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THE EARTH IS OUR MOTHER

Peter Elsass, Denmark, 1987



53 min. | DK/Documentary



The film presents two Indian tribes in South America with different ways of survival. The Mutilon Indians, living in the lowland of Venezuela are facing their ethnocide. They are living in an anarchistic structure with non-coersion and equality. They have not been able to organize themselves and to fight against the intruding white civilization. The Archuaco Indians, living in the mountains in the northern part of Colombia, are a hierarchic structured society, well organized with leaders and spokesmen. They have been able to throw out catholic missionaries and have established their own independent education. The director, Peter Elsass, has followed the two Indian tribes in the fight for survival during 16 years and has stayed eight times among them.

Basic information

Credits

Original title	Jorden er vores mor
Danish title	Jorden er vores mor
Keywords	Latin America , Columbia , Venezuela , Aboriginals , Indians , Living conditions , Everyday life , Culture , Mission , Missionaries , Cultural clashes , 1980-1989
Director	Peter Elsass
Screenplay	Peter Elsass
Director of Photography	Morten Bruus
Editor	Niels Pagh Andersen
Sound	Morten Bøttzauw
Composer	Manu Noberto
Production country	Denmark
Domestic distribution	Statens Filmcentral
Technical info	color, Sound
Danish theatrical release	01.11.1987
Cinemas	Delta
TV release	05.04.1989, DR
Danish rating	Allowed for all

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