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## [Actions around the world to commemorate the International Day of Struggle Against Monoculture Tree Plantations](#)

Hereby we share a number of activities, new materials and media coverages from different countries to commemorate the International Day of Struggle Against Monoculture Tree Plantations 2017.

- Women organizations from several countries from West and Central Africa launched the petition: **“Stop all forms of abuse against women in large-scale monoculture tree plantations”**.

They released it simultaneously urging a stop to the suffering and the violent impacts the expansion of industrial oil palm plantations is creating on women’s lives (violence, sexual abuses, rape, harassment, persecution, destruction of their means of livelihoods). *If you wish to read and endorse the petition in solidarity with these women organizations in Africa, please click [here](#). (Available in [English](#), [Spanish](#), [Portuguese](#) and [French](#)).*

*More information: [Cameroun: Lutte contre les violences faites aux femmes...](#), [Yaoundé: une pétition contre les violences subies par les femmes vivant autour des plantations lancée](#). (Available in [French](#)).*

- In Sierra Leone, nearly 200 women affected by SOCFIN’s industrial oil palm plantations organized a demonstration to urge the national authorities to take action against SOCFIN for grabbing their lands. A press release **“Police block peaceful action by women affected by SOCFIN oil palm plantation in Sierra Leone”** was published. *Read the press release [here](#). (Available in [English](#) and [French](#)).*

- In Cameroon, SYNAPARCAM, one of the organizations struggling against SOCAPALM’s (owned by the SOCFIN group) oil palm plantations **organized a rally to raise their voices against the company’s oil palm plantations impacts**. *See the pictures [here](#). (Available in [French](#)).*

- In Gabon, the NGO Muyissi Environnement, of Mouila, visit Mboukou **to inform and talk with the villagers about the impacts of the activities of Olam Palm Gabon**. *Watch the video [here](#). (Available in [French](#)).*

- The RIAO Coordination in Kisangani organized a **day of reflection** on the importance of trees in human life and the history of monoculture plantations in the Democratic Republic of Congo. *See the pictures [here](#). (Available in [English](#) and [French](#)).*

- In Mozambique, **the organization Justiça Ambiental (JÁ!)** disseminated a press release announcing a new briefing titled “Como resistir às empresas de plantações de árvores?” (How to resist tree plantation companies?), aimed at strengthening communities resistance against industrial timber plantations. *The press release can be read [here](#). (Available in [Portuguese](#)).*

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- In Latin America, the RECOMA Network (with focal point organizations in more than 13 countries) produced and disseminated the Statement “**¡Por la vida y las aguas NO más monocultivos!**” (For life and water, NO more monocultures!), in defense of life and water, raising their voices against plantations.

Read the statement [here](#). (Available in [Spanish](#) and [Portuguese](#))

- In Brazil, the Centro de Estudios e Investigaciones para el Desarrollo del Extremo Sur de Bahía (CEPEDES) released a **video documentary: “Green Deserts: Eucalyptus plantations, agrottoxins and water”**. Watch the video [here](#). (Available in *English and Portuguese*).

- **The article “Eucalyptus monocultures are not forests”** was published by the Brazilian newspaper Sécuro Diário. Read the article [here](#). (Available in *Portuguese*)

- The Brazilian portal Brasil de Fato published the **article "Farmers denounce the transposition of the Pacuí River in Corazón de Jesús, North of Minas"**, on the impacts of tree monocultures on water. Read the article [here](#). (Available in *Portuguese*)

- Use and conservation of the cerrado: limits and possibilities. **A workshop with an agroecological market, a video exhibition and a round table** discussing the impacts of the expansion of monocultures tree plantations were held at the campus of the University of Três Lagoas, Mato Grosso do Sul - Brazil, on September 21st. See *the pictures* [here](#).

- **A banner’s exhibition denouncing monoculture tree plantations are not forests** was organised in Argentina by the Asociación de Trabajadores del Estado (ATE). The activity was held in the Family Agriculture national office, in El Dorado, Misiones province. See pictures [here](#). (Available in *Spanish*)

- The article “Una apuesta para limpiar la tierra de agrotóxicos” was published by the Argentinean newspaper Pagina 12. It is **about the land recovery by peasants in Misiones province**. Read *the article* [here](#) (Available in *Spanish*)

- In Chile, the Observatorio Latinoamericano de Conflictos Ambientales (OLCA) disseminated the Statement: “**En el día internacional de lucha contra los monocultivos de árboles: la tarea de transformar nuestros modelos productivos**” (International Day of Struggle Against Tree Monocultures: the task of transforming our models of production). Read *the statement* [aquí](#) (Available in *Spanish*).

- The Stop GE Trees Campaign and the Global Justice Ecology Project produced a [video](#) called “**10 replies to 10 lies about tree plantations**”. It summarizes the ten replies to the most often used lies by the timber and pulp industries to argue for the expansion of industrial tree plantations. Watch *the video and read more* [here](#). (Available in *English*)

- The Global Forest Coalition published a striking [photo essay](#) about the **role of eucalyptus plantations in Portugal’s** awful forest fires and an [opinion article](#) on Ecologist Magazine. (Available in *English*).

- **Videos: Plantations are not forest**. [Five short videos](#), produced by WRM, that show why industrial tree plantations are not forest. (Available in *English, Spanish, Portuguese and French*).

