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***Les Invisibles de Belo Monte* [Belo Monte's Invisibles]**

Pelletier, François-Xavier. *Les Invisibles de Belo Monte* [Belo Monte's Invisibles]. Geneva: Homme Nature, 2012. HD, 59 min. <https://youtu.be/TUGFLDPlE-U>.

This film shows the environmental and social consequences of the construction of the controversial Belo Monte hydroelectric dam at the heart of the Volta Grande do Xingu in the Brazilian Amazon. This will destroy 800,000 hectares of forest and river, exterminate endemic animal and plant species and displace 40,000 families from their traditional lands. Shot in difficult conditions and in the most remote areas of the Amazon forest, this film takes us into the encounter and gives voice to the “invisibles” affected by this imminent tragedy. (Translated from the original French at [Tandem Image](#))

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**Further readings:**

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- Patagonia Rising (Film Profile)  
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