

# verbatim



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**“Once cut, a Tesso tree begins a long journey. Indonesians log and pulp it, but a Finnish company turns it into paper in China. German and Japanese companies then distribute the paper to office suppliers in Europe and the US.”**

WWF-US President Kathryn Fuller, speaking at the Brown University/Providence Journal's PAX Americana Conference (2003)

**“Globalization has two faces, one potentially very destructive, but another that presents a historic opportunity for societies like ours.”**

Michelle Bachelet, President of Chile speaking to Al Jazeera Television (2006)

**“Poverty resulting from the declining fish stocks is the major reason why young people are prepared to risk drowning in the Atlantic Ocean to reach Europe.”**

Yayi Bayam Diouf, Senegalese anti-migration campaigner who lost his son to drowning (2006)

**“To become a responsible consumer is not simply to purchase on the basis of the price or the specific characteristics of a product, but to make one's purchase by using human and environmental criteria.”**

Association Max Havelaar on their website at [www.maxhavelaarfrance.org/](http://www.maxhavelaarfrance.org/)

**“You don't help the world's poor by dressing up in a turtle outfit and throwing a stone through a McDonald's window. You help them by getting them the tools and institutions to help themselves.”**

Thomas L. Friedman, in *The World is Flat, A Brief History of the Twenty-First Century* (2005)

**“In a country like Kenya, we produce the best coffee and the best tea in the world. And we push our land so much in order to produce more and more coffee, so that we can make more money in the market to service those debts and of course meet some of the basic needs, and so those crops are the main reason for the destruction of the environment.”**

Wangari Maathai, interviewed by TransAfrica Forum on development, the environment and globalization (2006)

**“Unscrupulous dealers are also globalized.”**

Pierre Portas, Deputy Executive Secretary of the Basel Convention Secretariat, commenting on the illegal toxic waste dumping in Côte d'Ivoire (2006)

# numbers

**5**

Percentage decline of carbon storage capacity of the world's forests since 2000  
— *Worldwatch Institute*

**70**

The percentage of the world's marine fisheries that are now fished up to or beyond their sustainable limit — *UN Food and Agricultural Organization*

**36,600,000**

Net loss in hectares of forested areas worldwide between 2000 and 2005—an area bigger than Germany and nearly the size of Japan — *UN Food and Agricultural Organization*

**60**

The percentage of the world's ecosystems that are in decline or degraded to an extent that we can no longer rely on their services  
— *Millennium Ecosystem Assessment*

**100,000,000**

The number of cell phones discarded in Europe every year—only 2 per cent are recycled — *UNEP Vital Waste Graphics*

**80**

The percentage of electronic waste produced in the United States shipped overseas for disposal  
— *Silicon Valley Toxics Coalition*

**16,000**

The number of plastic bags distributed every second  
— *UNEP Vital Waste Graphics*

**2065**

Latest estimated date for full recovery of the ozone layer  
— *Ozone Secretariat*

**300,000,000**

The number of people living in China's arid west who depend on water from glaciers for their survival—7 per cent of China's glaciers are lost to melting each year — *Chinese Academy of Sciences*

**60,000,000**

The amount in US dollars that African countries spend each year to control alien invasive water weeds, such as water hyacinth and water lettuce — *Convention on Biological Diversity*