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VENICE AGREEMENT

ON PEATLANDS

2024

WE NEED:

- Immediate and effective protection of healthy peatlands
- Recognition of cultural, spiritual and ancestral values of peatlands
- To re-wet and restore degraded peatlands
- To create, share and re-distribute meaningful resources and approaches
- Decolonial leadership for global peatland protection
- Strategic frameworks for multi-layered coordination and collaboration
- Political and public awareness and will to steward peatlands
- Local vocabularies and inventories of global peatlands
- Old and new drainage-free livelihoods (tourism, craft, paludiculture...)
- Continuous research and education to increase understanding and love of peatlands
- Governments to acknowledge peatlands in their policy frameworks
- Care for peatland caretakers *(Holding each other)*
- To grow the movement

WE VALUE:

- Wellbeing of people and peatlands for planetary health
 - Local ideas and creativity
 - Reverence for ancestral and spiritual realities
 - Peatlands as ecological memory sanctuaries
 - Bottom-up organization and circularity
 - Peatlands as havens for biodiversity (including us people)
 - Diversity, equity, accessibility and inclusion
 - Peatland people—including protectors, workers, researchers... *and you!*
 - Sharing of knowledges
 - Thoughtful action and reciprocity
 - Responsibility and accountability
 - Laughter and joy
 - Intergenerational and transdisciplinary relationships
 - Decolonization and queering
 - Complexity and uniqueness
 - Peatlands as key to mitigation and adaptation to climate crisis
 - Attentive listening and empathy
 - **LOVE**
 - Transformative social, environmental and land justice
- Y NO CONCENTRACIÓN DE LA TIERRA**

WE CARE FOR PEATLANDS

WE AGREE TO PROTECT GLOBAL PEATLANDS LOCALLY

AND YOU?

Peatlands are power.
Yes, carbon engines, rivers of life, biodiversity.

Ticking, tickling, alive, murmuring, sensitive, sensual.

Peatlands are memory.
Flowing and folding into deep dark matter they hold our future.

Consistent connection through webs of roots, mosses, minerals, glacial retreats, organic synthesis, human life, and

multi-species kinship.

Peatlands are ancestors.
One and indivisible, thumping like a beating heart, beating with yours, and mine, the spongy wetlands underfoot drink from the heavens and breathe the beauty of color.

Smell it? **(YES!)**

Respect the living/dead peat, include its language into your songs.

We hold peatlands dear.
Near and far we care, because we walk the past, that moves us to encourage healing.
A gesture, a humble swirl of fate.

Territorial rumors tell us that now we must sink into the cycles of regeneration, reparation, restoration.

Peatlands are teachers.
Masters of rest, caretakers of water, libraries of climate evolution, of composition and decomposition.
If they know, we may know.

Intergenerational custody, the honour to serve, invites you, come, listen to the bog holler.
A call from the origin/future of life.

Peatlands work with us, even if you are only a small portion of planetary land mass, we are in service of your contributions.
Ayni. Mutuality. Hol-Hol Tol.

¡Pásame la Plata!

INHERENT RIGHTS OF PEATLANDS!

talk about peatlands

Fresh water

I AGREE



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● VENICE AGREEMENT SIGNATORIES

● PEATLANDS*

*GMC (2022) Global Peatland Map 2.0

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