

We are made of the sacred!

This place is sacred because here, when the world was taking shape, Karosakaybu created Karubixexe, Dekoká'a and Dajekapat. We shamans see and hear our ancestors protesting, pleading with us because their homes no longer exist. Their funerary urns must be returned and cannot stay with the *pariwat* (whites). We will choose a new place for them.

We, the Munduruku, are made from the sacred. We are sustained by the sacred, and we *pajés* (shamans) help our people follow their path. We do not have problems with evangelicals or with priests, because they also have knowledge of the sacred and we respect that. They can also help, but they do not know the right path. This is why the shamans have brought our people here, so that they can see up close the evil that exists where there once was a place of protection and health.

The *pariwat* also have their sacred places and sacred objects, their books and bibles...that had already been other things before they were sacred. If the pages within those books do not contain truths, they will not be sacred.

It is in this way that we see our Karubixexe, Dekoká'a and Dajekapat and other places that are not even known to the *pariwat*. We need to bring the balance of living things and spirits back to the Idixidi River, which these hydroelectric dams have destroyed.

We have seen the urns and we will fight so that they are kept safe. They are not to be seen behind glass windows as a curiosity; they shall be returned to their rightful homes. The Teles Pires Dam destroyed our sacred site Karubixexe and those responsible must pay. The São Manoel Dam destroyed Dekoká'a. We demand that there be an anthropological study on the destruction of Karubixexe and Dekoká'a. This study has to be funded by the companies that constructed the dam, and we, the Munduruku people, will choose the anthropologist responsible for the study. This study will be different from the environmental impact analysis [EIA/RIMA] and the company's indigenous component study. We also expect an apology from the dam company for destroying our sacred site, and such an apology should be given in a public meeting in the Mission Cururu village, as we already mentioned in our list of demands from July 19, 2017 (elaborated while we occupied the construction site of the São Manoel Dam).

The São Manoel Dam destroyed our sacred place Dekoká'a, where the mother of the animals resides. The Teles Pires Hydroelectric Dam destroyed the sacred house, Karubixexe, and now we *pajés* will have to find a place to return the urns and apologize to the spirits for having invaded the earth. We *pajés* confirm that several sacred materials were stolen and that there are still more sacred materials missing where Karubixexe was destroyed. We *pajés* have made a commitment to the spirits to visit our sacred site,

Karubixexe, which was destroyed in the construction of the Teles Pires dam. We are obligated to visit our sacred place, where Karubixexe was, every two months, forever. We have to offer traditional drinks. In our second visit, we will choose the place where we will deposit the urns. The company must pay for our visits to our sacred site.

In the second women's meeting, in the village of Santa Cruz in May 2017, the Munduruku women decided to visit the urns. We waited for so long without telling anyone, but now, the violations we suffered have been made public. Everyone knows that the Teles Pires and São Manoel Dams destroyed our sacred sites. On our visit to the urns, the spirits who are alive were happy with our visit. They were crying and hungry and we offered them drinks and felt their presence. The voices of the spirits joined together to welcome us. There were many spirits in our visit. The place where they welcomed us was not big and because of that, during the ceremony, a wall cracked. The company must take a photo of the crack and send it to the Ipereg Ayu Movement.

We Munduruku are returning to our villages, with the protection of the spirits of our ancestors. FUNAI has heard our demands and the companies made a commitment to our agenda. We will continue our movement. If they do not fulfill the commitment they made, FUNAI and the company can expect our return.

Sawe!

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