

GLOBAL BAN ON GM TREES PETITION TEXT ([HTTP://ELONMERKKI.NET/DYN/APPEAL/](http://elonmerkki.net/dyn/appeal/)) HAS BEEN SIGNED BY 2608 INDIVIDUALS AND 286 NGO:S FROM 70 COUNTRIES UNTILL 8TH DECEMBER.

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Organic Agriculture Association (Albania)
Friends of the Earth Finland (Finland)
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Scottish Green Party (United Kingdom)
Grupo de Reflexion Rural, Europe (Denmark)
GE Free New Zealand in Food and Environment Inc. (New Zealand)
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Town Hall Coalition (United States)
Sociedade Portuguesa de Antrozologia (Portugal)
Global Forest Coalition (Paraguay)
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Organic Cooperative Marjarinteen Metsäpuutarha (Finland)
civic association Za Matku Zem (For Mother Earth Slovakia) (Slovak Republic)
StopOGM (Switzerland)
Society for Sustainable Living in SR (Slovak Republic)
Say No To GMOs! (United States)
Friends of the Earth Slovakia (Slovak Republic)
Euskal Herriko Hazien Sarea (Other)
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Forest Action Network (Canada)
African Centre for Biosafety (South Africa)
Gaia Foundation (United Kingdom)
Ecosouthwest (Bulgaria)
Institute for Sustainable Development (Ethiopia)
Northern Light Ecoalition (Canada)
Mission Possible Intl (United States)
World Rainforest Movement (Uruguay)
Earthfirst! (New Zealand)
Green Network of Vojvodina (Serbia and Montenegro)
Comuni Antitransgenici (Italy)
FORO CONTADINO (Italy)
National Centr Environmental Forecasting (Azerbaijan)
Movimento di Biocoscienza (Italy)
Associazione Hundertwasser (Italy)
The-Tree Community (United Kingdom)
Eusaki Herriko Nekazarien Elkartzatsuna - Basque Farmers' Union (BasqueCountry)
SOSNA civic association (Slovak Republic)
CEEV Zivica (Slovak Republic)
The Edmonton Friends of the North Environmental Society (Canada)
Free University of the Sea (Italy)
Terra locale (Italy)
Legambiente Bassa Sabina (Italy)
Az. Agr. Eredi Francesco Rizzelli (Italy)
Northern Lights Ecoalition (Canada)
Eremurus Ecological Club (Russian Federation)
Biosafety Campaign, International Socio-Ecological Union (Russian Federation)
Perunka Log Works (Finland)
Peaceful Parks Coalition (Canada)
Birds of Prey Protection Society (Bulgaria)
InfoECOclub for Healthy environment (Bulgaria)
The Greens Movement of Georgia / FoE-Georgia (Georgia)
Northwest Resistance Against Genetic Engineering (United States)
Environmental association "For the Earth" (Bulgaria)
GMO Free kauai (United States)
Native Forest Network (United States)
Azerbaijan Society for the Protection of Animals (Azerbaijan)
Association of Sosial Economic Researches (Azerbaijan)
German League for Nature (DNR) (Germany)
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Forum Ökologie & Papier (Germany)
Friends of the Earth International (Other)
OGM dangers (France)
Institute of Science in Society (United Kingdom)
Vohra Yea Group (India)
Emory University (United States)
SWISSAID (Switzerland)
Shanti Services (United States)
Terre des Jeunes (Canada)
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Mangrove Action Project (United States)
GEASPHERE (South Africa)
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Northern Youth Arts and Activism Collective (Canada)
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Earth Rainbow Network (Canada)
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Forester (Pakistan)
OPIRG Waste Reduction (Canada)
genista foundation (Malta)
The Sierra Club (USA) (United States)
Northwoods Wilderness Recovery (United States)
Northern Heritage - Association for saving the local varieties of garden plants in Northern Finland (Finland)
The ZHABA Collective (Hungary)
Irokofoundation (Nigeria)
Biologisch-Veganes Netzwerk in Deutschland (Germany)
OneWorld UK (United Kingdom)
European Youth for Action (Netherlands)
ECOTERRA International (Germany)
Friends of the Siberian Forests (Russian Federation)
Young Researchers of Banja Luka (Bosnia-Herzegovina)
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Green/Efa Group (France (European Ter.))
InfoNature.Org - Information and Education (Portugal)
Global Ecovillage Network of Europe e.V. (Germany)
New Green Alliance (Canada)
GE FREE NORTHLAND in Food & Environment (New Zealand)
The Ecologists' Movement of Macedonia (FoE - Macedonia)
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ME "Molika"-Bitola (Macedonia)
Information for Action (Australia)
The BrightEyes Society (Netherlands)
Action Against Poisoning (Netherlands)
Gensaat.de - German campaign for GVO-free agriculture (Germany)
JNM - Belgium (JeugdBond voor Natuurstudie en Milieubescherming vzw)(Belgium)
Friends of the Earth Scotland (United Kingdom)
Moviment Graffiti (Malta)
Fondation pour une Terre Humaine (Switzerland)
Moscow Regional Branch of the Russian Birds Conservation Union (Russian Federation)
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Schweizerische Arbeitsgruppe Gentechnologie SAG (Switzerland)
Heilpraktikerschule Bierbach (Great Britain (UK))
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Eine-Welt-Forum Mönchengladbach e.V. (Other)
DALLAS LIVE (Germany)
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Tierrechtsoffensive Franken (Germany)
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Robin Wood (Germany)
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Rainforest Information Centre (Australia)
Heart Of Mother Earth (United States)
Presentation Sisters Wagga Australia (Australia)
françoise schelstraete (United Kingdom)
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GLOBAL 2000/Friends of the Earth Austria (Austria)
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Gaia Foundation (United Kingdom)
Paradise Now (Germany)
Scientists for Global Responsibility (United Kingdom)
RAPAL URUGUAY (Uruguay)
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Bürgerinitiative Omega (Germany)
Buergewelle Germany (Germany)
Dutchman's Trading Group (United States)
Graines (France)
South West Environment Centre (Austria)
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Yonge Nawe Environmental Action Group, Friends of the Earth Swaziland (Other)
Munlochy GM Vigil (United Kingdom)
Ecological Society of the Philippines (Philippines)
Azerbaijan Greens Movement (AGM) (Azerbaijan)
New Green Canada (Canada)
Pesticide Action Network Philippines (Philippines)
Peoples Moratorium Enforcement Agency (New Zealand)
Steuben Greens (United States)
YSDA-Pilipinas Inc. (Youth for Sustainable Development Assembly) (Philippines)
Braidwood Greens (Australia)
Narrawallee Foreshore & Reserves Bushcare Group (Australia)
sag (Switzerland)
Osjecki zeleni (Croatia)
Groupe de Recherche en Agriculture Biologique (France)
CORE Centre for Organisation Research & Education (Indigenous Peoples'
Centre for Policy and Human Rights in India's North (India)
UNALM_CONCLAEA (Peru)
Hawaii Genetic Engineering Action Network (United States)
Egyptian Green Party (Egypt)
Association AGROLINK (Bulgaria)
Green Party of Aotearoa New Zealand (New Zealand)
Red Forestal Amazonica - Bolivia (Bolivia)
Cycle for Old Growth Forests (COGF) (Australia)
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Northwest Resistance Against Genetic Engineering
African Conservation Foundation (Other)
PanEco Foundation (Switzerland)
Angikar Bangladesh (Banglades)
Australian Greens (Australia)
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Amigos por Naturaleza (Argentina)
IPEP (Brazil)
(Bolivia)
Ecoportal (Argentina)
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Centro Fatima (Ecuador)
Premi-Congo (Congo)
FUNDACION ECOLOGICA COSMOS (Colombia)
Liberation Collective (United States)
Greenpeace (Germany)
CIRCOD Nepal (Other)
AFDEA- Asociación de Formadores Docentes en Educación Ambiental (Uruguay)
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People's Forest Forum

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on GM Trees**

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Neil J. Carman, Ph.D. (United States)
Comment: I strongly support a global ban on GE trees and keeping GE trees out of the Kyoto Protocol and UN treaties. I work for the Sierra Club and serve on a Sierra Club Genetic Engineering Committee which opposes GE trees in the USA.

Sue Edwards, Institute for Sustainable Development (Ethiopia)
Comment: GM trees is THE most damaging form in which to inflict the hazards of genetic engineering on the rest of the biological world. We do not even know the full complement of living organisms that live with, in, on and under trees, but GM would impact all.

BarbaraJoy Bogorad, Vice President, GMO-FREE MAUI.com (United States)
Comment: GMO-Free Maui.com We have more experimental fields of pharmaceuticals and industrial chemicals growing on our islands than anywhere else in the world. "THEY" are growing blood thinners and blood thickeners and spermicides spliced right into some corn growing right in the open air. Antibiotic resistance breed into all of it. TetraCyline.....in the papayas. SO SO SAD..... Total disrespect for beautiful, generous, gracious Nature*

Anna Fraser, The-Tree Community (United Kingdom)
Comment: The science involved is no doubt interesting to many people, but we should never forget just how little we still know. We are only just beginning to suspect the vastness of the complicated interrelations natural habitats. In any experiments something will always go wrong. Applying GM tree technology now will without a doubt bestow yet more life-threatening problems on future generations of humans and other creatures. Why do this when there are excellent alternative methods to solve our many problems?

Yuri Buivolov (Russian Federation)
Comment: GM-forest on our planet - great problem for our children. I love my planet and my children.

Rajesh B. Shrestha (Vietnam)
Comment: No body has a right to decide on others behalf.

Steven Harrington (United States)
Comment: Many foresters have demonstrated that they can produce wood and other products just fine without transgenic trees. Moreover, late successional forests store carbon better and is infinitely more beneficial in terms of diversity, etc, than transgenic monocultures.

Malik Muhammad Khan, Forester (Pakistan)
Comment: GM technology is undue inter-






Open letter for parliamentarians on The Earth

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Global Ban on GM Trees

On behalf of 2 608 individuals and 286 organisations and groups who have signed the petition for a global ban on GM trees (<http://elonmerkki.net/forestforum>), we ask all the parliaments to work actively within the UN towards the urgent introduction of international legislation banning all efforts to contaminate trees and forests in other countries with GM releases.

The main reasons for this are:

-  Introduction of GM trees in open air growing involves serious risks
-  These risks extend over national borders and across generations and can be irreversible.
-  Introduction of GM trees violates the precautionary principle agreed to in the Biodiversity Convention and several other international legal instruments, as well as the Cartagena Biosafety Protocol.(Art.1,10.6,16.1,16.3,16.4,17.1 and 17.4)
-  Through inevitable contamination over the borders, releasing GM trees violates the national sovereignty of each contaminated country
-  We also ask every national parliament to make the necessary decisions and legal changes which assure that genetically modified trees are not used in open air growing which could cause irreversible contamination to other countries.

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Open petition for the United Nations

WE THE SIGNATORIES

Wish to point out that in the Rio Convention on Biological Diversity world leaders declared they were conscious "of the intrinsic value of biological diversity and of the ecological, genetic, social, economic, scientific, educational, cultural, recreational and aesthetic values of biological diversity and its components,

Conscious also of the importance of biological diversity for evolution and for maintaining life sustaining systems of the biosphere,

Affirming that the conservation of biological diversity is a common concern of humankind."

We recognize that forests are a key factor sustaining the climate and the composition of the atmosphere.

We state that forests, along with the oceans, are key to the diversity of life on the planet - this diversity being the result of millions of years of evolution enabling the species to adapt to their surrounding ecosystems and the ecosystems to adapt to the surrounding climate.

We further wish to point out that genetic diversity within a species is part of the evolutionary original capital helping the species to survive in changing conditions, while species diversity within ecosystems is part of the capital helping the ecosystems to adapt to climate change.

We state that the decision made in the context of the UN-lead Kyoto process to allow the use of genetically modified trees to tackle climate change is in contravention of the principles of the Convention on Biological Diversity. Trying to fight climate change by growing GM-trees would lead to the creation of vast plantations of cloned GM-trees on our planet. It would mean enormous losses in terms of diversity, while exposing these GM monocultures to disease, pests - and the effects of the ongoing climate change itself.

We believe that the risks for biosafety involved in the introduction of genetically modified trees are such that they extend over state borders as well as generations, and should therefore not be taken at the present state of knowledge. Studies in population genetics show that genetic exchanges between trees can extend over whole continents. There is a real risk that by introducing GM-trees we would trigger a series of GM-contaminations spreading all over the forest cover on our planet. Other dangerous ecological scenarios include the potential metabolic incompatibility of GM-trees with their ecological surroundings, as well as genetically modified material being transferred to viruses and bacteria.

On the grounds of what has been stated above, we demand that the world reject the introduction of genetically modified trees.

In our view, we should be heading in the opposite direction. Instead of establishing plantations of genetically modified trees, we should strive to restore the forest cover of our planet towards its former riches and abundance.

Diverse, healthy and vital forests can best safeguard the ability of our living planet to adapt to the ongoing climate change. They also form the best basis for a diverse, healthy and vital forest economy, now and in the future.

frenc in natural reproduction. We can assist nature but should not hinder the process. GM tree production is hazardous and full of associated risks. GM seeds in agriculture and GM trees in Forestry can serve the vested interests only. So big "NO" to GM trees.

Jim Diamond, M.D., The Sierra Club (USA)
(United States)
Comment: We oppose carbon credits granted to any sort of tree plantation, but genetically uniform monocultures are worst of all. Sierra Club is America's largest grassroots conservation organization with over 750,000 members.

Bertin KOUADIO (Ivory Coast)
Comment: I strongly agree for banning every GM tree plantation on our planet. Those who think to breed and plant GM trees should consider finding humanistic strategies to save endangered species, fight against deforestation and poverty, use that money to fight against wars and diseases.

Joachim Ecker, ZEGG, Center for experimental societal design (Germany)
Comment: It is like playing with the fire. The earth needs to be reforested now with natural, unmanipulated trees.

Celia Wilson (New Zealand)
Comment: For my children and my children's children I wholeheartedly endorse the above comments. We are crazy to be even thinking about GM trees.

Jan Beeton (South Africa)
Comment: I am strongly supporting Non-GM Global Greening. I want to live in a natural world and I want my children and their children to inherit a natural world.

john button (Italy)
Comment: Please do whatever is needed to halt the use of GM trees, and call for a moratorium on the introduction of genetically manipulated species in general. Having worked for many years in extremely harsh conditions in environmental regeneration and productive land management, I have adequate experience to attest that there are more than sufficient ecologically sound ways of responding to all the world's environmental problems, and feeding the world abundantly.

Michael Sackin (United Kingdom)
Comment: I oppose GM trees just as I oppose any GM organisms: the result is (1)unpredictable and (2) irreversible

João Vale-Serrano (Portugal)
Comment: Only questions: What will be next? What will be last? An entirely artificial world? It's weird, isn't it? Will we be part of it?...