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vn.paliath, over 1 year ago

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Excited to attend the upcoming Session on the Economical impacts of Climate Change in NL.

I would like to share two reports that I came across related to Green Jobs. Though mitigation might require transition from traditional industries, a whole new Industry can be brought to life:

FAO, 2018, Green Jobs in Forest Sector - Discussion Paper

https://unece.org/DAM/timber/publications/DP71_WEB.pdf

By bringing in Right to Repair policies, affordable repair of Electronic & Electrical goods can be achieved. This can be considered as a Green Job as it eliminates

secondary emissions linked to manufacture, transportation, storage & sale of Consumer Products. Job creation through recycling & composting programs are further illustrated in the report mentioned below.

GAIA, 2021, Zero Waste & Economic Recovery.

<https://zerowasteworld.org/wp-content/uploads/Jobs-Report-ENGLISH-2.pdf>

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Jon, almost 2 years ago

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On the topic of Climate Change, I watched an interesting Netflix documentary called Kiss the Ground (you can find out more at www.kisstheground.com). It takes the perspective of focusing on the soil to combat climate change. It also mentions the concept of "drawdown" to balance the scales, and briefly discusses our "legacy load" of 1,000 gigatons that we've emitted into the atmosphere...

I've done little research to backup claims and recommendations from the documentary, but I'd be interested to hear someone else's perspective on the warning it gave that without an effective drawdown strategy, will take centuries to get rid of our legacy load of CO2... If that's true, then even with a complete flip from fossil fuels to renewable energy sources (tomorrow), we'd still be left with a nice blanket of CO2 in our atmosphere...

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Jon, almost 2 years ago

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RE: "Drawdown", I stumbled on this: <https://drawdown.org>... there are some interesting resources on the site, which could be helpful!

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barry, almost 2 years ago

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Perhaps not quite to your question, but there is info on the fact that one of the ways that the earth stores carbon is in the sediment of seabeds. Bottom trawling disturbs that sediment and releases a portion of that carbon back into the atmosphere. Reducing and eventually banning bottom trawling could be a small way we could mitigate climate change. Could this be part of a "drawdown strategy"?



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Jon, almost 2 years ago

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Interesting! I'm certainly no expert on the drawdown strategy, but from my basic understanding, it is largely focused on vegetation and soil health in contribution to reducing the CO2 emissions already in the atmosphere (i.e. plant trees and promote a holistic approach to soil management). However, based on what you are saying, it sounds like banning bottom trawling would be a pretty effective mitigation strategy!

I guess bottom trawling, much like tilling the soil in agriculture, is an "anti-drawdown" method... Maybe, put another way, a drawdown strategy for the sea (especially along the coastline) could be to do sea planting? I've heard that kelp (and kelp farms) or seaweed farms naturally combat climate change in a fairly significant way... I stumbled on this article, which is interesting: <https://www.nationalgeographic.com/environment/article/forests-of-seaweed-can-help-climate-change-without-fire>. I wonder if there anyone in the province (or in this group) doing something in this area?

I also stumbled on an article about growing land-based produce under water! <https://www.theguardian.com/sustainable->

[business/2015/aug/13/food-growing-underwater-sea-pods-nemos-garden-italy](#)



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Do you agree?

👤 Mandy Rowsell, almost 2 years ago

One of our Citizen Forum members passed along this document, "UNESCO Global Geoparks in the 'World after': A Multiple-Goals Roadmap Proposal for Future Discussion" (published 3 February 2021) to share with the group.

Here's the official abstract:

"The new challenges posed to UNESCO Global Geoparks (UGGps), resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, require a guiding reflection and the presentation of a proposal for a roadmap, to be discussed and implemented in the shortmedium term. The proposal presented in this work is the result of careful reflection and discussion among the authors, with the purpose of providing the UGGps with tools and lines of action that will allow them to face the new reality of the "World after". These proposals are aligned with the new global dynamics, mainly with those that are seen as strategic for these territories. It is also based on the SDGs of the 2030 Agenda, with particular emphasis on Climate Action. The new reality must therefore also include a paradigm shift and a strengthening of networking activities, which should include a new dynamic of participation and sharing, appropriate to the more frequent use of tools for effective long-distance teamwork."

You can find the downloadable PDF in our Documents section

[<https://www.harriscentreforum.ca/18022/widgets/83928/documents/52747>], or you can view the report online, here: <http://www.episodes.org/journal/view.html?uid=2220&vmd=Full>



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