

Hydroelectric Generating Dams

Dams provide a huge potential source of energy that can operate cleanly or without generating greenhouse gases during their operation. However what are the other environmental costs of building dams? Well in one dam project, AES a US power company will put a set of dams across the Changuinola River. The problem is that this river is within the La Amistad International Park or PILA and home to various indigenous people that depend on the forest and the river for their livelihood. The Panamanian government have awarded a concession to AES without consultation or agreement of the local tribes or other stakeholders nor without an environmental impact statement. The dam will cause an enormous environmental impact and the extinction of at least 9 river species.

What you can do:

- Write to your local and national representative of your country explaining the situation and that you demand, through your representative, that the government of Panama explain itself. Panama is party to many international agreements, including human rights, millenium development goals, conservation of biodiversity etc. and this action is in direct violation of the spirit of those agreements.
- Sell your shares of AES Corporation and advise others to do the same. Write to AES and demand the immediate cancellation of this project.

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