SEED IN THE RAINFOREST – ENGLISH SUBTITLES

* DANIEL ÁVILA: “He was 2 years older than me. He was like the captain of the ship. We followed him. The heat was strong and the kids began to take a swim. My brother went in and he never came out.

When I was in school I was under my mother’s care.

When I finished high school she was straight with me. She told me that I had to work and look after my family.

I started to look for work here in the area and when I couldn’t find any I opted for logging transportation. When you’re transporting the wood you ask yourself where does all this material comes from. I asked an engineer in charge, he said -come with me tomorrow.- Rage and extreme frustration because… what could I do?”

* SUPER: The amazon forest is becoming the scenery for the biggest ecological disasters on the planet.
* DANIEL ÁVILA: “It would be good to bring those people that live down there to see the reality of this dump. This is a slope; it’s like a box. When it rains, it washes all this garbage and a black liquid drains out and brings diseases like typhoid fever.
* DR. ADELMO. “When I got here 14 years ago, it was impressive for me that there was no typhoid fever. For some time now I can tell you it is one of the main problems. This could mean that the waters of large rivers are being contaminated.”
* VICOR A. GÓMEZ (PRIEST): “The power of this river is brutal.”
* CURRO MORALES (PRIEST): “More than 70% of the species that exist in the world are here. And we are polluting these waters, so life will become polluted as well.
* VICOR A. GÓMEZ: ”The river has two realities. It can give you life as it can give you death. It can leave you with nothing.
* CURRO MORALES: “The logging and oil companies destroy all this reality.”
* DR. ADELMO: “The communities have no jobs and the larger economic movement has come from the oil companies.”
* SERGIO SIMIC (COMMUNICATION DIRECTOR, TECPETROL): “What we have done is to hire people from the communities. For every two or three technicians we have eight or nine people from the communities working with us.”
* CURRO MORALES: “An oil company tells them: “look, I will give you this…” so their eyes immediately pop out. But in reality they don’t know that they’re being exploited more than what they’re being given.
* SERGIO SIMIC: “It is in our interest that they see that our work is a work that respects the environment.
* CURRO MORALES: “The oil companies have a big danger, which are the spills. And there have been several.
* MARKET´S SALESWOMEN 1: Some fish are coming with the taste of oil, of gas.
* MARKET´S SALESWOMEN 2: “Because many boats have tilted over.”
* DR. ADELMO: “And that’s one way of promoting jobs that in the distance and in time can bring a lot of harm.”
* SUPER: The Amazon River suffers an average of one oil spill a week.
* DANIEL ÁVILA: “We have to teach the thought that not everything will last forever. And while talking with my mother I tell her –I am going to leave work and I’m going to study-. And in the beginning she wouldn’t understand this… why study?”
* SUPER: The Amazon forest has more than 90.000 different species.
* SUPER: Only 5% of them have been studied.
* SUPER: This forest harbors the cure to many diseases.
* DANIEL ÁVILA: There fits perfectly this project that we have with the university in which we intend to classify plants and discover what’s their main active ingredient. To contribute to medicine. Nature is so wise that you have to have sight and a good ear to hear her.