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- [SaWAC \(South African Water Crisis\)](#)

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#### ***African Network for Environmental and Economic Justice***

They held a meeting with the Minister of Water Resources and members of the Water Resources Committee from the National Assembly.

#### [Society of Water and Public Health Protection \(SWAPHEP\)](#)

They organized a roundtable conference called "Looking Away from Large Dams, and Towards Alternative Energy Sources in Nigeria • The Way to Life." There they made a call for the Nigerian government to have a moratorium on large dams and to pay reparations to affected communities. For more information, email Hope Ogbeide at [swaphep@yahoo.com](mailto:swaphep@yahoo.com).

#### South Africa

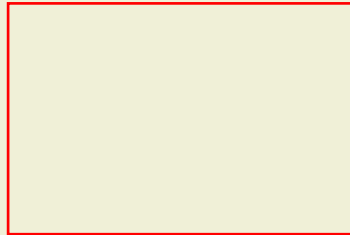
#### ***Environmental Monitoring Group***

Together with the Environmental Justice Networking Forum and Skuifraam Action Group,

they visited the proposed Skuifraam Dam in the Western Cape, to highlight the social and ecological impacts of the dam and to survey local comment. For more info, email Liane Greeff at [liane@kingsley.co.za](mailto:liane@kingsley.co.za).

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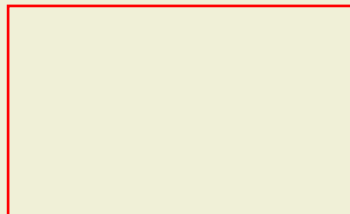
### ***Photos***



Group next to Theewaterskloof Dam discussing the environmental and social impacts



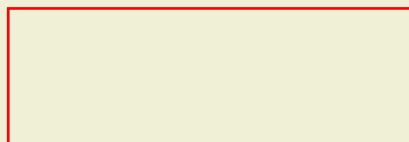
The group that went from the Environmental Justice Networking Forum Caucus group. Including organisations like EMG, Tsoga Environmental Group and Masifundisane.



A 250 year old oak tree to be inundated by the Dam even though its only a short distance from where the dam wall will be.



The group on a bridge where the water from Theewaterskloof Dam interbasin transfer comes out.



The panorama shot shows the area to be flooded by the Skuifraam Dam. The photo was taken from more or less where the wall is going to be built

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### ***SAWaC (South African Water Crisis)***

SAWaC held a meeting called "The Value of Grassland" that promotes the value of grasslands and discusses the viability of a Grassland Reserve in the Machadodorp, Dullstroom and Lydenburg areas. (Mpumalanga Province, South Africa). This area is one of the last remaining intact grasslands of considerable size world-wide. Less than 3% of South Africa's grasslands receive formal protection which makes the Grassland biome the most threatened biome by far. There were several presentations regarding The Value of Grassland, Birdlife of the area, Current Local Water Status, and Conservation Options. For more information, contact Philip Owen at [sawac@soft.co.za](mailto:sawac@soft.co.za) or go to <http://www.sawac.co.za>.

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#### ***National Alliance of Peoples Movement***

Hundreds of people affected by the various developmental

projects around the State, which are under the fast track of Globalisation, gathered in Azad Maidan on 14th March, under the banner of National Alliance of Peoples' Movements to protest the injustice being meted to them. They included those affected by the various dam projects such as Koyna dam, Jaikwadi, Neera–Devghar (Pune district), Tapi projects and the Sardar Sarovar (Narmada) project, those affected by Eco–development projects in the cities such as slum dwellers and footpath dwellers, those affected by Sanctuaries being developed in the name of Environmental development around Koyna dam and the fish–workers in Gorai affected by MIDC and Esselworld.

- [More information on this action](#) (PDF Format)

## Nepal

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### ***INHURED International & National Water and Energy Consumers' Federation (WEFED)***

INHURED International & National Water and Energy Consumers' Federation (WEFED) submitted a press release on the international day of action and organized a Public Forum on the Status of Large Dams in Nepal in the Context of WCD Recommendations. For more information, contact Gopal Siwakoti 'Chintan' at [inhured@enet.com.np](mailto:inhured@enet.com.np) or [inhuredinternational@hotmail.com](mailto:inhuredinternational@hotmail.com).

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### ***SUNGI Tarbela Dam Demonstration***

SUNGI arranged a gathering mid stream down from the Tarbela Dam. The gathering consisted of representatives from indigenous communities, coastal areas, fresh water and marine fishermen, riverine pastoral communities, affectees of Tarbela and reseters from Tarbela and Mangla dams. We had a crowd of more than 500 people at the river bank. A media group was on hand to capture the event.

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### ***Environmental Foundation Ltd. (EFL)***

The Campaign Division of EFL would like to organize the following activities in Sri Lanka on the 14th of March 2001, to mark Anti Dam Day:

- To Issue a press release
- To organize a banner campaign
- To organize a discussion panel

For more information please contact Priya Monagurusamy at [priya@ef.is.lk](mailto:priya@ef.is.lk)

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## Indonesia

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### ***Yayasan Tanah Merdeka***

They organized a campaign to refuse the Lore Lindu hydroelectric dam. For more information please contact Yusriwaty at [hinoe@palu.wasantara.net.id](mailto:hinoe@palu.wasantara.net.id)

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### ***Federation of Indonesian Peasant Union (FSPI)***

The FSPI with all it's union members, including SPJB (West Java Peasant Union), are organized a sign–on petition to oppose the Jati Gede Dam, and delivered the petition to the Regent office of Sumedang, the Governor, House of Representatives, and the World Bank office in Jakarta. For more information, contact Irma at [petani@indosat.net.id](mailto:petani@indosat.net.id) or [spjboke@yahoo.com](mailto:spjboke@yahoo.com).

- [More information on this action](#) (PDF Format)

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### Japan

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### ***Sagami River Camp-in Symposium***

Two actions were held:

1) An investigation on insects in the Sagami river around the Sagami-ozeki dam was conducted on March 10. Insects in the river are the indicator of the river health. They have investigated every year before the dam started running. Over 60 kinds of endangered insects are found near the dam. Over 10,000 individual /m<sup>2</sup> of aquatic insects were found in the river. But there has been only "the world of death" after the dam gates were closed in 1998. They are now claiming "Open the gates and let the river run." The biodiversity needs the stream.

2) A kayak trip down the Sagami river, to enjoy the river, March, 11. The Sagami river runs through Kanagawa prefecture; near Tokyo, in Japan.

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## Malaysia

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### **SOS Selangor**

Education & celebration to stop Selangor Dam

- 1) A one-day exhibition entitled "Day of Action for Rivers, Water & Life" was held to educate the public on rivers and water conservation and the impact of unsustainable development. Other NGOs/Groups contributed exhibits/info or held fund raising sales as well.
- 2) A musical performance was staged to celebrate nature & life. Groups of modern musicians & indigenous people (affected by Selangor Dam) participated, performing some traditional songs. A young and energetic local alternative band performed as well.
- 3) A member of SOS Selangor gave a Power Point presentation during a school assembly in a prominent local school. The content covered idealistic but not realistic functions of dams, highlighting the WCD report & the importance of water conservation. Educational Events

For more information, go to <http://www.savesungaiselangor.org>.

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### Philippines

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### ***Upland Development Institute, Inc***

They are actively engaged in opposing the Bakun Hydro Project in the Northern Philippines. This project proposes to do lots of tunneling and would greatly affect the upland communities along the process. For more information please contact Philian Weygan at [philian@mozcom.com](mailto:philian@mozcom.com).

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### **The Cordillera Peoples Alliance**

With its partners in Pangasinan and in Itogon, Benguet held the following activities for the International Day of Action against

## Dams for Rivers, Water and Life:

- 1) March 8–11, 2001 A Photo Exhibit about the San Roque Dam was displayed.
- 2) March 12, 2001 A Forum hosted by the Movement against San Roque Dam and all Megadams (MASRDAM) and the Cordillera Peoples Alliance (CPA) was held on issues and updates about the San Roque Dam.
- 3) March 13, 2001 The Congress of TIMMAWA (Peasant Alliance to Free the Agno) was launched.
- 4) March 14, 2001 There was a symbolic protest action at the main gate of the San Roque Dam followed by a caravan to Dagupan where there was a short program. While the program was going on some of the participants went to the Provincial Capitol of Benguet to give the position paper regarding the issues raised at the Peasant Alliance Congress.

- [More information on this action](#)

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### ***[Peasant Movement to Free the Agno](#)***

On March 14, 2001 the peasant communities of Bokod and Itogon in Benguet, and San Manuel and San Nicolas in

Pangasinan forged an alliance to free the Agno river of dams.

On Tuesday, March 13, they held the Founding Congress of TIMMAWA (Tignayan dagiti Mannalon a Mangwayawaya iti Agno or Peasant Movement to Free the Agno).

The public launching of this new alliance will took the form of mass actions geared at getting the provincial government of Pangasinanto take an official stand against the continued construction of the San Roque dam.

The new alliance's members first held a symbolic protest rally at the gate of the San Roque dam construction complex at 8:00AM then traveled by jeepney caravan to Dagupan at 9:00.

While some of the alliance's founding congress participants proceed to the Capitol in Lingayen, to present a statement to the Provincial Board of Pangasinan, the others held a rally in Dagupan that will lasted until their comrades arrived with a report on the visit with the Board.

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Thailand

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### ***Wildlife Fund Thailand and Friends of the People***

Local villagers will hold a ceremony to worship the Yom River at the Kaeng Sua Ten Dam Project site on March 10 and another ceremony to worship the Rub Ror River at the proposed dam site on March 13. For more info, contact Wildlife Fund Thailand at 66-2-5522790 or Friends of the People at [fopthai@asiaaccess.net.th](mailto:fopthai@asiaaccess.net.th).

[Assembly of the Poor and Mae Moon Man Yuen villagers, SEARIN](#)

February 15– March 14, a rally was held along the Mun River. The walk rally started from Iam Takhong dam in the upper Mun and proceeded to Nakhon Ratchasima and Surin. From Surin or Rasi Salai, the boat rally began and continued on to Pak Mun. The boat rally passed the Rasi Salai dam and Hau Na Dam. At these dams there were dam decommissioning activities held. The boat rally ended at the Pak Mun Dam on the Day of Action. Once there we strengthened the demands being submitted to the Government.

In addition the following actions were also held in Thailand:

March 10: A worshipping ceremony was held on the River at Kaeng Sua Ten dam.

March 10–11: An action was held at Rasi Salai (On March 10, an opening ceremony for the recovery of the Mun River and community was held including a traditional fishing ceremony in the Tam ).

March 11: A worshipping ceremony was held on the Mun River, a Press Conference was included

March 13: A worshipping ceremony was held on the River at Rubror.

March 13: Groups of students participated in a project for "Don't believe in Dams" (in the morning they submitted a demand letter to the Prime Minister and in the afternoon they held a Performance Art Action)

March 14 (morning) : Groups of students held a bicycle rally from the Royal Garden (near Thammasat University) to several of the state's dam building agencies (EGAT, DEDP and RID).

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### **Committee on Natural Resources and Environment**

16 Institutes will hold "the Project for Don't believe in Dams" in Bangkok. On March 13, they will submit the demand letter to PM and hold a Performance Art Action, public panel on dams. (The NGOs, Senate Member and academic will speak to the public). On March 14, they will have a bicycle rally against dams to start from the Royal Garden (near Thammasat University) to the state's dam building authority (EGAT, DEDP and RID) and protest in front of their office. For more information, email [searin@chmai.loxinfo.co.th](mailto:searin@chmai.loxinfo.co.th) or [fopthai@asiaaccess.net.th](mailto:fopthai@asiaaccess.net.th).

### **Assembly of the Poor and Wildlife Fund**

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### [Southeast Asia Rivers Network – Thailand](#)

Southeast Asia Rivers Network will hold a two day event including a seminar on dam decommissioning, a worshipping ceremony for the Mun River and the release of the Statement to Restore the Mun River. They will also organize a Walk Rally for the Mun River on March 14 starting from the mouth of the Mun River and ending at the Pak Mun dam. For more information contact Southeast Asia Rivers Network–Thailand at [searin@chmai.loxinfo.co.th](mailto:searin@chmai.loxinfo.co.th)

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## Spain

- [Ecologistas en Accion](#)
- [Support of the Ebro River \(PROTEST AGAINST THE TRANSFER OF WATERS\)](#)
- [Coordinadora de Afectados por Grandes Embalses y Traslases \(COAGRET\)](#)

## United Kingdom

- [UK Rivers Network](#)
- [Ilisu Dam Campaign and Friends of the Earth](#)
- [A newly formed group campaigning against a plan to extend the dam at Mangla](#)

## Europe

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### EUROPE

#### ***ERN (European Rivers Network)***

Press and media campaign (700 Faxes in 7 languages) to inform the European Media about the Int'l Day of Action and the Actions in Europe and around the world regarding the WCD and various significant campaigns all around Europe, namely, in Spain, Portugal, and on the Elbe River. For more information, email Roberto A. Epple at [ern@rivERNet.org](mailto:ern@rivERNet.org) or visit <http://www.ern.org> or <http://www.rivERNet.org>.

## Germany

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#### ***ERN (European Rivers Network)***

They are organizing a transborder action on the border of the Czech Republic and Germany. They are holding simultaneous press conferences and actions on either side of the border

against the 2 proposed dams on the Elbe River. For more information, email Roberto A. Epple at [ern@rivERNet.org](mailto:ern@rivERNet.org) or visit <http://www.ern.org> or <http://www.rivERNet.org>.

### [World Economy, Ecology, and Development \(WEED\)](#)

They are organizing an action in front of the Ministry for Economics where they will present a call to action signed by NGOs around the world, drawing attention to the WCD Report and to Export Credits that are still being discussed for Illisu, Turkey. For more info, email [birgit.zimmerle@weedbonn.org](mailto:birgit.zimmerle@weedbonn.org) or [birgit.zimmerle@inselmedia.de](mailto:birgit.zimmerle@inselmedia.de).

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### [Bund Naturschutz Burghausen](#)

The lower Salzach River is one of last free flowing non-dammed rivers on the north side of the Alps. This year Bund Naturschutz Burghausen will focus on the protection of the riparian forests along the Salzach river along the Border between Germany and Austria: they will organize a guided day hike in the Haiminger Au in Haiming /Germany with special information about the endangered plant species in this riparian forest. For more information, email Holger Lundt at [hlundt@gmx.de](mailto:hlundt@gmx.de) or visit <http://www.bn-altoetting.iivs.de>.

## Netherlands

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### ***Earth First!***

Earth First organized a video-tour about the impacts of large dam projects. For more information, email [mmcama@dds.nl](mailto:mmcama@dds.nl)

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### ***Ecological and Cultural Association 'Klub Gaja'***

On March 13th, they organized a common press conference, together with the coalition 'Time for the Odra', 'World Wildlife Fund' and the 'Association for the Earth, Oswiecim'. Klub Gaja led the national campaign against new inappropriate dams on the Vistula river 'Teraz Wisla' (Vistula Now).

On 14th March they held an event at Swinna Poreba on the River Skawa where the government has been trying to build a dam for the last 20 years – to date, it is 20% to 25% completed. They also performed "Wild River in the Heart of Europe" and, one person started a canoe journey from Swinna Poreba to Nieszawa. Nieszawa is the location of a planned new dam on the lower Vistula river, which the Polish government and parliament has now officially made the decision to support. The most important points this year for their actions was the WCD Final report and the proposed Nieszawa dam. For more information, email [klub@gaja.most.org.pl](mailto:klub@gaja.most.org.pl).

## Russia

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### ***Trade Union ASViK***

They are planning reading lectures at schools about the negative impacts of dams and reservoirs on ecological systems of the rivers. For more info, contact Vladimir Myakishev at [vasmy@kuzbass.net](mailto:vasmy@kuzbass.net).

## Spain

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### ***Ecologistas en Accion***

On Sunday March 11th, ecologist organizations and other organizations which are against the Spanish National Hydrologic Plan organized a demonstration in Madrid. For more information please contact Ecologistas en Accion at [ecologistas@nodo50.org](mailto:ecologistas@nodo50.org)

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### ***Support of the Ebro River (PROTEST AGAINST THE TRANSFER OF WATERS)***

The party in support of the Ebro river has called for two new strikes to make clear that the social rejection against the transfer of waters of this river, a transfer that is contemplated in the PHN (National Hydrological Plan).

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### ***Coordinadora de Afectados por Grandes Embalses y Trasvases (COAGRET)***

They organized a symbolic demonstration in front of the Regional Parliament of Aragon in protest of the National Hydrologic Plan and the Aragon Water Pact. There was also a demonstration in the Pyrenees that will included a group of skiers descending Mt. Bisaurin with banners reading – SOS PIRINEO–STOP EMBALSES. For more information, email [coagret@coagret.com](mailto:coagret@coagret.com) or

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United Kingdom

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### **UK Rivers Network**

In Newbury, England, the results of a 3-year study of how polluted run-off from highways affects rivers were announced at a national conference by Dr Neil Ward of Surrey University. For more information please contact Chris Woodford at [info@ukrivers.net](mailto:info@ukrivers.net)

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### **[Ilisu Dam Campaign and Friends of the Earth](#)**

Ilisu Dam Campaign and Friends of the Earth organized an event opposing the Ilisu dam in southeast Turkey. They presented a

new report based on a fact-finding mission to the Ilisu area to Balfour Beatty, the UK company that wants to build the dam, and held a peaceful protest outside their offices in London. The Ilisu Dam Campaign also urged its supporters all over the country to take action on that day, whether just writing a letter, or holding a local rally. For more info, contact Kate Geary at [ilisu@gn.apc.org](mailto:ilisu@gn.apc.org).

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A newly formed group campaigning against a plan to extend the dam at Mangla in Mirpur district of Pakistani-occupied Kashmir is organizing a Meeting for the Day of Action. For more information, email [shamakashmiri@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:shamakashmiri@yahoo.co.uk).

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### ***Fundacion PROTEGER***

Fundacion PROTEGER, Coordinacion Argentina, & Coalicion Rios Vivos planned an event in support of the International Day of

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Brazil

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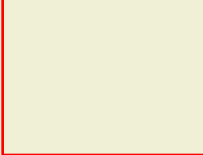
### **MAB – Movimento dos Atingidos por Barragens**

The Movement of Dam–Affected People organized a national mobilization:

#### **MAB: Belo Horizonte**

"Waters for Life, Not for Death" was what we chanted in our demonstration on March 14, in front of the State Legislature of Minas Gerais state, while our companions did the same on the banks of the Rio Aiuruoca. We achieved a declaration of the first Public Hearing on dams which will take place in the Legislature's Environment Commission, initially looking at the controversy over Aiuruoca Dam, opening a precedent for other such hearings.

#### **MAB: Palmas, Tocantins state, Brazil**

 400 members of the Movement of Dam–Affected People held a demonstration to press for their rights. The group included small miners, ceramic makers, small businessmen and small farmers. They protested

the lack of compliance by Investco, the consortium responsible for construction of Lajeado Dam on the Tocantins River. Investco said it would evaluate the proposals presented for Investco to provide another area outside the reservoir area or within the reservoir area for extraction of sand and rocks by the miners. The procession also included 23 tractors and 52 trucks. Rocks and sand were deposited in front of Investco's headquarters, together with material extracted from the area being offered by Investco, to demonstrate the lack of quality for use in construction of the material from the substitute area. Another point of the protest was the allegation that Investco is not meeting the Environmental Plan in terms of resettlements and relocation. This process was to have been concluded a year and a half ago. The dam is to be concluded soon.

***MAB: Santa Catarina***

2,000 farmers impacted by Machadinho dam, in Piratuba, Santa Catarina state blockaded the entrance to the dam. The protest, which lasted two days, succeeded in blocking the worksite, and impeding the movement of people and vehicles. Protesters were calling for the resettlement of 400 families who had their land flooded by the waters of the dam. One of MAB's directors, Gilberto Servinski, said that the blockade was lifted after the dam's directors admitted the possibility of a dialogue.

***MAB: Sao Paulo***

About 200 people blocked the Alameda Tiete in front of the office of Ibama (environmental protection agency) in Sao Paulo, to protest against construction of the Tijuco Alto hydroelectric dam, in the Ribeira de Iguape valley, on the border

between Sao Paulo and Parana states. The demonstrators were from 8 quilombo communities who live on the banks of the river where the dam is planned for the Ribeira valley. After nearly two

hours of protest, a commission was received by the substitute to the head of Ibama in Sao Paulo, Margarida Sturaro. She was handed a document asking for the project to be shelved, but said she cannot do anything since the process is in Bras•lia, since it affects two different states.

- Read MAB's [Day of Action Press Release](#)
- [March 15th article from Estado de Sao Paulo newspaper](#) En Español
- [Demonstrators fear effects of construction of dam in Ribeira valley.](#)
- [Download the MAB Day of Action Press Kit \(En Español\).](#)  
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### **[Council of People Affected by Dams of the Alto Rio Doce Region](#)**

Several busloads of people affected by dam projects in the Alto Rio Doce River Valley of Minas Gerais State, in southeastern Brazil, will demonstrate outside the State Legislative Assembly with banners and signs protesting actions and potential human rights violations of dam project sponsors during the process of environmental impact assessment or dam operations. Press and TV are being contacted for coverage of the event. Protestors will

attempt to meet with the President of the State Legislature and President of the Legislative Committee on the Environment. The purpose will be to present these denunciations and present officials with a copy of the Summary in Portuguese of the Report of the World Commission on Dams and press for legislative action to implement policy recommendations. For more information, contact Franklin D. Rothman at [frothman@mail.ufv.br](mailto:frothman@mail.ufv.br).

## Costa Rica

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### ***Mesa Nacional Indigena***

The Mesa Nacional Indigena pledged to continue their struggle against the Boruca hydroelectric project that affects at least six communities, including 50% of Costa Rica's indigenous territories. For more information please contact Donald Rojas at [mesanicr@sol.racsa.co.cr](mailto:mesanicr@sol.racsa.co.cr)

- [More information on this action](#) (PDF Format)

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## Guatemala

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### ***Peasant Association Thirteenth of March R•o Negro Rabinal Ach• (ASCRA)***

They are releasing a press release to express solidarity with the more of 60 million people affected by large dams, and demand reparations for the human rights violations they suffered during the construction of the Chixoy Dam.

- [More information on this action](#)

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## Canada

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### ***Consumers for Responsible Energy (CoRE)***

Consumers for Responsible Energy worked with the Pimicikamak Cree Nation in calling on governments and corporations to honour their promises to the people and land affected by the hydroelectric development that took place in the 70s and is being lived and felt today. Actions were held regarding the Day of Action, including an information session and a hydro-fast in solidarity with marginalized communities. For more information please contact Robin Neustaeter at [robinneustaeter@hotmail.com](mailto:robinneustaeter@hotmail.com)

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### ***Sentinelles Petitcodiac Riverkeeper***

Representatives from all 12 communities in their 3000 km<sup>2</sup> watershed (Mi'kmag, Acadian, English) gathered on the Petitcodiac River to call on the Provincial Government of New Brunswick and the Federal Government of Canada to restore full tidal flow to the Petitcodiac River by replacing the causeway by a partial bridge. Since 1968, the causeway-dam across the Petitcodiac has decimated at least 7 species of fish from the river system, has virtually eliminated the natural wonder of the tidal bore and has created one of the worst siltation problems in Canada (35 kms of downstream siltation, visible from space).

The Petitcodiac River is believed to be the most documented case of a dying ecosystem in Canada (over 120 reports and studies in 40 years). For more information, contact Daniel LeBlanc at [prkeeper@nbnet.nb.ca](mailto:prkeeper@nbnet.nb.ca) or visit [www.petitcodiac.org](http://www.petitcodiac.org).

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[Dam-Reservoir Working Group, OPIRG \(Ottawa, Ontario\)](#)

The Dam-Reservoir Working Group and OPIRG planned an Info-display:

- 1) Peer-reviewed/documented impacts of too much water abstraction, whether dams, diversions, reservoirs or whatever monkeywrenches the water cycle.
- 2) Video showing of "Suicide @ Cross Lake" concerning plight of Manitoba's Cree "Flood Bands".

They focused on how excess development threatens world's fisheries, fishers, indigenous and indigent communities, as well as jeopardizes the World's oxygen, food, arable land supplies and social stability. And they also promoted solutions to the problem. They focused on Manitoba dams, Three Gorges and Narmada/SSP along with dams in California and Russia. For more info, contact Dianne Murray at [dianne@sandelman.ottawa.on.ca](mailto:dianne@sandelman.ottawa.on.ca)

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## ***International Rivers Network, Ecology Center, & Partners in Responsible Tourism***

We are planning on holding a panel discussion on the UC Berkeley campus with several speakers focusing on both local and international water issues. The international focus will be on the campaign to stop the Bujagali dam in Uganda. For more information please contact [gila@irn.org](mailto:gila@irn.org), or [see our event announcement](#).

### [Delaware Riverkeeper Network](#)

They are releasing their publication "Stormwater Runoff: Lost

Resource or Community Asset?" on March 14. The goal is to end the "failed band-aid" approach of flood control dams by getting at the source of the problem — poor stormwater management from sprawling development and irresponsible floodplain encroachment. Nature's storms can't be controlled but the rage of stormwater runoff can be prevented and floodplains can be restored by the removal of structures from the floodplain and restoration of riparian areas to their natural condition. The Handbook details how this can be done. For more information, email Tracy Carluccio at [drn@delawariverkeeper.org](mailto:drn@delawariverkeeper.org) or visit <http://www.delawariverkeeper.org>

### [Glen Canyon Action Network](#)

Glen Canyon Action Network completed a six-city tour promoting the Day of Action in conjunction with a host of organizations, March 5–14, culminating with a major ACTION in LA. The Tour's water truck delivered fresh water to the endangered vaquita porpoises in the Gulf of California, and to the endangered species of the Colorado River delta. This rolling water tank also symbolized the hundreds of millions of similar-sized tanks of water wasted by municipal and agricultural water agencies; water that never reaches the Colorado's dry and dying delta, and estuary. Glen Canyon Action Network stopped at the headquarters of the major water abusers in the seven-state Basin and asked them to institute conservation programs and to "Giveback Less than 1%" of their total allocation to restore the Colorado Delta. For more information please contact Owen Lammers at [owen@drainit.org](mailto:owen@drainit.org)

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### [Hartnell College \(Salinas, CA\)](#)

The Hartnell College literary club, Circo, hosted an environmental/protest poetry reading at Hartnell College in Salinas Calif. on March 14 in Steinbeck Hall. On March 8th the Homestead Review, Hartnell's Literary magazine, held a poetry reading in honor of the day of protest against dams at Morgan's Coffee shop in Monterey, CA. For more information please contact Maria Tabor at [riversparent@hotmail.com](mailto:riversparent@hotmail.com)

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### [Minneapolis, MN](#)

Activists passed out flyers outside Xcel Energy's corporate headquarters in downtown Minneapolis, while displaying a large silkscreened photo of the shoreline erosion that's occurring in northern Manitoba. Xcel Energy purchases electricity from Manitoba Hydro. A shareholder resolution about the situation is on the proxy for Xcel's annual shareholders meeting on April 25. For more info visit <http://www.unplugmanitobahydro.org/>.

### [Thames Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited and the Connecticut/Rhode Island Coastal Fly Fishers](#)

They presented a 20 minute video on successful dam removal projects around the country. These groups promote the return to free flowing rivers in the Thames River Watershed. They are proposing that the Taftville Dam on the Shetucket River and the

Tunnel Dam on the Quinebaug River be removed and the new land uncovered behind them be made into community parks. These dams are owned by Connecticut Light & Power (CL&P). They are planning to upgrade the electric generating plants and install fish ladders on these dams. The two dams are very old and have well exceeded their 50 year life span. They constitute a potential flood hazard should they fail and they serve as a major obstacle for migrating fish. For more info, contact Ron Whiteley at [Rnwhiteley@aol.com](mailto:Rnwhiteley@aol.com).

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### [Glen Canyon Institute](#)

In honor of International Day of Action on March 14, and in solidarity with the global river restoration movement, Glen Canyon Institute presented "Restoring Glen Canyon: A Paradise Lost" in Santa Fe, NM on March 17. The Institute presented preliminary results from their initial studies on the impacts of Glen Canyon Dam, and potential impacts of decommissioning. Special guest, singer, songwriter, author, and activist Katie Lee, presented a slide show featuring photographs of Glen Canyon before it was flooded by Powell reservoir. She also read excerpts from her book, All My Rivers Are Gone and sang some of her Colorado River songs. For more information, please contact Glen Canyon Institute by phone (520) 556-9311 or send an email to [info@glencanyon.org](mailto:info@glencanyon.org).

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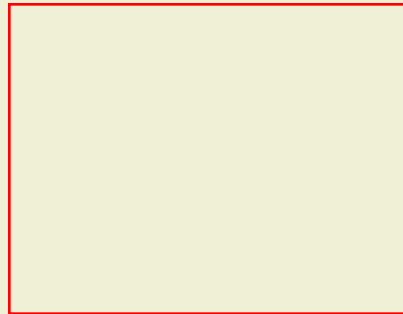
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### [Strategy Planning Group, Alliance to Save the Mattaponi](#)

An event was held on the Mattaponi American Indian Reservation on the Mattaponi River. It included a candlelight vigil and prayer led by the Mattaponi People.

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### [Free Burma Coalition](#)

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