



Multimedia Library Collection: Environmental Film Profiles (videos)

Rainforest: The Limit of Splendour

Boyce, Richard. *Rainforest: The Limit of Splendour*. Montreal: National Film Board of Canada, 2011. HD, 52 min. <https://vimeo.com/ondemand/21864/98514950>.

Inspired by his relationship with a Kwaxkwaka'wakw elder, the filmmaker embarks upon a cinematic journey to an ancient rainforest on the Pacific Coast of Canada. Guided by passion and a determination to honor reality, Boyce travels to the most remote corner of Vancouver Island, through some of the most intensive logging on the planet, into a wilderness that is on the brink of extinction. Massive trees thrive along the banks of an ancient river floodplain providing for diverse life forms in the temperate rainforest. This film is an evocative journey, contrasting forestry as practiced for ten thousand years by First Nations people with modern logging. (Source: [National Film Board of Canada](#))

© 2011 National Film Board of Canada. Trailer used with permission.

This film is available at the Rachel Carson Center Library (RCC, 4th floor, Leopoldstrasse 11a, 80802 Munich) for on-site viewing only. For more information, please contact library@rcc.lmu.de.

[About the Environmental Film Profiles collection](#)

Further readings:

- Braun, Bruce. *The Intemperate Rainforest: Nature, Culture, and Power on Canada's West Coast*. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press, 2002.
- Hartman, G. F., and J. C. E. Scrivener. *Impacts of Forestry Practices on a Coastal Stream Ecosystem, Carnation Creek, British Columbia*. Ottawa: Dept. of Fisheries and Oceans, 1990.
- McCarthy, James. "Neoliberalism and the Politics of Alternatives: Community Forestry in British Columbia and the United States." *Annals of the Association of American Geographers* 96, no. 1 (2006): 84–104.
- Rajala, Richard A. *Clearcutting the Pacific Rain Forest: Production, Science, and Regulation*. Toronto: UBC Press, 1998.

Related links:

- Official Film Website
<http://rainforestmovie.ca/w1/>
- Canada's Rainforests Under Threat (David Suzuki Foundation)
<http://www.davidsuzuki.org/publications/downloads/2005/DSF-rainforests-2005-5.pdf>
- "Conflict Resolution and British Columbia's Great Bear Rainforest. Lessons Learned 1995-2009" by Patrick Armstrong (PDF)
http://www.coastforestconservationinitiative.com/pdf7/GBR_PDF.pdf
- Smoke from His Fire (Film on the Kwakwaka'wakw people)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch>
- Sierra Club BC. "Vancouver Island Old-Growth Logging Rate will Lead to Collapse."
<http://sierraclub.bc.ca/vancouver-island-old-growth-collapse/>

Websites linked in this text:

- https://www.nfb.ca/film/rain_forest_the_limit_of_splendour/
- <https://www.environmentandsociety.org/multimedia/collection/environmental-films-project>