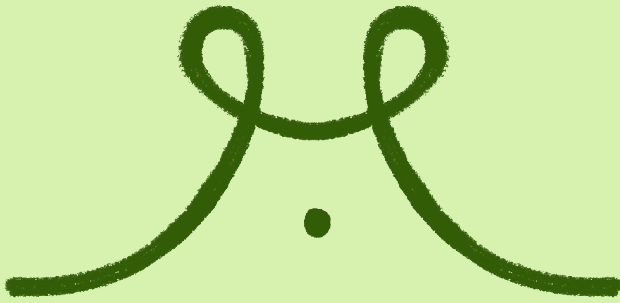


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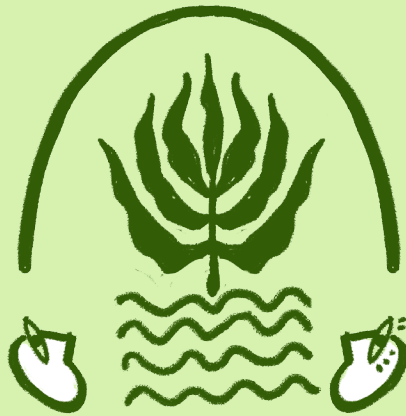


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In a Māori worldview nature is an ancestor, as we are the descendants of the atua/gods that brought the world to life. We are therefore genologically linked to the elements of our natural offering a reframe of stewardship and guardianship over ownership, seeing humans as the caregivers of the natural world. We therefore have different responsibilities to protect, nurture and respect the land as an ancestor we are responsible for caring for.



20 years what would change if treated our natural world as an ancestor we are responsible for caring for? What if climate responses focused on restoring our relationship with the natural world?

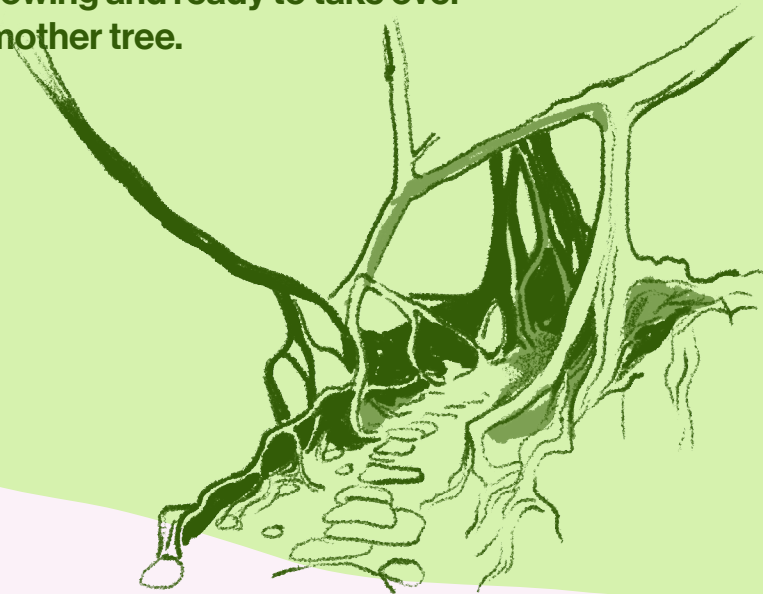


Agdal is Amazigh for “to protect”, “to fence” and it represents ancestral Amazigh practices for communal land management and conservation of natural resources and biodiversity. Grazing is controlled to allow for the regeneration of lands; the way this looks like is that agdals (lands, forests, mountains...) are closed for certain period of times to allow for the full reproductive cycle to be completed. In the case of the High Atlas, managing the lands as agdals allows for the development of fodder reserves which are managed by the “Jmaa”, responsible for governing access and stewardship. Agdals are open for all members of the community because these are not owned by any single person.



*20 years from now what if resources are shared without the need for individual ownership?
How can we apply agdals to land management and the commons?*

The Khasi and Jaiñtia communities in the Khasi hills of Meghalaya have a 500 yr old tradition of weaving together the aerial roots of Fig trees to create living root bridges and scaffolds to traverse the mountain terrains. Each bridge can take upto 25 yrs to mature. As a bridge grows weaker the communities plant a new fig sapling on top of the mother tree so that when the mother tree dies the child is already growing and ready to take over from the mother tree.



20 years from now, what might living infrastructure look like? What if we grew our infrastructure instead of building it?

In Kimmerer's interpretation of "Gift Economy" she identifies Gratitude and Reciprocity as the currencies of a new "economic" system built on the principles of abundance rather than scarcity. Gifts also have the remarkable property of multiplying with every exchange and the mindset of abundance promotes sharing over accumulation. Naming the world as a gift puts us in kinship in this web of reciprocity, making us all feel accountable for everything we interact with.



In nature plants give you fruit which can be eaten or turned into food for animals and humans who in turn give plants the gift of mobility by dropping the seeds and planting them in new places for the plant to propagate.

20 years from now how could we reclaim abundance in reciprocity? What could change if we took more value driven decisions about our food and food systems?

For many Mexicans, especially those from Xochimilco (native land south from Mexico City), eating has become resistance. Despite their naturally abundant land, they do not have sovereignty over their produce, because of the current economic system.

They yearn for abundance, diversity and variety they once enjoyed.

“To free ourselves through our food, to free ourselves collectively. I eat products from the Chinampas (floating gardens) because it is my way of being life together with other forms of life — and there is joy in that.”

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Does anything in this zine remind you of a practice, source of knowledge or wisdom from your community that you would like to share with us?

We shared some of the provocations and questions the entries sparked for us when thinking about potential ideas and implications 20 years from now. Did reading the entries surface any other questions or provocations for you?



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