

**Water Retention Landscapes as an Answer to Desertification and Globalization - Tamera is Semi-Finalist of the 2012 Buckminster Fuller Challenge**



Dear GEN Friends,

tomorrow, on 22nd of March, the world celebrates the **International Day of Water.**

**Some facts:**

In September 2010, the UN has made water to a human right.

Still more than 1 billion people have no access to sufficient clean drinking water.

1,8 million children die every year because of diseases caused by insufficient drinking water.

For making space for the 45.000 large dams worldwide 40 to 60 million people have lost their homes.

However there are good news, there are alternatives and models for a natural and decentralized water management which show how to overcome the worldwide water crisis. Water itself shows us the way how to make a change.

□ **Water Retention Landscapes as an Answer to Desertification and Globalization**

In the **Alternative World Water Forum**, taking place from 12 - 17 of March in Marseille, the **Peace Research Community Tamera (Portugal)** presented the Water Retention Landscapes as an Answer to Desertification and Globalization.

They are built with natural materials (earth and clay) in natural shapes. They keep the water of the rainy seasons locally on the land and give it time to soak into the ground. They bring back fertility to the whole surrounding environment, allow forests to grow and communities to produce their food. After five years of experience with building a Water Retention Landscape in the Tamera Peace Research Center (Portugal) under the guidance of the ecological visionary and mountain farmer Sepp Holzer, we see its incredible effects: Fertility and biodiversity are returning. On the shore terraces an abundance of organic food grows throughout the year. This method can be applied in every climate zone and region □ even where today there is only

destroyed nature and eroded wasteland.

The Tamera Water Retention Landscape was selected as a semi-finalist for the 2012 **Buckminster Fuller Challenge**

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[http://www.tamera.org/fileadmin/PDF/PDF2/Tamera\\_Press\\_Release\\_SemiFinalists.pdf](http://www.tamera.org/fileadmin/PDF/PDF2/Tamera_Press_Release_SemiFinalists.pdf)

**Video "Water is Life":** <http://youtu.be/4hF2QL0D5ww>

To communicate this concept, Tamera has invited specialists and decision makers of many countries to the **2nd International Water Symposium on April 26 - 29**. More information here:

[http://www.verlag-meiga.org/sites/verlag-meiga.org/files/Wassersymposium\\_Mail.pdf](http://www.verlag-meiga.org/sites/verlag-meiga.org/files/Wassersymposium_Mail.pdf)

There will be a **One Day Seminar with Sepp Holzer** on April 25. More information: [seminarios@tamera.org](mailto:seminarios@tamera.org)

You are very welcome to ask for more information, interview and visits. We can provide you also with photos.

With kind regards  
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