

**Here are some more articles and replies. In order to simplify, our comments are written in Times New Roman and in block while the letters and articles are in Arial.**

**We're ever increasingly receiving these kind of letters with sweeping statements like, 'McDonald's goes deforestation-free.' But, I'm sorry, it's just plain naïve!**

**Sustainable Palm Oil is as big a myth and a lie today as it was when we first wrote an article on this very subject several years ago and things really haven't changed at all! I'm sure it makes great reading, if there were any hope at all of it being the case, but there simply isn't. So please, anyone getting similar messages, I wouldn't be lovin' it or belivin' in it quite so much just yet.**

From: SierraRise.Members@sierraclub.org  
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Sent: Fri, 24 Apr 2015 16:50:47 -0500  
Subject: You did it! McDonald's goes deforestation-free!

**You did it!**

**McDonald's goes deforestation-free!**



You spoke up. McDonald's listened. And guess what? They finally took action!

The world's largest fast food chain has just made a public commitment to eliminate deforestation from its ENTIRE supply chain. This makes McDonald's the first global fast food company to do so!

McDonald's has pledged to ensure the palm oil, beef, fiber-based packaging, coffee, and poultry in their products does NOT contribute to tropical deforestation.

The company will start by releasing action plans for its five priority products soon. So now we need to make sure the first plan—for palm oil—is strong.

Add your name to the petition in support of strong protections for tropical forests and endangered species.

McDonald's is one of the top ten largest users of palm oil in the world using it in products like their Baked Apple Pie and Spicy Chicken McBites. But if not **sourced sustainably, palm oil** can wreak havoc on our environment and the rainforests that endangered species like orangutans call home.

This year, SierraRise supporters like you sent more than 58,000 messages urging McDonald's to source palm oil that doesn't contribute to deforestation and loss of orangutan habitat, and it worked!

Will you ask McDonald's to release an action plan for palm oil with an ambitious timeline and the strongest possible protections for tropical forests and endangered species? Sign the petition now!

McDonalds' size and scale means the new commitment could force real change, pushing the entire fast food industry to separate tropical deforestation from its supply chain. Without your urging, the company wouldn't have taken this issue seriously.

McDonald's announcement is a HUGE step forward for the climate, tropical forests, and orangutans, and YOU made it happen. But we can't stop now. McDonald's could release its first action plan any day now. Together, our voices can continue to create a powerful force for change.

Speak up now to ensure McDonald's follows up their strong commitment with strong action. In it together,

Courtney-Rose Dantus, SierraRise

P.S. Five signatures are even more powerful than one -- after you take action, be sure to forward this alert to your friends, family, and colleagues! Share this page on Facebook- Share this page on Twitter Share this page with other services

**Sustainably sourced palm oil; if only! And, here's another one.**

From: action@ucsusa.org  
To: cates1980@hotmail.co.uk  
Date: Thu, 23 Apr 2015 13:00:18 -0500  
Subject: We did it! McDonald's goes deforestation-free

We Did It!

## McDonald's Pledges to End Deforestation in their Supply Chain

Over the last year, UCS supporters like you sent more than 140,000 emails to tell McDonald's and the rest of America's fast food chains that there's no excuse to continue buying palm oil that could cause climate change, loss of endangered species habitat, and tropical deforestation.

You spoke up. McDonald's listened. And acted!

McDonald's, the world's largest fast food chain, just pledged to eliminate deforestation from its global supply chains, making it the first global fast food company to do so. McDonald's pledged to ensure the palm oil, beef, fiber-based packaging, coffee, and poultry in their products does not contribute to tropical deforestation and peatland destruction.

McDonald's size and scale means the new commitment could force real change, pushing the industry to eliminate tropical deforestation from its supply chain, ultimately reducing global warming emissions. You can help make sure that happens by emailing McDonald's today to urge them to release a strong plan.

Just click the TAKE ACTION button below to send this letter to McDonald's now:

Dear McDonald's,

I was pleased to learn that McDonald's has pledged to eliminate deforestation from its global supply chains. As the largest fast food company in the world, McDonald's policies could spur real change, pushing your suppliers to eliminate tropical deforestation from production of commodities, ultimately protecting forests and reducing global warming emissions.

I'm calling on McDonald's to ensure that your upcoming palm oil sourcing targets include:

- a commitment to source palm oil only from suppliers whose entire operations meet McDonald's deforestation commitment principles and practices;
- an ambitious time-bound target for supplier compliance; and
- mechanisms for verification of origin of raw materials down to the palm oil plantation level.

In this way, McDonald's can set an industry-leading standard in the fast food sector for sourcing of deforestation-free palm oil ingredients.

Simply click "Take Action" and this letter will automatically be sent.

For more than a year, we have worked with McDonald's to help them understand the deforestation risk in their supply chain, and urged them to adopt stronger standards. But without your urging, the company wouldn't have taken this issue seriously. To get the full story of how we used your support to move McDonald's, read our president's blog post.

This is a tremendous step forward for the climate, tropical forests, and endangered species, and we couldn't have done it without you. In a few months, McDonald's will release its **palm oil action plan** and timeline. Help us ensure this plan is as strong as possible—send a message to McDonald's today.

**Together, we are transforming the palm oil industry.**

Sincerely,  
Miriam Swaffer  
Miriam Swaffer  
Corporate Policy Advocate  
Tropical Forest & Climate Initiative  
Union of Concerned Scientists

Palm oil is a globally traded commodity used in a wide array of common consumer products, from shampoo to cookies. And much of this palm oil is produced in ways that involve the destruction of tropical forests and peatlands, adding to global warming emissions and reducing habitat for many already threatened species.

**The good news is that palm oil can be produced without deforestation—and many companies have begun to make public commitments to use deforestation-free palm oil in their products.**

The bad news is that too many companies are lagging behind, with weak commitments or none at all. UCS is asking consumers to tell these companies that deforestation is an unacceptable ingredient in their products.

In 2014 UCS released the first edition of our Palm Oil Scorecard. The scorecard evaluated 30 companies that produce major brands across the packaged food, fast food, and personal care product sectors for their commitments to use deforestation-free palm oil.

For 2015 we've produced a new edition of the scorecard, recalculating each company's score to account for their progress (or lack thereof) during 2014. We've also added a new sector to the mix, scoring the store brands of 10 retail stores (including supermarket, pharmacy, and discount stores) for the first time.

**And another.....**



From: us@sumofus.org  
To: cates1980@hotmail.co.uk  
Sent: Sat, 18 Apr 2015 15:49:34 +0000  
Subject: Re: KFC -- we won!

Thank you. KFC is the latest company to release a new, **deforestation-free palm oil commitment**, and it's because of you!



Over the last year, SumOfUs members have added over 1.5 million signatures to petitions telling some of the world's largest fast food corporations that there's no excuse to continue buying palm oil that could cause climate change, loss of endangered species habitat, and tropical deforestation.

We took action. Corporations listened. And acted!

KFC, Pizza Hut, and Taco Bell -- all owned by multinational conglomerate Yum! Brands, America's second largest fast food corporation -- responded to our demands. Yum! Brands recently announced a new palm oil policy that requires all the palm oil they use for cooking be deforestation-free.

While Yum! Brands still need to go further to ensure its commitments translate into real impacts on the ground, this is a tremendous step forward for the climate, tropical forests, and endangered species.

Together, we are transforming the palm oil industry.

Now, could you make a special donation of £1 or whatever you can afford so we can keep winning the fight for responsible palm oil?

Thanks for all that you do,

Hanna, Fatah, Nicole, Carys, and the rest of the team at SumOfUs.

P.S. Wondering what's next in the fight for tropical forests and deforestation free palm oil? Join the more than 110,000 people who have asked Burger King and Tim Horton's, America's third largest fast food company, to go deforestation-free. Tweet BK and tell it that now is the time to adopt strong deforestation-free and peat-free palm oil policies!

**McDonald's, KFC., Pizza Hut, Taco Bell and Yum! Brands (what a name) etc., must all be laughing their socks off at all of this. It can only be described as a very misguided and disillusional load of old green-wash; hogwash some might say! Business as usual, deforestation just the same, only now we can all of us breathe a sigh of relief at the thought of everything being oh so sustainable. 'Scuse me while I throw up!!!**

**'The good news is that palm oil can be produced without deforestation.' This is the one sentence in all of this that does have some bearing, but only then with radically changes in attitudes as to who's growing it, how it's grown and where it is grown are firmly established. And I'm sorry, but until something along those very lines are put in place, nothing can ever be believed or trusted.**

**Please read our paper, 'Plant Forests and Make a Fortune.'**



**To remind everyone we had this very honest letter sent to last year. We had all of the usual chat in most of what we received but this one stood out as being the nearest to the truth. It says in its closing line, 'to be frank it is getting all very confusing.' And I do feel absolutely sorry for any company who is genuinely trying to make sense of any of this, because there must be those who think this is real, whereas it's the biggest con ever. Pieces of paper, batch-numbers, signatures and then rubber-stamped; what does any of it really prove?**

**It's like the Emperor's New Clothes.**

From: john\_beardsley@tristarglobal.com.my  
To: pendine68@yahoo.co.uk  
Sent: Fri, 2 May 2014 7:09  
Subject: RE: 'Sustainable Palm Oil.'

It very difficult to express an accurate and precise comprehensive update in only a few sentences.

Mass balance sustainable palm oil is in general becoming increasingly available and we are happy to supply it. Surprisingly we find demand is dropping, because both the retailers and the public in Europe and elsewhere are getting increasingly confused. This is because the sustainability debate has spread to so many other products including cocoa and chocolate and many others, including some crops grown on UK farms.

Fully segregated sustainable palm oil, still remains fairly limited as it mean both the oil palm mills and the down-stream refiners will temporary need additional storage tanks, until all plantations are certified as sustainable. This makes the material expensive.

Please note despite the role of big companies a considerable amount of palm oil is still produced by very small family owned plantations for whom the requirements of RSPO and other certification schemes are just totally unfathomable. The identity preserved model can only truly be supplied by a limited number of companies who own plantations, oil palm mills and refineries.

I would also say that besides RSPO there are now other competing schemes including national Malaysian, Indonesian scheme and those that meet the German or EU ISCC .

To be frank it is getting all very confusing.

Hope this explains.

John Beardsley, Tristar Global.

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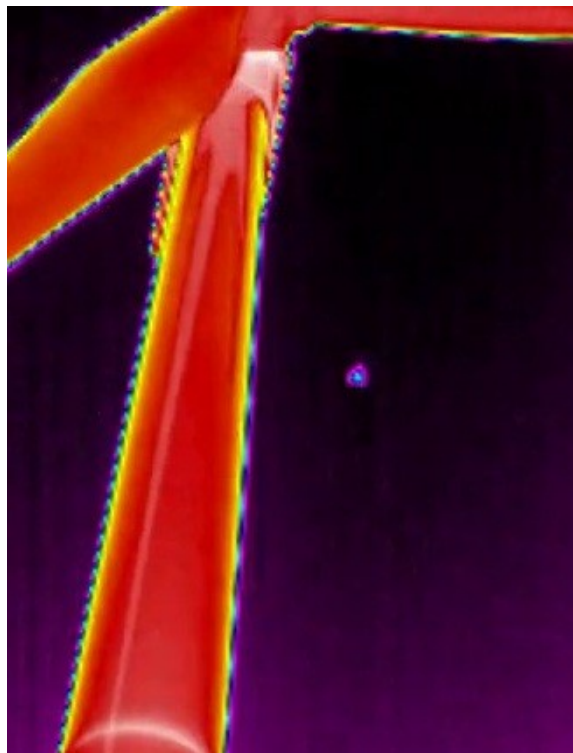
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**These are the precise moments when a vulture and a bat were fatally struck by turbine-blades; the links if you need to see the action are given below them. A more mindless way of producing zero-carbon energy is difficult to imagine.....**



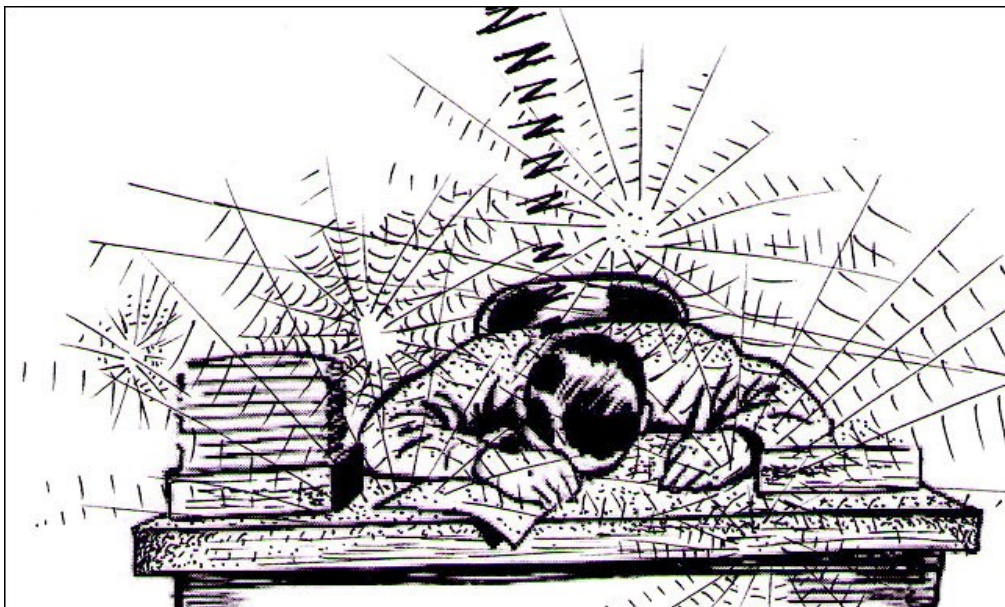
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**.....and yet the RSPB. willfully sleeps throughout the entire process. It's not as if it were even necessary any more, there are a number of far more benign ways of producing it, although some it has to be said are more benign than others.**





## RSPB RIP

**We know that Wildfowl, Raptors, Waders, Hirundines, Starlings, certain migratory Thrushes, Bats and many others besides are particularly susceptible to being drawn towards the deathly moving blades; all of which was quickly concealed by the green-lobbyists decades ago. How they thought they would ever get away with such carnage beggars belief.**

**Below is a run down and an admittedly pretty rough guide to the main reasons why some of our birds and mammals may be declining. We believe there to be the two main ones with other factors thrown in and these are mentioned in the next paragraph. Those doubly hit by both are obviously faring a lot worse and anything triply hit by other factors below this are faring even worse than that.**

**Species like Turtle Doves and Lapwings are now largely non-existent as British breeding birds throughout much of the country. The RSPB. not only doesn't campaign on any of these issues but positively encourages them as being beneficial for wildlife.**

Red-throated Diver, Black-throated Diver, Little Grebe, Black-necked Grebe, Slavonian Grebe, Great Crested Grebe, Fork-tailed Petrel, Storm Petrel, Fulmar, Grey lag Goose, Shelduck, Teal, Gadwall, Wigeon, Pintail, Garganey, Shoveler, Pochard, Tufted Duck, Scaup, Common Scoter, Smew, Red-breasted Merganser, Goosander, Osprey, Honey Buzzard, Goshawk, Sparrow Hawk, Golden Eagle, Sea Eagle, Hen Harrier, Montagu's Harrier, Marsh Harrier, Peregrine, Hobby, Merlin, Kestrel, Black Grouse, Grey Partridge, Quail, Common Crane, Water Rail, Spotted Crake, Corncrake, Moorhen, Coot, Great Bustard, Oystercatcher, Ringed Plover, Little Ringed Plover, \*Kentish Plover, Dotterel, Golden Plover, Lapwing, Dunlin, Common Sandpiper, Ruff, Curlew, Whimbrel, Black-tailed Godwit, Redshank, Greenshank, Woodcock, Snipe, Avocet, Red-necked Phalarope, Stone Curlew, Great Skua, Artic Skua, Stock Dove, Turtle Dove, Cuckoo, Barn Owl, Long-eared Owl, Short-eared Owl, Nightjar, \*Wryneck, Lesser Spotted Woodpecker, Swift, Swallow, House Martin, Sand Martin, Sky Lark, Wood Lark, Yellow Wagtail, Grey Wagtail, \*Red-backed Shrike, Savi's Warbler, Marsh Warbler, Grasshopper Warbler, Garden Warbler, Wood Warbler, Pied Flycatcher (within range), Spotted Flycatcher, Whinchat, Nightingale, Redstart, Ring Ouzel, Song Thrush, Mistle Thrush, Fieldfare, Redwing, Marsh Tit, Willow Tit, Starling, Corn Bunting, Yellowhammer, Cirl Bunting, Reed Bunting, Twite, Linnet, Lesser Redpole, Bullfinch, Hawfinch, Tree Sparrow and House Sparrow.

Hedgehog, Lesser Horse-shoe Bat, Greater Horseshoe Bat, Whiskered Bat, Brandt's Bat, Daubenton's Bat, Natterer's Bat, Bechstein's Bat, Pipistrelle, Leisler's Bat, Noctule, Serotine Bat, Barbastelle Bat, Long-eared Bat, Otter, Red Squirrel, Water Vole, Harvest Mouse and Brown Hare.

\*UK. Extinct.

Underlined. Those that were once common but today are hardly found anywhere.

**Those species believed effected by organophosphate pesticides.**

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### Those species believed effected by wind-farm blade-strikes.

**There are of course other factors such as alien species, main reason for the decline of Hawfinches, Red Squirrel and Water Vole; farming practices, particularly punishing for Corncrakes as well as many others; and slug pellets Song Thrushes. With certain seabirds we suspect plastics, offshore and island wind-farms, fishing practices and dioxin pollutions as being the prime causes for declines.**

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From: defenders@mail.defenders.org  
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Sent: Tue, 5 May 2015 07:30:39 -0500  
Subject: Friday deadline: Open this to stop an extreme anti-wolf bill

A new anti-wolf bill was just introduced, adding **Washington State**, Oregon and Utah to the growing list of states where Congress is trying to force wolves off the Endangered Species list.

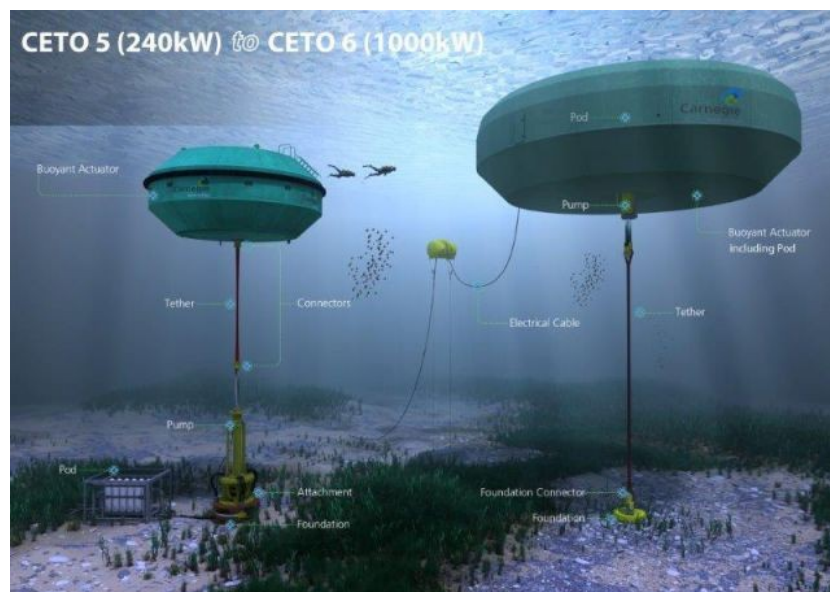
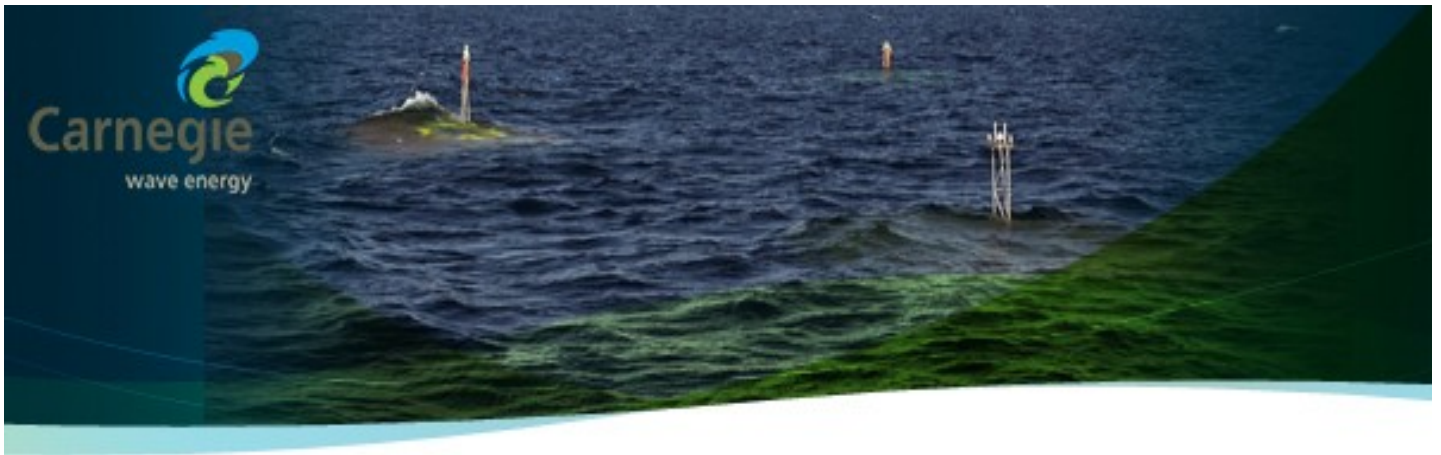


**Looks like this horrific bill-poster put out to terrify the public has had its effect. Please write to:**

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# Carlton Tavern Owners CLTX Ltd Order To Rebuild Maida Vale Pub Brick By Brick

The Huffington Post UK | By Sarah Ann Harris

The owners of a historic pub who demolished it without warning have been ordered to rebuild the whole thing brick by brick.

Tel Aviv-based developers CLTX Ltd will be ordered to “recreate in facsimile the building as it stood immediately prior to its demolition”, according to the Evening Standard.

The owners of the Carlton Tavern in Maida Vale, west London, caused outrage when they told staff to stay at home for an inventory then proceeded to bulldoze the 1920s-style building.



The 1920s building was demolished without warning

According to the Mail, the demolition took place just days before the pub was due to be recommended as a listed building and was knocked down to make way for luxury flats.

This was despite the fact that a planning application for such development was rejected.

At the time, councillor Jan Prendagast, Conservative member of Westminster City Council, said: “I’m horrified for the local residents that this has occurred. It came as such a shock to everyone.



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Subject: Agent Orange: Terrible Legacy of the Vietnam War

## **Agent Orange: Terrible Legacy of the Vietnam War**

Thursday, 30 April 2015 00:00

**By Marjorie Cohn, Truthout | News Analysis**



**A helicopter sprays foliage with Agent Orange in an undated photo taken during the Vietnam War.  
(Photo via Shutterstock)**



Mai Giang Vu was exposed to Agent Orange while serving in the Army of South Vietnam from 1968 to 1974. He carried barrels of chemicals to spray in the jungle. His sons were born in 1974 and 1975. They were unable to walk or function normally. Their limbs gradually "curled up" and they could only crawl. By age 18, they were bedridden. One died at age 23; the other at age 25.

Nga Tran is a French Vietnamese woman who worked in Vietnam as a war correspondent. She was there when the US military began spraying chemical defoliants. A big cloud of the agent enveloped her. Shortly after her daughter was born, the child's skin began shedding. She could not bear to have physical contact with anyone. The child never grew. She remained 6.6 pounds - her birth weight - until her death at the age of 17 months. Tran's second daughter suffers from alpha thalassemia, a genetic blood disorder rarely seen in Asia. Tran saw a woman who gave birth to a "ball" with no human form. Many children are born without brains; others make inhuman sounds, Tran said. There are victims who have never stood up. They creep and barely lift their heads.

Rosemarie Hohn Mizo is the widow of George Mizo, who fought for the US Army in Vietnam in 1967. After he refused to serve a third tour, Mizo was court-martialed, spent two and a half years in prison and received a dishonorable discharge. Before his death from Agent Orange-related illnesses, Mizo helped found the Friendship Village where Vietnamese victims live in a supportive environment.

To read more stories like this, visit [Human Rights and Global Wrongs](#). Dr. Jeanne Stellman, who wrote the seminal Agent Orange article in *Nature*, said, "This is the largest unstudied [unnatural] environmental disaster in the world."

Dr. Jean Grassman, from Brooklyn College at the City University of New York, stated that dioxin (the active ingredient in Agent Orange) is a potent cellular disregulator that alters several pathways and disrupts many bodily systems. She said children are very sensitive to dioxin, and the intrauterine or postnatal exposure to dioxin may result in altered immune, neurobehavioral and hormonal functioning. Women pass their exposure to their children both in utero and through the excretion of dioxin in breast milk.

These were five of the 27 witnesses who testified at the International Peoples' Tribunal of Conscience in Support of the Vietnamese Victims of Agent Orange, which was held in Paris in 2009. I served as one of seven judges from three continents. We heard two days of testimony from Vietnamese and US victims of Agent Orange, witnesses and scientists, including the five witnesses cited above. We saw firsthand horribly disfigured individuals who had been exposed to Agent Orange during the Vietnam War.

The panel of judges found the following:

- From 1961 to 1971, the US military sprayed chemical products that contained large quantities of dioxin in order to defoliate the trees for military objectives.

- The chemical products caused:

- direct damage to those exposed to dioxin, including cancers, skin disorders, liver damage, pulmonary and heart diseases, defects to reproductive capacity, and nervous disorders;

- indirect damage to the children of those exposed to dioxin, including severe physical deformities, mental and physical disabilities, diseases, and shortened life spans;
- damage to the land and forests, water supply, and communities of Vietnam, some of which may be permanent. This includes the extinction of animals that once inhabited the forests and jungles of Vietnam, disrupting communities that depended on them; and
- erosion and desertification that will change the environment, contributing to the warming of the planet and dislocation of crop and animal life. The damage to the environment of Vietnam is "ecocide."

After examining the evidence, the panel determined that the US government and the chemical manufacturers knew that dioxin, one of the most dangerous chemicals known to humans, was present in one of the components of Agent Orange. Yet they continued to use it and in fact suppressed the 1965 Bionetics study that showed dioxin caused many birth defects in experimental animals. It was not until the results of that study were leaked that the use of Agent Orange was stopped.

The panel also concluded that the US war in Vietnam was an illegal war of aggression (crime against peace) against a country seeking national liberation, in violation of the United Nations Charter. It further decided that the use of dioxin was a war crime because it qualified as a poisoned weapon in violation of the Hague Convention and customary international law. Finally, the panel found that the use of dioxin was a crime against humanity, as it constituted an inhuman act perpetrated against a civilian population in connection with a crime against peace and war crimes.

Several international treaties provide the right to an effective remedy for violations of human rights law. They include the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination and the Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment. The United States has ratified all of them. Moreover, in the 1973 Paris Peace Accords, the Nixon administration promised to contribute \$3 billion for compensation and postwar reconstruction of Vietnam. That promise remains unfulfilled.

Although US veterans of the Vietnam War have received some compensation for Agent Orange-related illnesses, the Vietnamese people have never seen a dime. The US government has funded the cleanup of dioxin at the Danang airport, only one of the 28 "hot spots" still contaminated by dioxin.

Rep. Barbara Lee (D-California) has introduced H.R. 2114, the Victims of Agent Orange Relief Act of 2015. If enacted, the bill would lead to the cleanup of dioxin and arsenic contamination still present in Vietnam. It would also provide assistance to the public health system in Vietnam directed at the 3 million Vietnamese affected by Agent Orange. It would extend assistance to the affected children of male US veterans who suffer the same set of birth defects covered for the children of female veterans. It would lead to research on the extent of Agent Orange-related diseases in the Vietnamese-American community, and provide them with assistance. Finally, it would lead to laboratory and epidemiological research on the effects of Agent Orange.

Following the 2009 Paris tribunal, I participated in a delegation to Vietnam to present our findings to President Nguyen Minh Triet of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam. I told the president that it struck me that even as US bombs were dropping on the Vietnamese people, they distinguished between the US government and the US people. The president responded, "We fought the forces of aggression but we always reserved our love for the people of America ... because we knew they always supported us."

Now, 40 years after the end of the Vietnam War, we must support the Vietnamese people who continue to suffer some of the most horrific legacies of that war. Contact your representative and demand that he or she co-sponsor H.R. 2114.

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Sent: Fri, 8 May 2015 15:56:24 -0400  
Subject: We March Against Monsanto in 15 Days!



IT'S ALMOST TIME TO

**MARCH AGAINST MONSANTO!**

There are currently over 300 marches scheduled to take place around the world. If there isn't one near you, you have 15 days to organize one! From occupying a nearby street corner with signs to marching down main street, food fighters from all walks of life will be joining together to take a stand against Monsanto's evil ways on **Saturday, May 23**.

We have a cursory listing on our website of 300+ marches with Facebook Event links, but for the most up-to-date listing, go to [www.March-Against-Monsanto.com/Events](http://www.March-Against-Monsanto.com/Events)

We want to hear from you! Aside from the upcoming March Against Monsanto, are there any other protests being organized in your community? Please e-mail us so we can publicize your activism in our next email.

In solidarity, Gene

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Subject: The Parallel Performances of the Monsanto Die Tour

## Reverend Billy & the Stop Shopping Choir

We decided to perform activism every day and to perform on the concert stage every night throughout the Easter! **Monsanto Die! Die! tour.** Today, we parade in Parliament Square, kicking off a ten day "Election Occupation." Yesterday, we bullhorned the canyons of the City of London with the sins of TTiP, the Orwellian trade agreement. On Wednesday, we marched with small farmers to the monopolistic diabetes-maker British Sugar. On Tuesday, we shut down the BP-supported Liverpool Tate with our funereal remembrance of the Deepwater Horizon on its 5th anniversary.

The 16 singers and Savi and I gather the information and motivation from these "Nonviolent Dramatic Actions" and then invite what we have inside ourselves to surface in the rituals, prayers, songs and preaching. That's how we get "arty" - but we can't help but have the seriousness remain in us, from the emergency we faced earlier in the day. Since everything is changed now, with the life systems of the Earth in jeopardy, we can't afford to be aesthetic anymore. It's a life or death situation, with the artistic strategies determined by rapidly developing practical results. We start with the risk of beliefs shouted and sung in on the streets, and the stage waits for us.

Our final London show is tomorrow at Wilton's Music Hall after an afternoon action that we won't reveal in this church bulletin. Then Sunday morning we fly to Belfast, and what will happen there?

Earthalujah!

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**For more information on GMs. watch the video:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CU9LmFLaC18>

**Concluding: We print any letters here from all sides of both arguments. So long as it's relevant to the subject matters and provided it's not obscene we will print it. If you disagree with anything that's been said, please write in. This is a public arena so please feel free to have your say. Contact details will always be withheld on request.**