PLANTATIONS

Men have to leave to find work elsewhere. We are left with the responsibility of maintaining households, childcare and care for the elderly. Adivasi woman, India



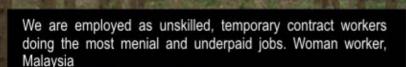
Water has become scarce since they planted the pine trees. We have to fetch water from far away for consumption, for our cattle and domestic animals. Mapuche woman, Chile



We have no medicinal plants, no fruits, no vegetables. Our water has been poisoned with pesticides. Woman, Tasmania



We are afraid of the company workers, afraid of drug addicts and of rape. Bunong woman, Cambodia



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Forests

deforestation and plantations



from a gender perspective

The historical contribution of women to forest conservation has often been made "invisible" as in many other areas. Such role must be recognised and the full participation of women in decision making over forests must be ensured.

Commercial logging, mining, oil exploitation, shrimp farming, dams and others, wrongly called "development" projects, have destroyed large areas of forests and this loss has not been gender neutral: women have suffered severe and differentiated impacts.

Industrial tree plantations -eucalyptus, oil palm, pine, and othersreplace forests and deprieve women of their means of livelihood. In the best of cases, they convert forest nurturing women into exploited plantation workers.

Women speak loud out of their knowledge, wisdom, and their own definition of what development is and how it should be undertaken. They tell the world that what governments and companies have been doing to the forests is wrong and that deforestation and industrial tree plantations must be urgently stopped.



FORESTS

DEFORESTATION

We know the forest, we use it and we protect it. We are their caretakers and guardians. Ayoreo woman, Paraguay

Without the forest we have no water, no more animals to hunt, no vegetables, no food. Some rivers have dried up, the fish are gone forever. Quilombola woman, Brazil

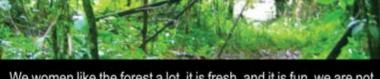
The forest is very important for us. We gather mushrooms, bamboo shoots, insects and herbs for food. There is water, animals and birds. Karen woman Thailand

Now it is difficult to go into the forests, because there is a fence, and a sign forbidding the entry.

Twa woman, Democratic Republic of Congo



The money men get from logging has become a source of problems for women: drunkenness, sexually transmitted diseases, law and order problems, and violence against women. Tampuan woman, Cambodia



We women like the forest a lot, it is fresh, and it is fun, we are not scared and we have a nice time. Bagyeli woman, Cameroon

By loosing control of the forest resources we have become even more marginalised and invisible, while men have become more dominant. Maisin woman, Papua New Guinea

It is one of the enjoyable things to do, catching the small fishes and the crabs in ponds. Bunong woman, Cambodia