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The Carbon Rush

Miller, Amy. *The Carbon Rush.* Wattlington: Kinosmith, 2012. HD, 90 min. https://youtu.be/asBzPgFNspU.

> Hundreds of hydroelectric dams in Panama. Incinerators burning garbage in India. Biogas extracted from palm oil in Honduras. Eucalyptus forests harvested for charcoal in Brazil. What do these projects have in common? They are all receiving carbon credits for offsetting pollution created somewhere else. But what impact are these offsets having? Are they actually reducing emissions? And what about the people and the communities where these projects have been set up? *The Carbon Rush* takes us around the world to meet the people most impacted but least heard in the cacophony surrounding this emerging "green-gold" multi-billion dollar carbon industry. From indigenous rain forest dwellers having their way of life completely threatened, to dozens of *Campesinos* assassinated, to the livelihood of waste pickers at landfills taken away, it travels across four continents and brings us up close to projects working through the United Nations-Kyoto Protocol designed Clean Development Mechanism. It reveals the true cost of carbon trading and shows who stands to gain and who stands to lose. (Source: Official Film Website)

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About the Environmental Film Profiles collection

Further readings:

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Related links:

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- Donald A. Brown. “Ethical Issues Raised by Carbon Trading”(PennState University)
  http://rockethics.psu.edu/everyday-ethics/ethical-issues-raised-by-carbon-trading
- Carbon Retirement - An Alternative to Traditional Carbon Offsetting
  http://www.carbonretirement.com/

Websites linked in this text:

- http://www.thecarbonrush.net/about
- http://www.carsoncenter.uni-muenchen.de/index.html
- https://www.environmentandsociety.org/multimedia/collection/environmental-films-project