi
U.S. Dept of Commerce
Patent claim on the cell line of Guaymi was withdrawn due to international protests.

Paraguay
Ayoreo
Ranching, logging interests, Forestal Panana (subsidiary of Stef Paraguay) and PROTOP S.A.
Paraguay Gov't
Indigenous lands occupied by export beef ranchers; logging companies illegally exporting wood.

Peru
Asheninka, Machiguenga, Nomatsiguenga, Yanesha
Consortium—El Aguaytia Hydrocarbons Peru (Fr.), Enron Internal (Bermuda), Anschutz Overseas (U.S.), Great Western Resources (U.S.), Enterprise Oil Exploration (U.K.)
Exploratory oil drilling destroys indigenous lands and protected reserves.

Machiko-Piro, Yora, Setebo, Amahuaca
Exxon/Mobil pulled out in 2001, mahogany loggers
Peru Gov't
Forest communities threatened by mining and logging demand reversal of concessions.

Mayoruna, Capanahuas and Shipibo Indians
Illegal logging and oil prospecting destroys Amazon forests.

Nahua
Newmar Lumber (U.S.), Illegal loggers
Illegal logging has taken more than 600,000 feet of mahogany and cedar, depleted the wildlife on which Nahua livelihood depends, and threatened community members.

Kichwa, Nahua (Yora), Amahuaca (Nomats), Kirineri, Yine, Machiguenga
Citigroup (Japan/us) (U.S.), Pluspetrol (Japan.), Hunt Oil (U.S.), SK Corp. (S. Kor.), others
Peru Gov't, U.S. Export-Import Bank, IDB
Camisea gas project impacts territory of several indigenous groups and could destroy pristine tropical rainforest. Natural gas facility planned for export to U.S. Future roads will open region to loggers and settlers.

Yanesha Group
Occidental (U.S.), Repsol (Spain), Petrobras (Brazil)
Peru Gov't
Proposed road would cut through Rama traditional lands and disrupt subsistence activities.

Karata (Miskito)
Oxbow (U.S.), Hunt (U.S.)
Nicaragua Gov't, PPP
Proposed megaproject in indigenous land in Puerto Cabezas would impact fishing industry and cause displacement, transmigration.

Panama
Embera-Wounan, Kuna, Terire, Ngobe-Bugle
Western Kebir Mines, Tvanie Resources, Inmet Mining, (all Canadian)
Panama Gov't
Industrial logging, road construction, and mining have brought environmental degradation, affecting indigenous groups.

Zapotec, Tzotzil, Tzeltal, Tlapaneco, Mam, others
Mexico Gov't, PPP
Increased militarization for 'drug war'.

Zoque
Mexico Gov't, PPP
Proposed industrial waterway through Isthmus of Tehuantepec, Mexico's most biologically important tropical forest, threatens Zoque land.

Indigenous groups
Pan Am Sur (U.S.)
In 1999, the company won the patent for the Enola bean from Mexico and demanded that all U.S. importers of Mexican beans pay royalties. An immediate drop in export sales out of Mexico (about 90 percent) has greatly injured 21,000 farmers in northern Mexico who had depended on sales of this bean.

Mexico, Central America

Maya and other indigenous peoples of Mesoamerica
Monsanto, Cargill
Mexico, U.S. Gov't, World Bank, Inter-American Dev't. Bank (IDB), Central American Dev't Bank, NAFTA, Plan Puebla Panama (PPP)
The Plan Puebla Panama megaproject would displace indigenous communities, force small farmers into unsuitable lands, and threaten areas of high biodiversity from Mexico to Panama.

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U.S. Gov't, NAFTA
Genetic contamination has been found in maize .

Guyana, Brazil
Wapishana
British subsidiary
Indians seek to challenge patents registered on products isolated from Tipir, the nut of the Goompotree tree and Curcuni, used by the Wapishana for millennia. Wapishiana have banned trade by "foreigners" in their villages.

Honduras
Garifuna
Honduras Gov't, Plan Puebla Panama
Garifuna defend their lands against development and tourism.

Lenca
Gerentatre Resources Ltd (Canadian; now bankrupt), Entre Mares (owned by Glamis Gold, U.S.)
General Mining Law, IMF (pressured Honduras to eliminate export taxes on mining products.)
IMF-imposed General Mining Law (written by U.S. and Canadian companies) gives corporations power to petition for removal of indigenous people from near mineral deposits.

Maya Chorti
Large landowners
Honduras Gov't
Chorti people fighting to protect land and environment are attacked by Honduran military.

Mexico
Chontal Maya
Pemex
Mexico Gov't, NAFTA
In the Tabasco and Veracruz regions oil production has polluted the land and water, leading to indigenous peoples, fisherfolk and farmers.

Huichol,
Logging companies, ranchers
Logging companies and colonization of their lands by lumber companies and cattle ranchers. Culture is also threatened by tourism. Huichol Gobernador determine whether persons in other countries can sue in U.S. courts for contamination by American corporations abroad.

Huicholes
Proyecto Cultural Huicholes, Inc.
Mexico Gov't, NAFTA, Plan Puebla Panama (PPP)
Logging, cattle ranching, tourism, colonization and thousands of Mexican troops besiege the Huicholes' lands, comprising 50 percent of North America's remaining tropical rainforest.

Maya
Quiet Int'l (Netherlands)
University of Minnesota
Patent granted on extract a traditional Mayan drink derived from fermented corn.

Akawaio, Arawak, Macushi, Patamona, Wapishana
Pronapresa (Brazil), Homestake Int'l Mining (U.S.), Omai Gold Mines Ltd. (Cambior subsidiary) (Canada), others
Brazil Gov't, State Gov't of Roraima, Guyana Gov't, Guyana Defence Force, IDB, EU, World Bank
New road part of Brazil's infrastructure plan to aid exports of Amazon resources.

Tezcal, Tzotzil, Tojolabal, Chol, Zoque, Maam, and other Mayan language groups
Cemex (Mexico), Blue Circle Industries (U.K.), Lafarge (France), Holderbank (Switzerland)
Mexican Rural Bank, NAFTA, WTO
Pesticides, including DDT, have been found in the bodies of the Tzeltal Peoples throughout their traditional lands.

Zapotec, others
ADM (U.S.), Cargill (U.S.)
U.S. Gov't, NAFTA
Genetic contamination has been found in maize .

Kuna
Panama Gov't, Plan Puebla Panama (PPP)
Kuna lands taken over for eco-tourism.

Kuna, Embera-Wounan
Panama Gov't
Dam projects forcibly relocated 1,000 people from fertile traditional lands to marginal lands.

Guaymi
U.S. Dept of Commerce
Patent claim on the cell line of Guaymi was withdrawn due to international protests.

Paraguay
Ayoreo
Ranching, logging interests, Forestal Panana (subsidiary of Stef Paraguay) and PROTOP S.A.
Paraguay Gov't
Indigenous lands occupied by export beef ranchers; logging companies illegally exporting wood.

Peru
Asheninka, Machiguenga, Nomatsiguenga, Yanesha
Consortium—El Aguaytia Hydrocarbons Peru (Fr.), Enron Internal (Bermuda), Anschutz Overseas (U.S.), Great Western Resources (U.S.), Enterprise Oil Exploration (U.K.)
Exploratory oil drilling destroys indigenous lands and protected reserves.

Machiko-Piro, Yora, Setebo, Amahuaca
Exxon/Mobil pulled out in 2001, mahogany loggers
Peru Gov't
Forest communities threatened by mining and logging demand reversal of concessions.

Mayoruna, Capanahuas and Shipibo Indians, Boser (Germany)
Illegal logging and oil prospecting destroys Amazon forests.

Nahua
Newmar Lumber (U.S.), Illegal loggers
Illegal logging has taken more than 600,000 feet of mahogany and cedar, depleted the wildlife on which Nahua livelihood depends, and threatened community members.

Kichwa, Nahua (Yora), Amahuaca (Nomats), Kirineri, Yine, Machiguenga
Citigroup (Japan/us) (U.S.), Pluspetrol (Japan.), Hunt Oil (U.S.), SK Corp. (S. Kor.), others
Peru Gov't, U.S. Export-Import Bank, IDB
Camisea gas project impacts territory of several indigenous groups and could destroy pristine tropical rainforest. Natural gas facility planned for export to U.S. Future roads will open region to loggers and settlers.

Yanesha Group
Occidental (U.S.), Repsol (Spain), Petrobras (Brazil)
Peru Gov't
Proposed road would cut through Rama traditional lands and disrupt subsistence activities.

Peru, Brazil
Quechua, Aymara
Argentinian Engineering and Manufacturing (U.S.)
Patent granted on an Andean pooping bean to Pan Am Sur.

Peru, Andean countries
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Suriname
Aucaner Maroon
Golden Star Resources (Canada), Cambior (Canada), Canex Resources (Germany)
Suriname Gov't
Mining and logging concessions to foreign companies threaten indigenous lands.

Saramaka Maroon
Nir Tasuke (China), Jin Lin Wood (China)
Suriname Gov't
Chinese logging company operations: deforest, pollute water, and threaten indigenous community access to hunting, fishing, and farming areas.

Venezuela
Pemon, Karina
Placer Dome, other Canadian mining companies
Venezuela, Brazil Gov'ts
Electric infrastructure development threatens lands with mining.

Warao
Cisbank (U.S.), Conoco (U.S.), Louisiana Land (U.S.), Benton Oil & Gas (U.S.), British Petroleum (U.K.), ARCO (U.S.), Amoco Hydro (Norway), Phillips Petroleum (U.S.)
Venezuela Gov't
Oil projects on ancestral lands result in loss of traditional territory, traditional knowledge, cultural, and delta ecosystems.

Yekuana, Pemon, Waimiri-Atroari, Kayabi, Karaja, Arawakan, and Yanomami
Mossbee, Hesketh Inshke, Mitsubishi (Japan)
Venezuela, Brazil Gov'ts, Japan Export-Import Bank, Inter-American Dev't Bank
Expansion of power generation capacity and associated projects on indigenous lands bring increased mining,