



Excerpts from the Universal Declaration of the Rights of Mother Earth

We are all part of Mother Earth, an indivisible, living community of interrelated forms. All forms of exploitation, abuse and contamination have caused great destruction to Mother Earth.

To guarantee human rights it is necessary to recognize and defend the rights of Mother Earth...

Mother Earth has the following inherent rights:

... the right to life, to exist and be respected;

... the right to regenerate its bio-capacity and to continue its vital cycles free from human disruptions;

...the right to water as a source of life, clean air and integral health;

...the right to be free from contamination and pollution;

...the right to not have its genetic structure modified or disrupted.

Obligations of human beings to Mother Earth:

... Every human being is responsible for respecting, protecting and living in harmony with Mother Earth;

...where necessary, restore the integrity, of the vital ecological cycles and balances of Mother Earth;

...promote economic systems that are in harmony with Mother Earth and in accordance with the rights recognized in this Declaration.

Invitation to Sign the Declaration of Rights of Mother Earth

We invite all Nations to sign the Declaration of The Rights of Mother Earth at the Earth Summit 2012 in Rio de Janeiro and implement rights of nature in their national constitution.

We call on the General Assembly of the United Nations to adopt rights of nature as a common standard of achievement for all peoples and all nations of the world.

The following is why it is important to me that my country supports Rights of Nature:

Signed by _____ Country _____ Date _____