

Special Field Report on Total's Pollutions in Egiland



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Introduction

Total Oil company operating in Nigeria's Niger Delta has been nominated for the 2014 Pinocchio Award¹ for worst energy company is a welcomed development. It shows that the company cannot escape from the several decades of environmental devastation and relentless pillaging of community natural resources in the Niger Delta and Egi communities.

Since 2012 the Environmental Rights Action/Friends of the Earth Nigeria [ERA/FoEN] visited several times some communities in Egi clan up till October 2014. The visits were in connection with Total activities in Egi and the aftermath of its operational failure and multiple gas eruptions which occurred in April 2012. There has also been a nagging problem of landgrabbing by Total for their gas plant expansion project in the communities.

These visits were conducted by ERA/FoEN Field Monitors, environmental/human rights groups, journalists and Nigeria's Senate Committee on Environment and Ecology led by the Chair of the Committee, Senator Bukola Saraki. While the field monitors documented the atrocities of Total, community members testified on the pains and misery caused by the company's failed facility and by the gas expansion project.

This special report presents testimonies about the environmental, and social dislocation and livelihoods destruction in the host communities. In all there is an overwhelming substantial evidence to conclude that Total is one of the worst energy companies operating in Nigeria and hugely deserves the unenviable Pinocchio award nomination.

Context

The people of Egi clan are mostly farmers unlike the Ogoni and Ijaws that are more situated in the riverine areas. Besides farming, they also engage in palm cutting and hunting activities. Aside environmentally related concerns of the people, in terms of their health and livelihood, complaints are rife that Total/Elf's operation has denied them of their farmlands, a development best described as land grab. ERA/FoEN was reliably informed that when Total/Elf first entered Egiland in 1962 for oil exploration and exploitation in 1964 it went by the name SAFRAPH but later metamorphosed into Total/Elf and now Total E/P.

The need to revisit some of the communities impacted by the 2012 multiple gas eruptions became necessary to ascertain the situation of the environment and what the company must have done to alleviate the plight of victims, especially in terms of clean-up, compensation and land grab related complaints.

During this visit, ERA/FoEN field monitors met with community members and were led to the 2012 gas eruption sites. Some stakeholders gave testimonies of what they knew and observations around the subject matter. ERA/FoEN also met with Rev. Emmanuel Zachariah and Comrade Che Ibegura, two figures serving as rallying point of the victims. A former Secretary of the Egi People's Assembly also testified on related issues. Unemployment, land grab, loss of livelihood, divide and rule and use of force against the people are some of the areas those who spoke with ERA/FoEN dwelt on.

1 www.prix-pinocchio.org/en/nomines.php#total

Testimonies

Madam Teresa Okadike

[52 Years old mother of seven children], from Obite community, Egiland

"In our community, individual families own land and we have several families in Obite. Since Total/Elf came to take over our land for its gas plant, we have been deprived of not only our land but of job opportunities. This has been made worse by the activities of the Egi People's Assembly.

*We also suffer from different ailments and our source of drinking has been polluted. **Our children easily fall sick and we have children who have graduated from the Universities but have remained jobless.** The heads of our families who represent us are landlords are also disregarded unless you belong to those groups who are pocketing money meant for us. Total recognizes and deals with only those groups they feel comfortable with. We, as women and widows are helpless; including children whose fathers have died.*

*Total has occupied our land and when we invited them to come and discuss the issue with us they refused. Rather than discuss with the real landlords, Total preferred talking with the Egi People's Assembly [EPA] and, if you talk your life is in danger; you might be killed. If you criticize the EPA they either seek to bribe you and get you over to their side as a spy in the communities or they kill you. So, we are suffering and searching for help. We are searching for who will bring us out of the pit we find ourselves now. **All of us who are victims from Obite, Ogbogu, Akabuka, Egita, Ede, Obubrun, Obagi, whose land Total has so taken and we are suffering. The company has denied us of our farmlands.** Before you farm now you may need to go to other communities like Okposi and Obigwe to buy a piece of land to farm. And if you don't have the*

money how can you buy the land? Without money, how can you feed your family when we have the resources to take care of ourselves here?

*I have personal experiences. Four of my children and my husband are unemployed right now. Besides, we were asked to leave our mud house where we were living before they came and built this gas plant at Obite. Where the gas flare stark was set up was where we once lived, our own land. It is not as if part of our family land was taken by Total. **Our entire land was taken without actually paying for the land so taken.** What I know is that for anybody to say he/she wants to buy your land, the buyer has to approach the owner and express the desire to buy and if both of them agrees, then money will exchange hands. But in our case, there was nothing like that between Total/Elf and us, no such agreements between Total and owners of the land.*

On a personal level, I have not done anything, to avoid unpleasant consequences. But I have since identified myself with the group called Egiland Energy Producing Host Landlords Association of Nigeria, under the leadership of Rev. Emmanuel Zachariah with a view to pursue the matter. We embarked on a protest in 2006 at the gas plant. But even at that, the EPA has continued to be a stumbling block on our part, preventing us from achieving our goal. During that peaceful protest, Total released their thugs, the soldiers and police and they used Teargas on us. They chased us away with force. Many of the protesters received beating and were injured too. Some elderly ones who went on that protest with us are no more alive; they have died...."

Ajie Jerusalem

[37 year-old young man], from Egita community

"I am the Secretary to the Egiland Energy

Producing Host Landlords Association, Nigeria;

a registered organization. The issue of environmental degradation in the Niger Delta is not a new story. We all know it and it has been with us for a long time. We are also a marginalized people; we don't get what we ought to get. **The resources God has already given to us, I don't know whether it is a**

I grew up to know that Total has marginalized my community for a very long time. They came up with this policy that if their pipeline does not pass through your land or there is no oil will in your land nothing concerns you with them. It was so until the 2012 incident. When we investigated the matter we discovered that Total was tapping the gas from Ebewa Cluster. They were there tapping the gas from our land through horizontal drilling technique unknown to us. In fact more than fifty per cent of the area where the multiple gas eruptions occurred belongs to my family; Umu Ajie family in Egita community. We then realized that they have been tapping this resource in our land for more than forty years unknown to us.

It was after we had concluded our investigations that they came in their usual way to say, let us settle. They first came with relief materials which included half bag of rice and vegetable oil. This they brought twice. That was while the gas eruptions were still on and, after those times we did not see them anymore. The company even promised to locate a cottage hospital in our place following the gas eruptions because the gas was dangerous to health. After those relief materials they disappeared.

Although there has been no clean-up since when the incident occurred, they have tampered with compensation. Actually what they intend to give us wasn't what was released. **They have not paid us compensation per se, but they paid us some money and tagged it 'Inconveniences'.** I didn't come with the

curse now. By right it ought not to be a curse. God gave us the resources to enable the people around the environment to live a good life. But the reverse is now the case. If you are not strong or belong to any influential organization nothing will come to you.

document, which I would have showed you. So, they did not clearly say it was compensation and they did the same to all the impacted communities."

About Total's operations

"Land is not communally owned in my place. It is owned by different families. My personal experience is that, after we discovered how Total was cheating us I consulted a lawyer and he served Total a letter. Total failed to respond to that letter and till date, they have not replied.

I also discovered after the 2012 incident that there was this organization [which I am now the Secretary] which is I was convinced could genuinely fight for environmental justice and so I aligned myself with it to fight for our rights. We then went ahead to register the organization to make it corporate. By right as landlords we don't even need to register such; but we did to be on the safer side. After getting our organization registered we have written Total several letters for the company to have dialogue with us on pending issues. Sadly, all our efforts proved abortive. Till now they have not responded to us after all we have done."

About the Egi People's Assembly (EPA)

"The EPA is a corporate body and they now claim they are the landlord of Egi which, they are not. Anything that would come to Egi, they would want it to pass through them before the original landlords which, by right are not supposed to be."

Chief Emmanuel Livinda Ukpe [57 years of age and father of 11 children], mouth piece of Ogbogu community

“Since the 1960s when Total came to our land they have been changing their name. They came first as Safraph. Later they changed the name to Elf Petroleum and to Total E/P. Now they are identified as Total E/P. While the company has continued to change its name, they refused to change our names made in error. The operations of Total in our land has caused so many dispute between neighbouring communities and within communities.

Like my house or land where OB 18/Ebewa 1 is located at my backyard, but they named it Ebewa 1. In 1994 when they came here to drill the gas [because that location is a gas location] the drilling contractor took their drilling materials to Ebewa community. Rather than naming the facility after our community, Ogbogu; they named it Ebewa to cause confusion. From here to Ebewa is about five kilometers. Some of our well head locations the company names them after Obagi or Ebewa; even the Clusters and named just like that.

All these have not gone down well with us, causing problems amongst us. We have been demanding for change of name to take care of what we considered an error, but Total has thus refused. We have documents of Memorandum Of Understanding [MOU] reached between our community, government and Total which states that after a given period of time they will effect the change of name. But instead of executing the MOU, Total aligned with politicians [the EPA] and denied us what we requested for.

When we raise the issues they will take us to the police. Again, Total entered and surveyed our land without our consent. We resisted by dragging them to the Ministry of Environment and for which, the officials of the Ministry said what Total has done was strange; that it has never happened anywhere in the world. The then Commissioner of Environment said so. The Commissioner said you cannot enter to survey or acquire somebody’s land without the knowledge of the owner.

That was in 2008. Total refused to honour the invitation of the Ministry of Environment; as they were advised by the politicians backing them. Through the use of military to intimidate us, Total forcefully continued to survey our land and later fenced it. We don’t have access to the land anymore.”

About the compensation for the land acquired

“They only paid for the crops we had on the land, nothing more. That is why we have written them to come into an agreement with us on the subject matter. But they refused, backed by members of the EPA.”

About the environmental impact of Total’s operations

*“If not for the rain now; as we go out I would have taken you to see the condition of our cocoyam [cocoindia]. This is the season our women used to harvest them and bring to the market in large quantity. As farmers; that is one of the crops we really depended on. But right now you cannot find them in the market because **the crop is going into extinction due to the gas eruption in our environment caused by Total.**”*

About their relationships with Total

*“We have been calling them to come and discuss with us. Some human rights organizations have been coming and trying to assist us. We went to Benin too to meet with the group because we are a peace loving community. We don’t want problem. **When we organized a peaceful protest they used their thugs to attack us and destroy our canopies.***

They confiscated the camera/handset of our chairman [referring to Rev. Emmanuel Zachariah, who is chairman of the Egiland Energy Producing Host Landlords Association, Nigeria]. That was in 2006 and, all of these we

did just to ensure that we and Total come to a Round Table and talk about our problem.”

About the Egi People’s Assembly

“The Egi People’s Assembly is not working for the common interest of our people. They are the politicians and as such they are not working for the interest of the communities.

For instance, if you go to Port Harcourt you will see a house built by Ogbako Ikwerre, the socio-cultural group representing the Ikwerre people. We are not from Ikwerre. So, how can our so-called Egi People’s Assembly have such a house in Port Harcourt and say it is for us? If you go to Nzimiro in Port Harcourt there is one house the EPA members bought and said it is for Egi people. How can an old man who has problem with Total have money and strength to move to Port Harcourt? They call the House Egi Embassy. That is what I saw written on the house. They used the Egi development money to buy the house. They are not developing us. They share money belonging to Egi people amongst themselves and, you become their enemy if you say you are not part of the sharing.

There is an Estate they say they are developing for Egi people since 2007; but it is yet to be completed. If you go to the site of the estate the place is bushy. EPA has been eating our money. We have several town halls in Egiland and when we suggested that our money should be used on something to will bring revenue, the EPA refused. They have

Comrade Che Igbegura

“The exploration and exploitation activities of oil multinationals do not take into consideration the interests of the locals. If they did, they would have carried the people along in such a manner that, even though their operations harm the environment; they would have collectively strategized on best ways of ameliorating or minimizing the impacts. The purpose of these oil companies is acquiring maximum profit. It is for the benefit of the

continued to build town halls. What are we doing with all these halls?

When you talk they come after you. They arrested and took three of our leaders/members to Abuja and detained them, this year [2014]. It all happened because of disagreement on projects to be sited.

We are already in court with them, two cases at the Federal High Court with the EPA. One is coming up for hearing on the 24th of this month, October, 2014. We also have a case with them at Akabuka Customary Court and one at Omoku High Court; bringing all to a total of four cases with the EPA in court right now.

We said they should use that money judiciously and for the benefit of all, because that money is meant for all sons and daughters of Egiland, even children born today. That money is part of MOU reached with Total/Elf which is paid annually for community development.

That issue is causing serious problems. Just last month some persons were killed. The youths engaged themselves in shooting, kidnapping and all of that. Two persons were killed at Egita and so many were killed at Obagi. In Ogbogu here, the younger brother of our chairman was also killed. Just in one night eighteen persons were killed. It became so serious that the EPA went on air [on radio] and the government intervened. Some persons were arrested.

If you don’t belong to their clique [of the EPA], they will relegate you to the background, marginalize you. Even the traditional rulers are sidelined by the EPA because they want every person to bow to them...”

imperial masters, to take the wealth from here and go back to develop their infrastructural needs back in their home countries.

*While the culpability of our own government is there, we also recognize the fact that oil politics is as dangerous as death. **When these oil companies come to operate in an environment and they identify those within the particular environment they could easily***

work with; they jointly work against the common interest of the people and foist poverty instead.

When you talk about organizing the people, nature had first organized the people by their communities. That is the first principle of organization. People cluster together, they think together, have same tradition and culture pursuit to their existence. But when the external forces comes into that environment, to acquire the resources in the environment; they start to divide them. That is the trick. Our thoughts are controlled by the oil companies, whether we like it or now.

And, this is due to one common factor, who pays the piper dictates the tune; **he who controls the resources of society and becomes the most powerful element, controls your happiness and ordinances of your entire life.** They bring the laws are we are just yes men.

So, when you talk about organization, they will not allow the indigenes to establish an honest leadership. And, it is not easy to resist bribe. When they create the situation for physical and financial poverty, that time **they make the people to become commodities themselves which they can buy.** They buy the human beings here like commodities. In this connection, they also strive to ensure that the honest leaders are denied the physical and financial wherewithal to confront them.”

About the April, 2012 gas eruptions

“The extractive industry now depends on higher technology and less use of labour. That is what happened in 2012 when Total was applying horizontal drilling techniques and

Precious A.C. Uche Indigene of Obite

“This sign post you see was fixed here by Total in April, 2012 during the multiple gas eruptions. It is obvious that Total has been treating us unfairly; without regard for our existence. **Since they took away our land under pretext**

there was a clash under the ground. Sadly. Total has not paid Egi people what could be considered commensurate with the damage wrought by that incident. What they did was pay stipend to some Egita people.”

About the Egi People’s Assembly

“They shouldn’t have been representing the interest of Total. What they also do is go to the company and negotiate their own [EPA’s] interest; not the interest of the people. We are not saying they don’t negotiate, they do negotiate. But if they are negotiating in the interest of the people, the first thing they need to ascertain is the extent of damage done to the environment, and the land taken away from the people by Total/Elf because land is the source of existence of all the world’s aborigines.

All development about human society is from the land. There is no other way you can develop without the land.

They say they want to build factories, but in nature there is nothing like unemployment; once the land is there, you are employed. Whether you want to build factories, you still need the land.

In this connection, it is not the foreigners that are our problem, but our own people. They shouldn’t have been selling the land in the first place. Land is not for sell, human beings are attached to the land. What our people should have done is using our land as our own collateral, investment and share in the business. No reasonable government will encourage her people to sell their land to foreign companies...”

what we got in return is vicious attack on our livelihood and degrading abuse on our environment that undermines our existence here on earth.

I cannot go to France and mount a sign post upon their land restricting them from having access into their land. So, it is very, very wrong. Since Total/Elf took our land for their oil and gas related, we have not benefited from them.

Now, see the big sign post they mounted on our land, it is of no value to us and, this is the kind of degrading abuse we have been

receiving from them. So, look at what is written on the signpost that they mounted upon our land during the gas eruptions. Now they wrote 'Do Not Approach'. See how Total is now restricting me, the landlord that I should not approach my land. And, I am here standing today, the 6th day of October, 2014 to tell you about the negative things Total/Elf has been doing to us; as a landlord."

Barrister V.C. Umesi **Past Secretary of Egi People's Assembly**

"...there were several youth and women organizations within Egiland which served as pressure group. And, when you look at them critically, you hardly know where they belonged. That gave the companies the advantage to take advantage of the people.

Actually we operated mostly based on Memorandum Of Understanding [MOU] with Total. Unfortunately, these MOUs are often not implemented or adhered to the letter by the company. For instance, Total said the EPA as partners. But, I observed once that there was fraud in the partnership. And I can stand anywhere to defend this. Why I saw the partnership as a fraud is that, when it comes to something that is pressing you; you look for a partner to help you out of the problem. But when the other partner is pressed and they look for you; you bring company policy. In a true partnership, when I am in trouble you come to assist me and when you are, I do the same. That is my little understanding with partnership.

Another example is that, Egi indigenes have twelve chances to be employed. But they are not employed. There are so many MOUs that have been carried over; the unimplemented aspects. I don't exaggerate, I say what I know. And, like I said, those twelve chances meant for Egi indigenes are still pending. I asked, if those persons have been employed since, how much would they have earned over the period of this denial? Calculate it now and see how much we have lost to you people [Total/Elf], for not employing our people that you have agreed to employ.

The Egi People's Assembly came into existence with a view to bridge the gaps. However, people who are not close enough may not know some of the challenges the Egi People's Assembly [EPA] passes through.

You are presenting company policy, yet you are employing Yoruba, Igbo, Hausa [Nigerians from other regions] almost every day. Every Engineer from Egi is tagged; Egi Engineer. He is not an Engineer, but Egi Engineer.

I made it clear in a recent conference of Lawyers I attended in Abuja that, gas flaring has continued in the Niger Delta and the date for stopping it has also continued to be shifted. The Federal Government is collecting fines on behalf of the real victims of gas flaring. Right now we don't drink rain water in our community due to the pollution caused by gas flaring. Our corrugated roofing sheets don't last anymore, also due to gas flare. These are things we suffer because of the oil industry operations within our environment.

I told Total, you people are paying people to protect your interest, but I tell you, evil cannot last forever. I say, let me give you example; during the era of militancy in the Niger Delta, none of your facilities was touched. See Chevron, Mobil, Agip, Shell... as for Shell, Ogoni is no-go area. But we, Egi people protected you. What have you done in return? paying us with hate?

I asked them if Total is no longer a company of records; whether they don't know that they were owing us in terms of employment chances. Employ our people. The MoU says

Egi people have 100 per cent chances for labour, Egi have 60 per cent semi-skilled labour and Egi people have 40 per cent skilled labour. Now, if you add 40, 60 and 100 you have 200 per cent. That is the upgrade, because they upgraded.

If that is the situation, I asked, how many workers are now engaged for the upgrade? I told them that in my own case I don't know mathematics but let us convert the percentage into human beings and see how many of our people have been employed according to the MoU. They shouted and called me names that I have started. They say Secretary is a bad person. I insisted that we need to know exactly how many of our people will be employed in line with the MoU so that we can distribute the chances among the communities according to our quota.

When I raised the issue of the EIA on the upgrade, the social impact of the upgrade because workers who are not from here may come with their own cultural background too. They said I shouldn't worry because there is a consultant on EIA.

Recently you heard about shooting and killings. These are all part of the problem. Employment issues were part of the violence. Even those not employed, they do not understand why they could not be employed. Information and proper dissemination is important. If people are aware that, there are employment chances and that after the turn of their friend or brother it will get to their turn, they will wait patiently for their own turn because the upgrade is meant for five years. Those waiting will do so with hope that their turn is coming. But, hopelessness brought about violence in the land.

Fortunately or unfortunately, the gods of Egi heard the cries of the people and embarrassed Total/Elf. Total/Elf was preparing to celebrate the company's 50th year in Egiland in 2012 when the gas eruptions happened in April of the same year. They had prepared to celebrate their victory over Egi. I visited the eruption sites myself and I saw with my eyes. When the gas

eruptions occurred, Total panicked seriously. The people who were planning to celebrate, up till today they are still surprised, that they have never seen a people like us.

They later started going about with relief materials. Incidentally, that same year the great floods came. I told my president we should stay off the issue relating to the relief materials and he agreed. We suggested that the impacted communities should go into MOU with Total. It is on record. For relief material I know it was delivered to the communities; though I don't know whether it was commensurate with what the situation demanded.

As a result of the gas eruptions too, an MOU of \$ 30 million was reached with Total/Elf, what the company would do for Egi. And right now, I am aware that the Egita community has sued Total/Elf at the High Court in Port Harcourt. I think last week they were in Court. As directed by the EPA, Egita community and families impacted by the gas eruptions ought to have gone into MOU with Total before the EPA and Total had theirs [of \$30 million]. But due to internal conflict, Egita didn't go for the MOU with Total/Elf. It was this year the EPA signed the \$30million MOU with Total/Elf, because we waited for Egita to conclude theirs first, but they delayed and the EPA went ahead.

As to whether the EPA had conflict with any other organization or the Egi people, I can only say; it is natural that people grumble. May be the way we were handling the affairs of the clan, some people might have wanted it in high pedestal.

The EPA is not managing the entire Egi affairs alone. We have the Egi Youth Federation and again, MOU is divided into two. There is that of Egi and also that of Oil and gas. I am willing to release some of the MOUs and related documents to you once I lay my hands on them; I have some of them. And, like I said, there has never been any open confrontation with any other organization in Egiland, to the best of my knowledge."

Rev. Emmanuel Zachariah
Chairman of Egiland Energy Producing Host Landlords Association

"I am aware that this your visit is to confirm if what we are saying about our relationship with Total/Elf are true, especially as it relates to the issue of the April, 2012 gas blowouts and lingering land grab by the company.

I say so because stories may be going round that they might have done the needful. But I am delighted that you have personally visited the site again and, you saw that nothing has been done. The whole place is bushy and the signposts placed there by Total in 2012 are still there at the impacted sites; giving warning to the community.

We really appreciate your visit and what your organization is doing to support our course. After your visits during the 2012 incidents we thought you have forgotten us. This visit has rekindled hope that we are not alone. You have witnessed the wind of poverty in the land. All the places you visited nobody said anything positive about Total/Elf because of how the so-called Egi People's Assembly has intruded into matters which ordinarily they ought not to.

The EPA now stands as an edge between Total and these poor, oppressed people. It would be really great if we have the opportunity to be in France and tell the world about our plight.

We are aware that some persons from Egiland have appeared in France sometime ago and claim they owned Egiland which was fraud. And that is why we are pursuing this cause, that whatever is due the real landlords should get to them. What we actually need now is for Total/Elf to come to the negotiation table with those whose land they have taken by force and reach agreements on the way forward."

Observations

More persons were willing to speak to ERA/FoEN on the subject relating to the field trip. This report did not capture five other testimonies.

They include that of Pastor Christian Uchendu of Obite community, who said even though his building was about four meters to Total/Elf's fence and his family suffered the impacts of the April, 2012 gas eruption he was given no compensation till date.

We learnt from Uchendu that he was ordered not to lit any fire or cook in his house all through the period and his source of water was polluted. Some of his neighbours received some money from Total/Elf. The Oldest man in Obite community also testified of how life was before Total/Elf came to their land and how it used to be before the company later denied them of their farmlands and resultant hardship faced by the people.

Another person who confirmed what others said about the land grab of Total/Elf and the attitude of the EPA was the paramount Ruler of Obagi, His Royal Highness, Eze Charles S. Okikieh in his home.

Another chief from Obite and a young man from Ogbogu name Ahiamadu Kingsley [who is an environmentalist and spoke on the gas impacts on human beings] also spoke to ERA/FoEN.

Conclusion and demands

Going round the 2012 gas eruption sites, it was clear that the environment is being largely avoided by the people; even though some cassava farms were sighted. It was observed that some of the buildings where people lived close to the 2012 incident have been abandoned; including those that were being built in the environment then. During the incident, Total placed some warning signs to avoid fire outbreak and other incidents. During this visit two of the signposts were still found in the environment; though the writings in one had completely washed off.

Even though those who testified claimed that Total/Elf had not paid compensation for the gas eruption impacts, going by documents made available to ERA/FoEN indicating that; even though the payment was made in respect of the gas eruption and tagged 'inconvenience'; the statement crafted in the receipt suggested that those receiving the payment have no right to engage Total/Elf on any matter relating to the issue, not even through a third party.

What still needs to be done:

- The Federal and Rivers State governments must halt Total's unauthorised delineation of lands in the aforementioned communities which has caused strife among hitherto peaceful people. It is the statutory responsibility of the Federal/State government to delineate lands
- Recommendations of the Senate Committee on Environment should be publicized and implemented
- Total must do a proper cleanup of the environment and compensate community people impacted by its operations
- Agreements for development projects in the aforementioned communities must be carried out in concert with the true representatives of the people and not surrogate groups funded by Total

Pictures of the environment



State of the environment in 2012



During the visit of the Senate committee on environment in 2012



Current state of the environment: abandoned building close to the gas eruption site