



**Multimedia Library Collection: Environmental Film Profiles (videos)**

***Dirty Paradise***

Schweizer, Daniel. *Dirty Paradise*. Zurich: Dschoint Ventschr Filmproduktion, 2009. 35 mm, 76 min. <https://youtu.be/TD3K0jOPMCQ>.

Today an incredible sanitary and ecological disaster is taking place in the heart of the Amazonia in an overseas department of France, on the border between Surinam and French Guyana. *Dirty Paradise* shares the plight of a thousand Indians who are trying to survive the devastation caused by 10,000 illegal gold-seekers who hide in the forests. The gold fever has swept across the region and mercury contamination has created health problems. Unfortunately, the worst is yet to come. *Dirty Paradise* is the story of an Amerindian tribe which refuses to disappear silently or remain indifferent. (Source: [Official Film Website](#))

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**Further readings:**

- Fréry, N et al. “Gold-Mining Activities and Mercury Contamination of Native Amerindian Communities in French Guiana: Key Role of Fish in Dietary Uptake.” *Environmental Health Perspectives* 109.5 (2001): 449–456.

**Websites linked in this text:**

- <http://www.dschointventschr.ch/en/movies/documentaries/dirty-paradise>
- <http://www.carsoncenter.uni-muenchen.de/index.html>
- <https://www.environmentandsociety.org/mml/collection/9449?page=0%2C1>