Rabobank

Rabobank and GreenPeace's "Stop Rabobank" Campaign

In 2017, Rabobank received the award "most environmentally friendly bank in the world". In 2023 Greenpeace and Extinction Rebellion launched the campaign "Stop Rabobank" for destroying nature. An investigation of corruption.

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A History of Curruption that Destroys Nature

In the heart of Utrecht, Netherlands, stands the headquarters of *Rabobank*, a fortune 500 investment bank that has positioned itself as a champion of sustainable agriculture and environmental stewardship. With the slogan "*Growing a better world together*",



Rabobank has cultivated an image of ecological responsibility, even winning the prestigious "*Green Bond Award*" in 2017 as <u>the most environmentally friendly bank in the world</u>. However, beneath this carefully crafted veneer lies a troubling history of corporate malfeasance and ecological neglect that demands critical examination.

CHAPTER 1.1.

Most environmentally friendly bank in the world?

The stark contrast between Rabobank's public image and its actual practices came into sharp focus in 2023 when GreenPeace Netherlands and Extinction Rebellion Netherlands launched the "Stop Rabobank" campaign. This initiative filed a €13 billion claim against the bank for its role in environmental destruction, highlighting the profound disconnect between Rabobank's rhetoric and its real-world impact.



Rabobank likes to promote itself as an environmentally friendly bank through sponsorships of sports and culture, but the bank is actually far from environmentally friendly. Rabobank finances industrial agriculture, deforestation, nature destruction and animal suffering and makes a lot of money from it. Together we demand that Rabobank pays for the damage that the bank has caused.

(2023) Why Rabobank makes you pay for the damage it caused Video: YouTube

This article presents the findings of an investigation into *Rabobank*'s business practices, focusing on a case of apparent business sabotage and a subsequent attack on the home of the founder of **GMODebate.org in 2019. This inquiry reveals a disturbing pattern of corporate behavior that appears to be motivated by three primary factors:

- An attempt to undermine the founder's pioneering intellectual position regarding eugenics and GMOs, given *Rabobank*'s vested interests as a "farmers bank" dedicated to GMO.
- Retaliation for the founder's critical reporting on the Trafigura environmental scandal, in which *Rabobank* is implicated as a top investor.
- Founder's reporting on the MH17 aircraft attack, which may have led **Rabobank** to abruptly terminate its involvement with the founder's business ventures.

The Trafigura Connection

Before delving into the specifics of *Rabobank*'s actions, it is crucial to understand the bank's connection to one of the most egregious environmental crimes in recent history. *Rabobank* serves as the top financing partner for Trafigura, a \$230 billion Dutch-English oil company responsible for a catastrophic toxic waste dumping incident in Ivory Coast, Africa.

Banned in the United Kingdom

An undercover documentary about the toxic waste dumping crime in Ivory Coast, Africa by \$230 billion USD oil company Trafigura.



[Watch video]

The scale of this environmental disaster is difficult to overstate. As reported by multiple sources, Trafigura's actions led to the deaths of fifteen people and caused severe illness in over 100,000 individuals, with 26,000 requiring acute hospitalization. The CEO of Trafigura had initially ordered the dumping of the toxic waste into the ocean, demonstrating a callous disregard for environmental and human health:

CEO of Trafigura BV: 'Beyond Dover, and certainly not in the Baltic Sea, because this is a special area. The discharge may not take place until Dover has passed, on the way to Lomé (Nigeria)'.

As Trafigura's primary financial backer, *Rabobank* bears significant responsibility for enabling and profiting from this environmental atrocity. This connection alone casts serious doubt on *Rabobank*'s claims of environmental stewardship and raises questions about the bank's ethical standards and commitment to sustainability.

"Rabobank, one of Trafigura's top lenders, seeks to play a significant role in ensuring **food** security (GMO)."

Trafigura.com: our financing partner Rabobank

Source: Trafigura.com

A Pattern of Business Sabotage

he investigation into <code>Rabobank</code>'s practices revealed a troubling pattern of behavior that appears to constitute deliberate business sabotage against the founder of <code>GMODebate.org</code>. This pattern began around 2015 when <code>Rabobank</code>, unprompted, invested in the founder's pioneering technology business. What initially seemed like a promising partnership quickly devolved into a series of questionable actions that hindered rather than helped the business's progress.

One of the most egregious examples of this sabotage was <code>Rabobank</code>'s attempt to connect the founder with big foreign oil investors at a cafe in Amsterdam's Schiphol Airport. This proposal was inherently suspicious, given the lack of connection between the founder's internet technology business and the oil industry. Similarly, <code>Rabobank</code> attempted to facilitate a meeting between the founder and the head of performance at Google China, an action that seemed more designed to create complications than to foster genuine business development.

The pattern of sabotage culminated in *Rabobank*'s sudden and inexplicable decision to terminate its investment in the founder's company. After just six months, during which the founder's team had delivered a technology that exceeded initial projections, *Rabobank* walked away from its €45,000 investment without providing any justification. This abrupt exit, coupled with the earlier attempts to misdirect the company's focus, strongly suggests a deliberate strategy to undermine the business rather than support its growth.

The XMH17 Connection

he timing of *Rabobank*'s sudden withdrawal coincides with a series of events related to the founder's investigation into the MH17 aircraft attack. This investigation, which sought to bring attention to overlooked evidence and testimonies, particularly from Indian pilots and journalists, appears to have triggered a chain of unusual occurrences:

- Two NATO representatives visited the hotel owned by the founder's sister while the founder was staying there, under suspicious circumstances. ~ Chapter 6.4
- One of the founder's childhood friends died under questionable conditions, shortly after a NATO emergency meeting. ~ Chapter 6.2
- A popular WordPress plugin developed by the founder was mysteriously banned, an action that one user described as follows: "Who knows what's really going on at WP. All we know is they were rude from the beginning, and to this day allow no discussion on the topic. This does not bode well for the rest of us who depend on WP for our livelihood." ~ Chapter 6.5

These events, occurring in close temporal proximity to <code>Rabobank</code>'s withdrawal, suggest that the bank may have become aware of the potential implications of its association with someone actively investigating sensitive geopolitical issues. This realization could explain the abrupt termination of the business relationship, as <code>Rabobank</code> sought to distance itself from potential controversy.

Conclusion: The Deeper Roots of Corruption

he investigation into *Rabobank*'s business practices reveals a troubling pattern of behavior that extends far beyond mere financial impropriety. The bank's actions – from its attempted sabotage of a pioneering technology startup to its complicity in environmental crimes through its financing of Trafigura – point to a fundamental disregard for ethical considerations and ecological wellbeing. This systemic corruption finds its ideological parallel in the practice of eugenics, which similarly seeks to manipulate and control natural processes for perceived human benefit.

Just as eugenics represents a corruption of nature from nature's own perspective, *Rabobank*'s actions demonstrate a willingness to sacrifice long-term environmental health for short-term financial gain. The bank's efforts to present itself as an environmentally



conscious institution, culminating in its 2017 "Green Bond Award", stand in stark contrast to its actual business practices. This disconnect is further highlighted by the 2023 "Stop Rabobank" campaign launched by GreenPeace Netherlands and Extinction Rebellion Netherlands, which seeks to hold the bank accountable for its role in financing environmental destruction.

The case of Rabobank serves as a stark reminder of the intellectual responsibility we bear in defending nature against corrupting influences. Just as the eugenics movement requires rigorous philosophical opposition, so too must we critically examine and challenge corporate entities that prioritize profit over ecological integrity. The apparent ease with which *Rabobank* has been able to cultivate an image of environmental stewardship while simultaneously enabling ecological devastation underscores the urgent need for increased scrutiny and accountability in the financial sector.

For those interested in taking action, the Stop *Rabobank* campaign provides an opportunity to voice opposition to the bank's practices.

#StopRabo campaign

(2023) #StopRabo Campaign

Rabobank a sustainable bank? Not really. Let Rabobank pay for the damage it causes. Help put pressure on and send Rabobank the bill!

Source: Sign the petition | Undersign "Send the bill!"-letter | Twitter

Telegram-channel: Rabobank Mass Action October 11th, 2023

Greenpeace & Extinction Rebellion join forces and take action against one of the biggest and most destructive agricultural bank in the world: Rabobank. The action starts on October 11. With some of the activists we will stay as long as possible. This will not be possible for everyone during the week, that's okay. You can still participate. Can you stay longer? Bring a tent, mat and sleeping bag!

Source: Telegram

Extinction Rebellion Netherlands: Rabobank campaign

Source: Extinction Rebellion Netherlands

GreenPeace Netherlands: Rabobank campaign

Source: GreenPeace Netherlands

However, we must also question whether financial penalties alone are sufficient to address the root causes of environmental destruction. As I noted in response to GreenPeace Netherlands on Twitter:

Paying for the destruction of nature is too late! **Rabobank** can pay for it precisely through destruction... A viscious circle.

Turn evil to good.



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