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My Mother, Oak

Rahmani, Mahmoud. *My Mother, Oak.* Iran: Cineport International Media, 2011. 16 mm, 52 min.

> *My Mother, Oak is an exploration of the conflict between environmental concerns and poverty, which developed in the Zagros Mountain regions in the southwest of Iran due to the construction of the "Karun-3" dam. In the wake of floods which submerged 63 villages and rendered 15,000 people homeless, many people were forced to illegally cut down trees and make charcoal in order to make a living. This film explores the lives and mindsets of some of these people, while providing visually poetic shots of the mountain regions.* (Source: IMVBox)

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Related links:

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  http://en.iwpco.ir/karun3/default.aspx
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  https://www.environmentandsociety.org/mml/drowned-out
- Das Blaue Gold im Garten Eden [Blue Gold in the Garden of Eden] (Film Profile)
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