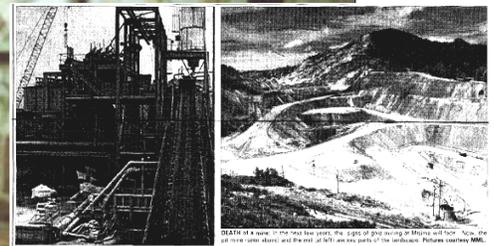
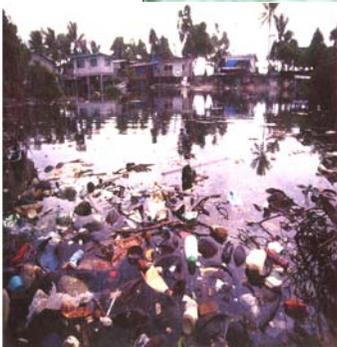


WHAT'S THESE CHILDREN'S FUTURE DESTINATION GONNA BE LIKE?

When

- ❑ ...The last tree has been cut.
- ❑ ...The last fish has been caught.
- ❑ ...The last river has been poisoned.



Finding a life after gold – Misima's prospects

WITH the Misima gold mine's closure, what then was to befall the area will need another avenue generating employment to help them cope a living when the mine is gone.

After being dependent on income generated from the mine since 1989, leaders from Misima and surrounding islands are being urged to diversify. In September, the prime minister visited the island to meet with the community.

The National Marine Aquaculture Institute and Training (NMAIT) centre based at Milne Bay is offering classes to help interested in fish, crabs by offering training and advice on what plants to grow.

Misima Wapen Local government manager had there and people need another source of income because there will be little income on the island when the mine closes completely.

"We had to bring in 50 or 60 people to help with the training. There was no big mark of a cash economy now we're gone," he said.

Mr Foley said it was a change from the traditional "cash and burn" technique that had been used by the Misimans before the island left from the traditional manner and needs, a variety of crops are promoted such as papaya and maize.

The government plan that has been tried out is a small-scale.

Established at the beginning of last year, the NMAIT is an extension of the Department of Agriculture, Forestry, Fish and Marine Resources (DAFRM) in Port Moresby. It has been set up to help Misima and other islands in the province to diversify their economies.

DAFRM staff from the CGII help local people in fish and shellfish agriculture. Unlike other aquaculture needs and techniques of Misima island with aquaculture from NMAIT.

The centre has supported a teacher for the NMAIT centre while Aquaculture and NMAIT staff visit.

"The NMAIT helps the entrepreneur in their farming and the use of aquaculture as a support for their daily livelihoods. Nutritional feeding classes are also offered for children women as part of the NMAIT centre."

We will then realize we can't eat money, It depends entirely on the decisions we have on our resources.

"SAVE SOME FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS"