



MURDERED ENVIRONMENTALISTS MENTIONED IN CHAPTER 9

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NAME	PHOTO	COUNTRY	BIRTH	DEATH	WHAT THEY FOUGHT AND DIED FOR
Karen Silkwood		U.S.A.	February 19, 1946	November 13, 1974	Trade unionist and worker at a nuclear plant (Kerr-McGee), Silkwood found numerous security anomalies and health protection norm violations at the nuclear station, including the exposure of workers to radioactive substances, inadequate storage of nuclear waste, etc. She denounced these serious irregularities and died at age 28 in a highly suspect road accident. Her story was made into a movie.
Wilson Pinheiro		Brazil		June 21, 1980	He was President of the Brazilia Rural Workers Union and helped lead the fight against cattle barons destroying the Amazon rainforest.
Dian Fossey		U.S.A.	January 16, 1932	December 27, 1985	Her degree in Occupational Therapy proved, years later, most useful in her process of observing, imitating and earning the confidence of various Mountain Gorilla groups. She worked in Zaire and later in Rwanda, where in 1967 she founded the Karisoke Research Centre. In 1974 she got her Doctorate in Zoology at Cambridge University. She wrote her book "Gorillas in the Mist". During her 22 years studying Gorillas, Fossey faced and fought poachers that were driving Mountain Gorillas to extinction. This earned her many enemies and is believed to be the cause of her murder in 1985.
Chico Mendes		Brazil	December 15, 1944	December 22, 1988	Rubber tapper, trade unionist and environmental activist, he fought peacefully against logging and clear-cutting the Amazon rainforest for cattle. He founded a union of rubber tappers in an attempt to preserve jobs and the tropical rainforest. He received international support and received the UNDP Global 500 Roll of Honor Award in 1987 and the National Wildlife Federation's National Conservation Achievement Award in 1988. Murdered in his home, Chico Mendes was the 19th rural activist to be murdered that year in Brazil.
Ken Saro-Wiwa		Nigeria	October 10, 1941	November 10, 1995	Writer (nominee for the Literature Nobel Prize), TV producer and environmentalist member of the Ogoni, ethnic group on the Niger River delta, an oil extraction zone since 1958. He presided the Movement for the Survival of the Ogoni People, which led a non-violent campaign against environmental damages caused by various multi-national oil companies, Shell in particular. As a result he was executed by the dictatorship of General Sani Abacha.
Godofredo Garcia		Peru	1937?	March 31, 2001	Leader of a local organization opposing the Tambogrande mining company, he was murdered at age 64.
Remberito Herrera		Peru		April 21, 2004	Murdered as he was protesting against the Río Blanco mining project.
Nun Dorothy Stang		U.S.A., naturalized Brazilian (lived her last 40 years in Brazil)	July 7, 1931	February 12, 2005	Activist in the Amazon Basin. Internationally recognized for her efforts to promote sustainable development projects and for denouncing illegal logging, illegal land privatization and violence against farmers in the region. At the age of 73, Stang received six bullet shots as she walked a muddy road in Pará.
Abbot Phra Supoj Suwajano		Thailand		17 de junio 2005	Buddhist monk stabbed inside the religious centre of Suan Methatham in the district of Sansai, for his involvement in protecting illegally claimed forests in the north of the province of Chiang Mai.
Melanio Garcia		Peru		August 1, 2005	He fought mining.
Edmundo Becerra Palomino		Peru		November 1, 2006	Veterinarian, he was among the leaders of the Frente de defensa de la comunidad de Yanachanchilla, in the Department of Cajamarca. He led opposition movements against mining companies and was murdered in his farm.
Eliezer "Boy" Billanes		Philippines	1962 o 1963	March 9, 2009	President of "The Alliance for Genuine Development in Mindanao", he courageously led the opposition against large scale mining, denouncing environmental disasters and adverse social impacts related to the Mining Liberalization Program of the Philippines' government. He lobbied for banning open-pit mining in the south of Cotabato. He was leader and teacher of farmers and indigenous communities.
Frederic Moloma Tuka		Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)	1941?	May 2, 2011	The logging company (Siforco) working in the Yalisika province of the DRC, failed to fulfill its promises to meet the requirements the community had marked. The people demonstrated. 60 army and police members entered the village and raped, beat and arrested the protesters, Killing Frederik Moloma Tuka aged 70.
Maria do Espirito Santo		Brazil	1960?	May 24, 2011	Member of the environmentalist group Conselho Nacional das Populações Extrativistas and leader of the Projeto Agroextrativista PraiaIta-Piranheira, she was murdered at the age of 51.
José Cláudio Ribeiro da Silva		Brazil	1959?	May 24, 2011	He campaigned against deforestation in the Amazon rainforest. He and his wife, Maria do Espirito Santo, were murdered when he was aged 52.
Father Fausto Tentorio		Italian, went to the Philippines in 1978	January 7, 1952	October 17, 2011	Italian priest, Missionary of the Pontifical Institute of Foreign Missions, he worked promoting the rights of indigenous people and farmers in the region. He received several death threats for speaking openly against the mining effects on the communities. An armed unknown man entered the complex of Our Lady of Perpetual Aid and shot several times Father Fausto Tentorio on October 2003 in Arakan, Cotabato, northern Philippines.
Nisio Gomes		Brazil		November 18, 2011	Leader of an indigenous settlement of guaraní-kaiowás in the Mato Grosso do Sul. His single goal in life was to defend the land that had traditionally belonged to his native group, land that was being exploited by agri-businessmen.
Luis Sanchez Colona		Peru		April 16, 2012	Representative of the Public Ministry (attorney), during his last year Luis Sanchez took on cases related to informal mining in the community of Huanchuy, district of Bellavista. As part of his job, he ordered interventions on vehicles that were leaving the city with illegal cargo. He was also investigating the homicide of the journalist Casmeño Pedro Flores, the report of which he had to present on the very week he was murdered. This report would determine if the district governor, Comandante Noel Víctor Rivero, would be accused as the intellectual author of the murder. The son of Luis was born a few hours after his father was murdered.
Chut Wutty		Cambodia		April 26, 2012	He denounced government corruption in the army's role in illegal logging conducted by companies that had received concessions in protected forests. In 1992 he received in Russia a masters degree in military studies, after which he worked for the Cambodian Mine Action Centre and as military trainer for the Ministry of National Defense. He was Associate Director of Global Witness in Cambodia (he watched illegal logging). When Global Witness was expelled from Cambodia, Chut Wutty founded and directed the Natural Resource Protection Group, which played the role of protecting Cambodia's natural resources. He was gunned while taking two journalists over to witness illegal logging with army protection.
Margarito Cabal		Philippines	1965?	May 9, 2012	Employed by the government of the Kibawe municipality in the province of Bukidnon, Margarito Cabal was an anti-dam activist known for his opposition to the construction of the huge Pulangi V hydroelectric dam project by the First Bukidnon Electric Cooperative. He was killed at age 47..
Almir Nogueira de Amorim		Brazil		June 23–25, 2012	Human Rights defender and leader of the Associação Homens do Mar, he protected the rights of the Rio de Janeiro fishermen, in particular those affected by the construction of the Petrobras gas duct. He was murdered together with João Luiz Telles Penetra.
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Hang Serei Oudom		Cambodia	1970?	September 9–11, 2012	Cambodian journalist of the Virakchun Khmer newspaper, he was worried about the increasingly reduced protected land in his native city. He was involved in producing environmental reports on illegal logging when he was murdered aged 42.
Juventina Villa Mojica		Mexico		November 28, 2012	Leader of the Organización de Campesinos Ecologistas de la Sierra de Petatlán y Coyuca de Catalán (Ocespcc), she opposed druglords that increase the size of their crop lands by felling trees. When she was about to lead the protest against the displacement of 45 families harassed by paramilitaries and forest fellers, she was murdered in an ambush carried out by 30 to 40 armed men on the mountains of Guerrero.
José Alejandro Montalván Macedo		Peru	9 de octubre de 1961	December 9, 2012	Casma Province Mayor, he was a member of the political organization Movimiento Independiente Regional Río Santa Caudaloso.
Prajob Nao-opas		Thailand	1970?	February 25, 2013	He denounced the inadequate disposal of toxic waste and condemned the government's "fundamental flaw" in protecting activists that endeavor to create social and environmental change. He was murdered at the age of 43.
Mauro Pio Peña		Peru		May 27, 2013	Leader of the native community of Nuevo Amanecer Hawaii, Pio Peña laboured against illegal logging and the pollution of the rivers in the central rainforest.