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NEW FARMING VISIONS, INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGES, TRADITIONAL PRACTICES IN THE GLOBAL SOUTH

Bushman`s Secret 2006, EN/Khoisan languages, Rehad Desai, 65 Min.

Keywords: *South Africa, hoodia, traditional medicine, medicinal plants, pharmaceuticals, big companies, Bushmen, Kalahari, colonialism, postcolonialism, San, Namibia, Botswana, using rights, property rights, indigenous rights, indigenous knowledge*

“When South African filmmaker Rehad Desai travels to the Kalahari to investigate global interest in ancient Bushmen knowledge, he meets Jan van der Westhuizen, a (..) Khomani San traditional healer. Jan’s struggle to live close to nature is hampered by centuries of colonial exploitation of the San Bushmen and of their land. Unable to survive as they once did hunting and gathering, the Khomani now live in a state of poverty that threatens to see the last of this community forever. One plant could make all the difference. Hoodia, a cactus used by Bushmen for centuries, has caught the attention of a giant pharmaceutical company. It now stands to decide the fate of the Khomani San.” (der.org)

Trailer: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LSwApUJC1X8>

Film online: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uqku6Aq-ZDc>

Review: <http://www.eyeforfilm.co.uk/review/bushmans-secret-film-review-by-amber-wilkinson>

Global Biodiversity Outlook 3 – Official Video 2010, EN, UN Convention on Biological Diversity, 10:24 Min.

Keywords: *Biodiversity, environment, UN Global Biodiversity Outlook, report, Biodiversity Futures Study, climate change, traditional knowledge, farming*

“Global Biodiversity Outlook 3 Official video. Global Biodiversity Outlook is the flagship publication of the Convention on Biological Diversity.” (Convention on Biological Diversity Youtube Channel chmcbd)

Film online: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EGMkW_vo5GU

Comment: More informations about the UN Convention on Biological Diversity: online: <http://www.cbd.int/> - Video-Channel of the Convention on Biological Diversity: <https://www.youtube.com/user/chmcbd/videos>

Growing Change: A Journey Inside Venezuela's Food Revolution 2011, EN/ES, Simon Cunich, 60 Min.

Keywords: *Venezuela, food revolution, global food crisis, food chains, communities*

„How will the world feed itself in the future? Can we grow a fair and sustainable food system? - A journey through the food chain, to see what's possible, when communities, not corporations, take control of food. Starring farmers, fisherfolk, cocoa producers, urban gardeners and people who eat food“ (from the Trailer)

Trailer: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KAMdKEEy1so>

Reviews: <http://emro.lib.buffalo.edu/emro/emroDetail.asp?Number=5111> or <http://thetriangle.org.au/?p=408>

Guardians of Diversity: International Climate Exchange in the Potato Park, Peru 2014, EN/ES, International Institute for Environment and Development IEED, 15:36 Min.

Keywords: *Food security, climate change, indigenous knowledge, farming, ancestors, Potato Park, Peru, Diversity, seeds, China, Bhutan, Amaru, mountain communities, ideas, visions*

“Indigenous farmers from Bhutan and China visited the Andean Potato Park in Peru in April 2014. The Potato Park is an Indigenous Biocultural Territory set up to protect traditional Andean landscapes, production systems and agrobiodiversity, recognising the indivisibility and inter-dependence between culture, biodiversity and the territory.” (ieed.org)

Film online: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0rv6O8zaYio>

Film Website: <http://www.ied.org/film-documents-visit-guardians-diversity-potato-park>

Mujer Semilla. Conservación y Manejo Sustentable de Tierras en México y Guatemala – Contra la Desertificación y el Cambio Climático 2013, ES, Fernanda Rivero G, 27 Min.

Keywords: *Mexico, Guatemala, women, agriculture, human rights, women rights, natural resources, climate change, desertification, indigenous knowledge, sustainability*

In this documentary women of Puebla, Chiapas, Veracruz, Oaxaca and Baja Verapaz tell their stories of treating natural resources, working in agriculture as women, about human rights, and their battle to achieve them.

Film online: <http://www.oxfammxico.org/documental-mujer-semilla/#.VQlgbY6G8m> or https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bri_rWPG7S4

Review: <http://www.miambiente.com.mx/en-ambiente/mujer-semilla-documental-sobre-manejo-sustentable-de-tierras>

Comment: Short documentary, partners of the project: OXFAM México, OXFAM GB, RIOD-Mex, and many more, with support from the European Union (2010-2013)

SEED: The Untold Story 2015, EN, Taggart Siegel/ Jon Betz (**UPCOMING**)

Keywords: *Biodiversity, seeds, seed diversity, seed saving, Monsanto, US, Hawaii, pesticides, health impacts, Navdanya Seed Bank India*

„This (...) story follows an extraordinary cast of heroic farmers, committed scientists and visionary seed collectors who are passionately dedicated to saving our planet’s seed diversity. On an absorbing journey into “doomsday” seed vaults, the colorful world of seeds and to indigenous tribes protecting their sacred seed ancestry, SEED celebrates the mystery, power and essential nature of seeds.“ (Seed: The Untold Story)

Trailer: <https://vimeo.com/97882647>

Infos: <http://www.seedthemovie.com/>

Comment: Financed by Campaign on kickstarter (<https://www.kickstarter.com/projects/collectiveeyefilms/seed-the-untold-story-the-final-push>). Same film makers of „The Real Dirt on Farmer John“ (2005)

Seeds of Freedom 2012, EN, Jess Phillimore, 30 Min.

Keywords: *Food economy, chemical agronomy, hybrids, international corporations, mono-crops, Vandana Shiva, Monsanto, Du Pont, Syngenta, Bayer, BASF, GMO, India, Ethiopia, African countries*

This short documentary shows the problematic situation of the current food economy, the rising involvement of international corporations in countries of the global south (India, African countries) and the growing marginalisation of traditional seeds, producers and farmers. Various experts from NGOs like Navdanya International, GRAIN, MELCA Ethiopia, but also local farmers talk about their deep concerns regarding to these current developments.

Film online: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C-bK8X2s1kI> or <https://vimeo.com/43879272>

Reviews: <https://globalfoodpolitics.wordpress.com/2013/07/18/patents-and-seed-a-short-review-of-seeds-of-freedom/> or Review from the „other side“, from chemist James Cooper: <http://www.examiner.com/article/seeds-of-freedom-a-beautiful-but-puzzling-film>

Comment: Produced by Gaia Foundation and African Biodiversity Network (in collaboration with MELCA Ethiopia, Navdanya International, GRAIN), online: <http://www.gaiafoundation.org/seeds-of-freedom-a-landmark-film>

More Infos on the Film: <http://www.seedsoffreedom.info/>

Seeds of Sovereignty 2013, EN/African languages, Liz Hosken, 35 Min.

Keywords: *Seeds, Africa, traditional knowledge, indigenous knowledge, local NGOs, ecologically safe, socially just, nutritious way of farming, indigenous seed varieties, seed diversity, farming practices, biodiversity, small-scale agriculture, role of women*

„As the world’s agriculture and food systems face a crisis of disappearing seed diversity, a new short film tells the story of how African farming communities and organisations are reviving traditional seed diversity across the continent, and resisting mounting corporate pressure to use industrialised seed and farming methods.“ (Gaia Foundation on vimeo.com)

Film online: <https://vimeo.com/79790350?height=360px&width=640> or https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9GLYIw_QdIQ

Review: http://www.theecologist.org/reviews/2196014/seeds_of_sovereignty.html

Comment: produced by The Gaia Foundation, African Biodiversity Network, MELCA Ethiopia, GRAIN. Film-Website: <http://www.gaiafoundation.org/news/new-film-seeds-of-sovereignty>

Semente Paraíso 2014, PT, Brigada de Audiovisual dos Povos, CEAS, NEPPA, 18:40 Min.

Keywords: *Urban agriculture, Brazil, Salvador (BA), Movement of the Homeless*

A short documentary about the mobilizing process of families of the Movement of the Homeless (Movimento Sem Teto da Bahia) to reinterpret their living area by occupying Quilombo Paraíso in the railway suburbs of Salvador-BA.

Film online: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rFZol94i9SQ>

Songs of Seeds 2015, EN Subtitles, Ruedi Gerber (**UPCOMING**)

Keywords: *India, rice farmers, agricultural heritage, seed production, GMO*

„a lyrical and intimate portrait of the rice farmers and seeds of the globally important agricultural heritage system of Kuttanad, Kerala; a community and culture on the brink. (...) Ruedi Gerber (...) starts exploring the lives of the farmers and the state of their seed production. While the threat of GMO looms in this area, this film turns the lens on the farmers to give them a voice.“ ZAS Films

Preview Clip: <https://vimeo.com/111834483>

More Informations: ZAS Films: <http://www.zasfilms.ch/de/filme/seeds-of-love/>

The Great Laws of Nature: Indigenous Organic Agriculture 2011 (?), EN, Noah Erenberg, 22 Min.

Keywords: *Canada, Muskoday Organic Growers Co-op Ltd, Coops, social work, indigenous knowledge, organic farming, agriculture, sustainability, nature, self-reliance, postcolonialism, first nation persons, inequalities, government, land, organic plant nutrients, food industry*

“A group of First Nations People in Saskatchewan Canada are reclaiming their Indigenous organic and natural agricultural heritage, reconnecting with Nature, learning and observing her natural laws, and getting back on the road to self-reliance. [Muskoday Organic Growers Co-op Ltd, December 19, 2011]” (bcfoodsecuritygateway.ca)

Film online: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vn1ym5r7pgg>

Review: <https://intercontinentalcry.org/the-great-laws-of-nature-indigenous-organic-agriculture/>

Comment: co-produced by Les Productions Rivard and Media RendezVous.

The Power of Community. How Cuba Survived Peak Oil 2006, EN, Faith Morgan, 53 Min.

Keywords: *Institute of Community Solutions, Cuba, organic farming, urban gardening, urban farming, economic crisis, peak oil, visions*

“Cubans share how they transitioned from a highly mechanized, industrial agricultural system to one using organic methods of farming and local, urban gardens. It is an unusual look into the Cuban culture during this economic crisis, which they call "The Special Period." (powerofcommunity.org)

Trailer: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=urTPsSFV2y8>

Film (EN, subtitles in ES): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UUWces5TkCA>

Review: „a classic documentary in a peak-oil world“ <http://transitionvoice.com/2011/12/when-down-is-up-review-the-power-of-community/>

The Seeds of Vandana Shiva: A Documentary Film. The Remarkable Life Story of Indian Eco-Activist Vandana Shiva 2015, EN, Jim Becket / Becket Films (UPCOMING)

Keywords: *Vandana Shiva, sustainability, indigenous knowledge, GMO, climate change, nature, patriarchal, Western, knowledge, biography, India, activism, civil society, visions*

“(…)Vandana Shiva is an icon of a global movement, a veritable rock star. But even among those who pride themselves on being well-informed, she’s relatively unknown. And even among activists, few know how this daughter of a forest guard (…) rose from obscurity to become the single most articulate voice of anti-corporate sustainability in the world(…) The Seeds of Vandana Shiva focuses on the people, circumstances and seminal events in Vandana’s life--what shaped her thinking and defined her purpose.” (BecketFilms)