

Earth is our home, the only one we've ever known.

We've got a pretty good thing going on here. Let's keep it that way.

Earth provides; food to eat, air to breathe.

Humans are top of the tree. We aren't the only ones here, though. Not by a long shot.

We're here with millions, billions, probably trillions of other living things. But we're also living at a time of mass extinction, and much of it's our fault.

My home, India is an example. It's a massive country, full of natural beauty and diversity. We've all types of ecosystem, each bursting full of life.

Lush grassland, snow-capped mountains, deserts of scorched earth, thick forests with trees as tall as the skyscrapers in Mumbai.

But ecosystems are delicate. Humans change the landscape, and that affects all life. Big or small, our actions can bring the whole ecosystem crashing down.

I don't think we get that, sometimes.

Dangerous industries destroy farmland, natural habitats and people.

Deforestation and urbanisation of Western Ghats mountains increases risk of flooding for thousands of villages across huge parts of India.

And rising temperatures, changing weather patterns, depleting groundwater, unsustainable agriculture and deforestation are turning large parts of North India into a Dust Bowl.

We need to encourage businesses to act sustainably, and those who destroy land should be held accountable.

At the same time, we should support communities who take the lead.

Like the Dongria Kondh people in eastern India. They are mainly farmers, but in a way that does no harm.

No dangerous pesticides but natural fertilisers and traditional crops which are better for the soil.

We are starting to get the message. Even in my lifetime, India is getting better at conserving precious habitats as places where people and wildlife can live in harmony. But there is much, much more to do.

And we've all got to play our part. Personal responsibility. I live in a city.

I don't cut down trees or pour chemicals onto the land, but the choices I make can make these things happen. But if I make sustainable choices in what I buy and what I use, I can reduce my impact.

It is my hope, that our generation, you and me, will be the best caretakers yet.

Looking after our home and passing on a better place than when we found it.