



*Call of the Trees*

## News

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### Trees Respond to Climate Change by Calling for Urgent “Human Change”

Forty-five urgent messages from trees to humans have been published in a book by an expert in communications with nature. “Call of the Trees,” by Dorothy Maclean, is a compilation of telepathic messages received from the trees.

One of the messages -- from the collective intelligence of the trees -- is an urgent appeal to humanity to re-forest the Earth:

“Great forests must flourish—and humanity must see to this—if you wish to live on this planet.

“The knowledge of this necessity must become part of your consciousness, as much accepted as your need for water. You need trees just as much; the two are linked.

“We are indeed the skin of the Earth and skin not only covers and protects, but passes through it the forces of life. Nothing could be more vital to life as a whole than trees, trees, and more trees.”

Three-quarters of the Earth’s primary forests have now been cut. According to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations <<http://www.fao.org/>>, deforestation continues at an alarming rate worldwide, about 32 million acres (13 million hectares) per year, an area the size of Louisiana or Greece.

“Humans are finally waking up,” says Jonathan Corcoran, director of Friends of the Call of the Trees, “realizing that we are all passengers on planet Earth.

“When we destroy our forests, we are compromising the health and stability of the whole organism—trees are very simply the foundation of terrestrial life. We are beginning to understand that what we think, feel, and do actually matters to the rest of life.”

Humanity is responding.

The Billion Tree Campaign which was launched in 2006 by the United Nations Environment Program has resulted in the planting of 7.3 billion trees in 167 countries worldwide—one for every person on the planet.

Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Wangari Maathai, the founder of the Kenyan Green Belt Movement and the Campaign's co-sponsor, said: "Let's plant even more trees to celebrate this wonderful achievement, the fruit of collective action from people all over the planet."

Forests serve as the planet's carbon sinks and "lungs." Approximately 20 percent of total emissions of carbon dioxide, result from deforestation and forest degradation. This is occurring especially in the forests of Amazonia, Southeast Asia, the Congo Basin, and the boreal region of northern Canada and Siberia.

"Trees are the living and breathing skin of the Earth," adds Corcoran. "When the skin dries, the organism dies. The large primary, old-growth trees that are left on the planet *must* be protected if the Earth is to stabilize. These ancient trees conduct and ground very powerful incoming energies from the cosmos that are critical to the stability of the planetary system."

Accordingly, Friends of Call of the Trees has endorsed the Forests Now Declaration <<http://www.forestsnow.org/declaration.php>>, which along with the recent 350.org global citizen action campaign, called on governments of the world to take decisive action on climate change at the next talks in Copenhagen in December.

However, concerns are growing that governments do not have the collective will to endorse the Forests Now Declaration, which is key to any agreement. Its main points are:

**"If we lose forests, we all lose.** Deforestation is the second biggest source of global carbon emissions after the burning of fossil fuels.

**"This not just about carbon, but about life itself.** Tropical forests alone support half the species of life on Earth and provide ecosystem (life support) services that benefit all humanity.

**"The developing nations are the stewards of the world's tropical forests.** They are not responsible for climate change, but will disproportionately suffer its effects. These forests sustain the livelihoods of 1.4 billion of the world's poor. With no other source of fuel, fodder or income, many of them have no choice but to degrade forests to survive.

**"Forest peoples and communities need real incentives to maintain and grow their forest capital.** Deforestation and forest degradation are driven by external demands—for timber, beef, soybeans and biofuels—which destroy trees for land. Conservation alone has proven no match for commerce. New market mechanisms must sustainably provide the additional sources of finance required."

Friends of Call of the Trees believes that is time to end our war against the forests. "Civilization has never achieved sustainability," notes Corcoran. "Only nature and indigenous peoples have. They are our models, our teachers."

As John Perlin's story of civilization and forests, "A Forest Journey," observes, "Losing our forests would not merely be the end of nature, it could mean the end of us."

Chief Edward John of the Carrier Sekani Tribal Council in Prince George, British Columbia, Canada, points out:

“For too long, the land and its vast and diverse resources have been viewed as conquerable and inexhaustible.

“Also for too long, its management and use have been shaped by policies encouraging short-term economic gain.

“In this process, man has isolated himself from the land. Secure in towns and cities far away from the forest lands, politicians and technocrats pay no serious attention to the devastating consequences of their undertakings.

“The human species is an interdependent and integral part of the land, the water, the air, the animals, and all of creation.

“As it nourishes us, as it clothes us, and as it warms us, the earth is like our mother. And as we owe to our mother, we have a duty and responsibility to protect it for the generations yet to come.”

“Call of the Trees” challenges current human beliefs and conditioning about its relationship to nature. It calls for an awakening of human consciousness to restore the Earth to health. For more information, visit [www.callofthetrees.com](http://www.callofthetrees.com) <<http://www.callofthetrees.com/>>.

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Friends of Call of the Trees was organized in 2002 to broadcast the messages received by Dorothy Maclean from the trees. The volunteer organization spent the next three years preparing the publication of the book, “Call of the Trees.” The Friends then distributed the book to bookstores, launched the website, and participated in numerous events in Vermont. It is now taking the messages nationwide.

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