

Preserve Indigenous Peoples' Rights

There are 370 million people calling nature their home, the indigenous people. Wilderness is their home, where they feel safe and their source of food. They have the right to their cultural heritage, they are the key to protect the world's forests and to respect the indigenous people is a law according to human rights. For these reasons I believe their rights, customs, and traditions should be preserved.

Firstly, cultural heritage is essential not only to indigenous people but also for scientists and researchers in that special area. If all the native people of one tribe die out, the language, traditions, beliefs and culture will be extinct and not ever spoken, done, believed or performed again. The consequence of this, according to Timothy Bancroft-Hinchey, is "some languages in Africa have fewer than forty speakers [...] These can be references to millenarian practices which can contain codes explaining treatment of ailments with medicinal herbs [...] practical and simple methods to avoid damage to crops by birds and frosts; planting practices respecting the natural properties of plants and their effectiveness in repelling damage by insects and weeds." The methods and arrangement the indigenous peoples are doing cannot be done by any other human who do not belong to the clan. Therefore cultural heritage is a really important thing, not least for the indigenous peoples.

Secondly, according to The World Economic Forum, native cultures are the key to protect the

world's forests. Untouched nature is their home, they are the guardians of this habitat. They live sustainably, do not pollute or over harvest natural resources such as logging for furniture. But some people do, those actions need to stop. The solution of this will be to conserve for example the Amazon, making a reservation to prevent poaching and other sorts of destroying the forests. Accordingly it is enormously important to preserve these tribes and their human rights.

Finally, to preserve and respect indigenous people is a law according to the human rights. By virtue of their special relationship with land and water, indigenous peoples require different rights compared with other minorities to develop their identity and culture (as reported by Human Rights). Thus the population of this planet needs to cooperate with the inborn people and respect them. An example, the Sami people in Scandinavia are viewed as indigenous people and are allowed to perform and advance their culture, as in maintaining their reindeer husbandry. Article 1 of UN's Universal Declaration of Human Rights is "All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights. They are endowed with reason and conscience and should act towards one another in a spirit of brotherhood." No one is allowed in any way to abuse or violate a person by its nationality, this affects the indigenous people too. Thus it is necessary to respect minorities.

The conclusion I have reached is that we all need to respect one another. In action that means to let cultural heritage take place, accept that native people can save the forests and not abuse them according to the law. Above all, we need to preserve the indigenous peoples' rights.

