

Glossary: Climate Justice & Sustainability Terms

Carbon Credits

EN (easy): permission to release a certain amount of carbon dioxide (CO₂); companies buy or sell them to “balance” their pollution.

DE: CO₂-Gutschriften / Emissionszertifikate

Climate Justice

EN (easy): fairness in how the world deals with climate change – who causes it, who suffers, and who decides.

DE: Klimagerechtigkeit

Decolonizing Conservation

EN (easy): changing nature protection so that Indigenous peoples' rights and knowledge are respected.

DE: Dekolonialisierung des Naturschutzes

Fortress Conservation

EN (easy): a type of nature protection that keeps local people out of protected areas, often by force.

DE: Festungsnaturschutz / „Fortress Conservation“

Green Colonialism

EN (easy): when environmental or climate projects harm Indigenous peoples or take their land, usually in the name of “green” progress.

DE: Grüner Kolonialismus

Indigenous Rights

EN (easy): the rights of Indigenous peoples to their land, culture, and way of life.

DE: Indigene Rechte



Intersectionality

EN (easy): when different kinds of unfair treatment (like sexism, racism, poverty) happen together.

DE: *Intersektionalität* – das Zusammenwirken verschiedener Diskriminierungen (z. B. Geschlecht, Herkunft, Klasse).

Mitigate

EN (easy): to make something less bad or less strong.

DE: *mildern / abschwächen*

Net Zero

EN (easy): when the amount of greenhouse gases we put into the air is the same as the amount we take out.

DE: *Netto-Null-Emissionen* – wenn nicht mehr Treibhausgase ausgestoßen als gebunden werden.

Pastoral Societies

EN (easy): communities that live mainly from keeping animals like cows, goats, or camels.

DE: *Hirten- oder Viehzüchtergesellschaften* – Gemeinschaften, deren Lebensweise auf Viehhaltung und Weidewirtschaft beruht.

Reforestation

EN (easy): planting trees again in areas where forests were cut down.

DE: *Wiederaufforstung*

For more information on the theme, please refer to:

Survival International: A Guide to Decolonize Language in Conservation,

<https://www.survivalinternational.org/about/decolonizelanguage>

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