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Centre for World Environmental History (CWEH) – University of Sussex

Newsletter from Activism and Academia Network – CWEH



We are pleased to launch our blog. You will find the link on CWEH homepage.

Link: http://www.sussex.ac.uk/cweh/research/academia_and_activism/blog

A big thank you for our colleague Carol Yong to have initiated the blog.

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January 2018 - Excellent new articles on the impact on indigenous people, inflicted by dams & resettlement, and European policy on palm oil biofuels, all in Malaysia.

Links:

http://www.sussex.ac.uk/cweh/research/academia_and_activism/blog/2018-01-19

http://www.sussex.ac.uk/cweh/research/academia_and_activism/blog/2018-01-26

http://www.sussex.ac.uk/cweh/research/academia_and_activism/blog/2018-02-07

In February this year we got some positive network updates:

- At the end of February 2018 we got reports from Saranda rights activist Gladson Dung Dung about activity of local movement against the Jharkhand Government decision to reject the forest rights claims, based on the Forest Rights Act 2006. Several villages are effected in the region of two coal blocks - Rajbar

and Banhardi - following the allocation of coal blocks in Latehar by the Jharkhand Government.

Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CNFowVi513M>

- The Tesoro Escondido Spider Monkey Reserve and new cacao producing eco community – Choco, in support of local communities to improve their living and help with conservation work in Ecuador. The focus is on critically endangered brown-headed spider monkey *Ateles fusciceps fusciceps*, which is one of the top 25 most endangered primates globally. The link to the Choco project leads to a wonderful clip worth watching on the homepage.

Links: <https://www.tesororeserve.org/><https://www.tesororeserve.org/>

<http://chocoprojectecuador.wixsite.com/chocoprojectecuador>

- A report about a third High Court ruling in London in favour of the Zambian government and people, and against Konkola Copper Mines (KCM, subsidiary of mining company Vedanta Ltd.) since 2014: The High Court ordered KCM on 2 January 2018 to pay \$139 million, including costs, to the Zambian government for a copper and cobalt price participation agreement dating back to 2004.

Link: <http://www.foilvedanta.org/news/london-ruling-awards-zambia-139-million-from-kcm/>

- And more mining news. This one from the Australian Securities and Exchange Commission, which has just announced it is taking legal action against Guy Elliot and Tom Albanese, two former officers of Rio Tinto, for misrepresenting the true debt levels of the company in bid to take over a Mozambique mining company. This update is submitted by CWEH senior research associates Roger Moody.

Link: <http://www.asic.gov.au/about-asic/media-centre/find-a-media-release/2018-releases/18-061mr-asic-takes-action-against-rio-tinto-and-its-former-ceo-and-cfo-for-misleading-and-deceptive-conduct/>

A programme of events for the Activists and Academia Forum - CWEH will be available soon.

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