One demand of the strike is "the recognition of the Rights of Nature into law."

WHAT IS RIGHTS OF NATURE?
A legal framework that recognizes and protects in law Nature's inherent rights. Just as humans have rights for existing, so do all members of Earth’s community.

RECOGNITION OF THE RIGHTS OF NATURE
is in line with and supports the human right to a healthy and stable climate.

HOW? FOR EXAMPLE
In 2018, 25 youth won a lawsuit against the Colombian government for violating their rights to life and a healthy environment by allowing degradation of the Amazon Rainforest. The Court also recognized the Amazon has the right to protection, conservation, maintenance and restoration; requiring the State take immediate action to provide redress and act on climate change.

OVER 20 COUNTRIES HAVE RECOGNIZED THE RIGHTS OF NATURE
in law or through judicial decisions.

Paris Climate Agreement notes that in taking action to address climate change we must ensure “the integrity of all ecosystems, including oceans, and the protection of biodiversity.”

However, the Agreement largely focuses on economics and the economic system (which is mentioned 18 times throughout) rather than the proper functioning of natural systems.

Reducing fossil fuels emissions & Stabilizing global rise in temperature at 1.5 degrees Celsius is considered “the only opportunity” to save vital ecosystems and species, including coral reefs.

Currents efforts are not enough
Scientists warn that we have 10 years to change our practices. We need change and we need it now!

THE CHANGE NEEDED

STATUS QUO
Anthropocentric perspective
False solutions to climate change: REDD+, financialization of Nature, geoengineering
Loose, incentive-based commitments
Human interests and short-term profit outweigh environmental health and rights of future generations

RIGHTS OF NATURE IN LAW
Ecocentric perspective
Challenge overarching model of production and consumption, transition to renewable energy, externalities and true cost of products taken into account
Accountability to limit temperature increase to 1.5 degrees
Rights of future generations and Nature given equal consideration and interests are represented in decision-making

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