

Indigenous News Flash ARCHIVE: AUGUST 2009



News:

1. Illegal logging occurring in Indigenous lands in Peru... "The presence of loggers greatly threatens the Murunahua Indians since their long-isolation has left them particularly susceptible to disease. Previous encounters by loggers with groups of the Murunahua have left over half of the indigenous peoples dead by disease."

For more information:

http://news.mongabay.com/2009/0816hance_uncontacted_logging.html

2. Taiwanese Indigenous people being forced to resettle away from their lands... "Kung Yung-chi, the tribesman legislator, opposed the CPA program because he knows it is next to impossible to resettle indigenous peoples away from their traditional living areas."

For more information: <http://www.chinapost.com.tw/taiwan/national/national-news/2009/08/15/220552/Indigenous-peoples.htm>

3. "Tribal leaders join UN hearing vs mining on ancestral lands", the Philippines

For More information: <http://www.cbcnews.com/?q=node/10001>

New Recommended References:

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2. Capstick, S. Norris, P. Sopoaga, F. Tobata, W. (2009) Relationships between health and culture in Polynesia - A review. *Social Science and Medicine*, Vol. 68, No. 7, pp. 1341-1348.

3. Green, D. King U. Morrison J. (2009) Disproportionate burdens: the multidimensional impacts of climate change on the health of Indigenous Australians. *The Medical Journal of Australia*. Vol. 190, No. 1. pp. 4-5.

Education Centre:

Introduction; By Jonathan 'Yotti' Kingsley

Readers of the *Indigenous News Flash*, it is important at this stage to introduce myself, share a vision of how I see this role as Ecohealth Student Section Indigenous People Health Coordinator working and to allow you to participate in a safe and comfortable environment.

Around September last year I decided to get involved in the Ecohealth Student Section. After working, researching and volunteering in the Indigenous health and ecology sector for five years I saw a massive gap (in terms of lack of partnerships) between 'western conservation' and 'Indigenous ecological knowledge'. Therefore, after discussion with the Ecohealth

Student Section we decided that it would be worthwhile that I take on the role as Indigenous Peoples Health Coordinator (<http://www.ecohealth.net/students/aboutus.html>).

This position is new and I am learning as I am going, taking a flexible approach and speaking to as many people as possible to improve the way this will work. Currently, most of my time is spent doing;

- 1) a monthly Indigenous News Flash;
- 2) Networking (especially through the NING site <http://ecohealthstudents.ning.com/>; and
- 3) running a quarterly book club.

My main aim of this is to give Indigenous and non-Indigenous people a space (safe, fun and educational) to come together and discuss ecological health issues. I am open to suggestions of how I can improve what I am currently doing and to add ways of facilitating Indigenous issues better into the EcoHealth debate. As I am non-Indigenous it would be fantastic to get support from Indigenous communities, organizations and individuals.

For people who are interested in participating more on this topic, no matter if you're an undergraduate/ postgraduate students or just interested, please contact me (email: jk470@cam.ac.uk).