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## POOR LABOURER

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### PROFILE

A simple miner who works hard. He feels privileged compared his father and grandfather both miners before him who died from work-related illness/ accident. The fires in the Amazon have devastated his livelihood and his family's future. He is a victim and not pro-active or empowered.

### VALUES

He believes technology is progress and unwittingly helps exploit the rainforest, chopping down trees to mine the treasures under the earth but is exploited by others for his labour in turn..

### SPEECH

*I am a simple man. A miner. I have worked every hour of the waking day, all my life. "..." Gold brought my grandfather to the Amazon rainforest, to pan the rivers. It cost him his health. "..." This (holding up pick axe) was my dad's. He used it to break iron ore from the ground with his sweat and blood. He drowned when a holding dam broke. "..." (proud) I excavate treasure with a huge great bulldozer and our mines are bigger now than your cities. The ground beneath our forest has even more treasures to give - copper, tin, aluminium. All the things civilisation needs. "..." I had great hopes for the future. For my sons and my daughters. What will we do without our Amazon?*

### FACTS TO COMMUNICATE CREATIVELY

The extraordinary wealth of minerals in the Amazon rainforest. The scale of exploitation and the fact that it goes back many generations. Script your ending plea to Planet Parliament and write your main demand on a placard.

### REFERENCES

Relevant blogs and science briefs (under Resources) on [www.planetparliamentnow.org](http://www.planetparliamentnow.org)