

## What is extractivism?

Extractivism is different from the act of *extracting*, which refers to individual actions such as berry picking and gardening. Instead, extractivism denotes a way of thinking and a way of positioning oneself in relation to the natural world. Anna Willow (2018, p. 2) defines extractivism as “*a mindset and a pattern of resource procurement based on removing as much material as possible for as much profit as possible*” and at times, “*as quickly as possible*” (Harvey 2005, 174). Examples of extractivism include that of minerals (gold, copper, coal but also oil, natural gas...), fisheries, clear-cut logging, cattle, hydroelectric dams, etc.

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