
Taking Nature For Granted Is Wrong

Although nature is the best provider, its resources are never meant to be taken for granted. Fueled by human greed, deforestation rapidly drives the planet into a wet barren dirtball. Wood has been an essential resource throughout the history of mankind for its versatility. The damage by the desires for it, however, is often ignored. Forests are not only home to many species, but also the biggest support system for the whole biosphere. As long as deforestation is uncontrolled, the planet will become inhabitable in a matter of time.

As more forests are being cut down for land expansion and lumber, more land species are becoming endangered or even extinct. However, there is a significant insufficiency of regard for the animals whose shelters are still continuously destroyed in the process, making them difficult to survive. In 2016, BBC News reported that about ten species of tropical parrots are endangered across the entire Eurasian continent due to deforestation. This number is so alarming that many environmental organizations resort to adopting those species. Even so, their efforts will not be effective enough to slow down the overall decrease if there is no control over forest consumption. The more awareness to preserve forests, the fewer animals will suffer from the same devastation. The strong association between deforestation and fading biodiversity indicates that deforestation must be minimized. Even those who disregard environmental losses should be starkly concerned because deforestation introduces a bigger issue that affects the entire biosphere on earth -- global warming.

As a star of apocalyptic discussions, global warming certainly takes the cake for most direct and destructive consequences. Though not its initiator, deforestation nevertheless takes away the prime weapon in battling this issue. By eliminating organic carbon reducers, the gas emission consequently raises the global temperature. In 2019, Earth gave an immediate response to the large wood consumption: an Arctic iceberg crashed in Greenland the same year as the California Forest fire. Although both events happening consecutively are unprecedented in history, this isn't ironic considering the continuous tree-cutting and carbon footprints all over the earth. Soon carbon dioxide would roam freely in the air, cooking it into a clay ball in hot soup after mankind's desires take away the planet's photosynthetic protectors. It will be too late for regrets by then. Earth can become people's worst nightmare when taken for granted. Saving the environment from ultimate destruction costs nothing but a few restrictions and considerations.

Limiting mass wood consumption is necessary to sustain life. Sometimes society forgets that every resource has a finite amount while indulging in fast revenues and products. Many argue that completely prohibiting wood consumption would put the world economy in a pickle. However, is a few planks of wood and acres of dirt worth destroying a planet for? With much more resources than just wood that the society could depend on, there shouldn't be a need to deforest. A recent material named Hemp has made its title as a candidate for wood replacements. Though receiving mixed feelings for being marijuana's sister, hemp suits human needs just as well as wood. It has a prolonged history in building durable bridges and shipments since six centuries prior; today, hempcrete is still a popular alternative among architects. Similarly, hemp pencils and papers work just as well as wood ones. Moreover, growing hemp requires no deforestation; conversely, it promotes forest growth because it is an organic

pesticide alternative. Therefore, this is a great solution to protect the environment and satisfy economic needs at the same time.

Covering much less than half of the planet, forests need far more recovery than any other resources and biomes. Reforestation can be a significant jump-start to limit wood consumption and remedy natural habitats. A famous search engine named Ecosia that plants two trees with every search made to fund its reforestation program. Through spreading public awareness, it has planted about sixty million trees worldwide. It is arguably inconvenient and costly to reforest the lost woodland area but this is possible with seven billion people alive today if each individual just tries to spread awareness and contribute to reforestation. Besides, money should not be the first concern when it comes to preserving the planet. People should take care of the hand that feeds them, instead of biting it to satisfy their hunger.

Deforestation would not be a problem if people limited the maximum number of tree consumption. Solving it is possible by controlling the proportion cut down and replenishing the number of trees consumed at a time. Although for the environment to visibly recover from the damage produced may take a long time, mankind can improve the mistakes made in the past without completely rejecting a practice. Besides, the abundance of eco-friendly alternatives allows the world economy and environment to coexist peacefully. All that the poor environment asks for is a proper ratio between consumption and replenishment of their natural resources. So please, don't take nature for granted by controlling deforestation.