# STOP ECOCIDE IN 3 MINUTES Activating a law to protect the Earth



## WHAT DOES ECOCIDE MEAN?

It means mass damage and destruction of ecosystems. Oil spills. Deforestation. Chemical pollution. Soil damage. Overfishing. Air pollution... committed over decades in pursuit of economic development, this destruction has led directly to climate breakdown and mass extinction.

### We know the dangers:

if we continue as we are, the Earth will no longer be able to sustain human civilization.

#### We know the costs:

to nature and humanity, especially to those already most impacted and exploited, and to future generations - of all species.

#### We have the solutions:

renewable energy, regenerative farming, circular economy... and the skills to put them in place.

## With all this knowledge, WHY does ECOCIDE continue?

Quite simply, because it's allowed to.

Corporations are obliged to maximise profit - by any lawful means. And right now, ECOCIDE is not a crime. It's as simple as that.

## IT'S TIME TO CHANGE THE RULES

At Stop Ecocide International, we work with diplomats, politicians and lawyers towards amending the most powerful legal document in the world - the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court - to include a crime of ECOCIDE, alongside genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity.

We also develop cross-sector support for this with corporate leaders, NGOs, indigenous and faith groups, influencers, academic experts and grassroots campaigns.

Recently a group of top lawyers from around the world, convened by our Foundation, gave ecocide a legal definition:

unlawful or wanton acts committed with knowledge that there is a substantial likelihood of severe and either widespread or long-term damage to the environment being caused by those acts.

Interest in criminalising ecocide is already a matter of public record at parliamentary and/or government level in the following countries via motions, resolutions, parliamentary questions, petitions, white papers or full proposals of law: Bangladesh, Brazil, Bolivia, Belgium, Canada, Chile, Cyprus, Denmark, Finland, France, Iceland, Ireland, Kenya, Luxembourg, the Maldives, Mexico, Netherlands, Portugal, Samoa, Scotland, Spain, Sweden, the UK and Vanuatu as well as at the European Parliament, the Nordic Council and the Inter-Parliamentary Union.

## AND YOU CAN HELP...

The greater the awareness, the more people using the word the more governments around the world will see it's time to make ECOCIDE an International crime. We know from experience that where the conversations are happening, the politicians sit up and take notice.

# SO, TELL EVERYONE!

Talk about it in your networks, your workplace, your social circles... make it your mission to sign up your friends, your family, your colleagues. ... you can follow us on Facebook. Twitter or Instagram just by searching @EcocideLaw & learn more about our work and how to support it at our website



