

Verdict: Monsanto Guilty Of Crimes Against The Planet And Humanity

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Judge Françoise Tulkens: "civil society has to help International Law to develop and include ecocide" (Monsanto Tribunal Day 3, The Hague)

- and indeed civil society is helping. Not only did the <u>Monsanto Tribunal</u> open up the space for testimony to be heard, but it also demonstrated that complex issues, such as significant harm arising from corporate ecocide, can be addressed through the rule of law. Ecocide is not yet a crime, but as Judge Tulkens declared, "civil society has to help International Law to develop and include ecocide."

And Judge Tulkens is a judge who speaks informedly – her legal background includes professorship specialising in the fields of general criminal law, comparative and European criminal law, juvenile justice and human rights protection systems before and tenureship as a European Court of Human Rights Judge. Tulkens is also the author of many publications in the areas of human rights and criminal law.



Was it a Kangaroo court, as Monsanto claimed? (<u>See Guardian story here</u>) or was it the first steps towards ecological justice? You decide...

GM seed firm Monsanto dismisses 'moral trial' as a staged stunt

US agri-business declines to attend peoples' tribunal at which toxicologists and scientists will argue its activities have harmed human health and environment

Some coverage:

<u>Le Monde: Au Tribunal Monsanto, des militants veulent mettre l'environnement au cœur du</u> droit international

Neue Zürcher Zeitung: Monsanto-Tribunal in Den Haag: Wenig hilfreiches Kesseltreiben

InFranken.de: Zum Tribunal der Monsanto-Gegner

Esquerda.net: Tribunal Monsanto: Semeando novos caminhos

El Argentino: Finaliza hoy en La Haya el proceso contra Monsanto

Diario de Yucatan: Juicio contra Monsanto

RT: Monsanto Mock Tribunal Hague

The Guardian

To read more, just google <u>Monsanto Tribunal</u> and click News – pages and pages of coverage around the world demonstrate the extent of how one event can take a very powerful message out to the world. Whether or not you agree a crime has been committed, what this tribunal demonstrated beyond all reasonable doubt is that there is missing law.

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