

THE ECO- MAPPING IN VENDA.

TRADITIONAL ECOLOGICAL KNOWLEDGE IS ROOTED IN INDIGENEOUS KNOWLEDGE SYSTEM OR SKILLS .(IKS)(IS INDIGENEOUS TECHNOLOGY)

PLANET EARTH (MOTHER EARTH) COMMUNITIES.

In our Venda language we call this Mupo. (Mupo is all natural creations of Planet Earth).

Who are communities of Planet Earth?

In these communities we have day and night communities created in different kingdoms that are guided by ecological calendar.

KINGDOM OF SKY.

Moon:ecological calendar.

Stars: change of seasons

Sun: determine time

Clouds: Made rain

KINGDOM OF NATURE.

- **INDIGENEOUS FORESTS** : Human ,animals, plants.birds.insects, reptiles,
- Water : a giver of life, the springs,wetlands, rivers,lakes,waterfalls,
- Stones: balances the land,
- Soil: for food of all and shelter.)

KINGDOM OF OCEAN.

- sea water
- fishes
- penguin

- sharks
- whales
- Sea animals and all plants and reptiles, insects.

THE DISCONNECT MADE BY HUMAN AMONG THESE KINGDOMS HAVE DISTURBED THE ECOLOGICAL CALENDER AND INTERFERED THE ECOSYSTEMS.

MOTHER EARTH COMMUNITIES HAVE NO FREEDOM.

Commercialising the Earth planet communities.

- **Minning.**The major disturbanace of Planet Communities.
- **Chemicals Farming systems.**The major disturbance on indigeneous forests,food system, medicinal plants,poisoning soil.

Then Earth Planet is angry.

Now climate change?

Can science and library solve it?

Tell me why you are thinking to use traditional knowledge assessment?

There will be detail explanation on the importance of mapping these communities and ecological calendar that is determined by the Sky kingdoms and ocean kingdoms where the Nature kingdoms drives the ecosystem,this understanding is based on the way indigenous knowledge systems become back bone to live in harmony with Mupo or Mother Earth communities

It calls us to do the eco map of these communities to reconnect the communities of Planet Earth to give them back their freedom of their kingdom. It does not need two days to talk about these, not a single hour or ten minutes.

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Traditional ecological knowledge is not writing or reading a book, is about doing things practically, it is not a document, it is organic intellectual Knowledge. That is IKS.

