

## Editorial: Dirty Business a threat to all life on earth



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**There are no financial kickbacks for politicians in regard to climate change and ethical business – just a healthy population and the ability for all to eat and breathe - they would have to make a decision that did not benefit them personally and financially, an ethical decision, a decision for humanity and all life on earth, a decision for common sense and decency, a decision to benefit future generations – a hard call for most of them it seems.**

Now that most nations say they are going to get tough about climate change and planet destroying practices we seem to have forgotten about all the other human activities destroying all species and habitats, all life, and just as fast and twice as cruelly.

Who knew there were so many minks in Europe until they caught Covid in the unhealthy small boxes they were forced to live in and had to be 'culled' in their millions. We have much better alternatives to animal fur to keep us warm. Alternatives that do not involve taking from animals their own right to live and treating them with abject cruelty.

And obviously it is not just the West that has disgusting attitudes towards animals – seems China has found another use for donkeys – once cruelly treated as beasts of burden now they can be made into cosmetics that are totally useless! But there is money to be made out of silly, vain women.

The Chinese now kill donkeys en masse to make a cosmetic called ejiao, made out of donkey skins - so financially viable that you can just throw the donkey away to die slowly after skinning it alive. The fact that most 'cosmetic products' do absolutely nothing is irrelevant. That is not the point, as with far too many products of all kinds– it is just another way for an evil human to make money at the cost of a higher minded species' life. 4.8 million donkeys are being killed each year and at this rate donkeys will be extinct in less than ten years. As the number of Chinese donkeys plummeted because of the demand for ejiao, traders turned to Africa, with devastating consequences for donkeys and rural communities that depend on donkeys for their livelihoods. (Network for Animals)

Then there are the bile bears, still to my mind the cruellest practice the Chinese have ever come up with. These poor animals are kept alive – yes they are not even afforded the mercy of death to end their constant torture – in cages so small that they cannot move to pull out the endless drip, drip, drip of the needles draining their vital bodily fluids. What sort of mind thinks this is acceptable.

Trawling the depths of the oceans occurs, not just to catch and sell the targeted fish. It is easier and cheaper to scrape the bottom and all life out of the ocean and then just throw away the lives that they don't have a market for - the fact that the species of fish they do want to sell RELY on these ocean ecosystems to live seems not to impress on dull and stupid minds – or simply they do not care. Mass hunger will strike humanity after the business owners lives of excess and after they enjoy the spoils of their crimes.

Every country on earth is guilty and we do not have governments that have any morality as regards the sanctity of all life and the absolute necessity of all life and healthy ecosystems – governments have aided and abetted every type of criminal and madman for short sighted gain and their own political power.

Slavery, dangerous work practices, unconscionable pursuits like child sexual predation, poisons that kill bees and birds, and endangered animals traded for body parts; the list of evil, cruel and destructive ways humans make money is endless.

Do any of these shocking crimes ever get onto the front page of the newspapers? No, rather we fill our lives with endless unimportant human trivia. The matters that count – death of a planet, and all its life forms, are rarely highlighted as you cannot upset humans and the status quo, you cannot demonise them – yet these are the matters of vital importance to all life on earth. The shocking truth is that one species is rapidly destroying the viability of an entire planet.

### **Fact: Humans are just 0.01% of all life but have destroyed 83% of wild mammals**

And it is not just those destroying life on earth for money, many ordinary people willingly heap processed donkey on their faces, use chemicals in their dishwashers that poison rivers and oceans, kill bees and birds with pesticides – the list of human vanity, idiocy and laziness is heart-wrenchingly endless.

Many people try to do the right thing of course but they are let down by all the others and particularly governments and the lack of appropriate national legislation. All countries / governments should be instituting urgent legislation to stop all of these practices as sadly humans do not seem to be able to see the truth of their lives and their behaviours or care about the legacy of their lives on the next generation.

Who on the planet apart from total idiots ever thought nuclear arms, and chemical and biological weapons were appropriate. The human self focus factor is unfathomable and all life forms on the planet need protection from our species.

Today irresponsible business is raping as much of the planet and its struggling life forms as it can, while it can – these are the real mass murderers – these are those committing genocide and specicide. These humans are destroying the miracle of life itself.

Fires resulting from global warming, along with human exploitation are destroying our last great forests and grasslands and along with them, billions of species, many of them unique. The fact that these forests have been giving us the oxygen that sustains our lives seems to be of little concern in the mad race to amass as much personal wealth as possible.

I write this for all life on earth, including humans.