



INTERNATIONAL CAMPAIGN FOR TIBET

Environment

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If you care about climate change, you have to care about Tibet.

As the source of the eight largest river systems in the world, Tibet impacts more than 1 billion people in Asia. Its rich biodiversity makes it a unique and beautiful place. But China's reckless development policies are devastating Tibet's environment, putting the whole planet at risk.

Located on the world's highest and largest plateau, Tibet is known as Earth's 'Third Pole' because it has the largest reserves of freshwater outside the Arctic and Antarctic. Tibet is also a land of enormous glaciers—but today, those glaciers are shrinking.

Climate change and the exploitation of Tibet's natural resources—particularly water—have led to landslides, floods, pollution and unstable water flows downstream. The need for sustainable development policy on the Tibetan plateau is greater now than ever before.

Even though there is a growing scientific consensus, including in China, that indigenous stewardship is crucial for the health of the land, the Chinese government continues to force Tibetan nomads to leave their pastures and live on urban settlements.

Tibet is warming nearly three times as fast as the rest of the world, showing that its environmental health is in crisis. Tibet's unique ecology, and its preservation, matters to the world and to all of humanity.

The Dalai Lama has been raising the alarm on the need to protect Tibet's natural splendors.

Help the Tibetans save their environment for the sake of the whole world.

