

Multispecies justice



WHAT IS IT?

All beings we share our surroundings with have necessary needs. Some of the basic needs are shared by many species, but some are contradictory. Multispecies justice concerns the complex interrelations of diverse needs.

Multispecies justice refers to considering the interests and wellbeing of other species in decisionmaking processes. It is not only about evaluating impact but actively striving for conditions that support the flourishing of diverse beings.

Beings whose voices and needs are easily disregarded are in special focus. These include for instance children and other minority groups, companion animals, animals considered as consumable products, insects and other small species, as well as many plants.

Multispecies justice is necessarily incomplete: burdens to some beings cannot be completely avoided, but the distribution of harms should be acknowledged already in planning so that secondary human needs don't override the survival needs of other beings.

