

## Crossing Boundaries Environmental Conservation Video Festival

Follow these instructions to participate in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Crossing Boundaries Environmental Conservation Video Festival.

**1. Go to the following web address:**

<http://www.crossingboundaries.org/videofest2011-1254.php>

**2. Click on a link to begin watching a video.** You can advance, review or stop the video by moving the icon at the bottom of the screen. If you want to go to another video, click on the X in the upper right-hand corner of the video screen. The icon just left of the X lets you view the video in full screen.

**3. How do I answer the question?** Answer in the “comment” box below the video screen. You can find the question in three ways: 1) on the Crossing Boundaries Environmental Video Festival website; 2) by clicking the Crossing Boundaries logo on the side of the video screen; and 3) at the end of the video, where a new screen will show the question “by Crossing Boundaries.” If you choose method 3, you will have to click the back arrow to the left of the play button to get back to the “comment” box on the previous screen. The video can be paused while you comment.

**4. Comment on each video in one of five ways.** After clicking on the comment box, you will have the option to leave a comment by phone, video, microphone, typing and audio-clip. Click on your preferred method and leave your comment (Figure 2).



Figure 2. Five ways to comment

**5. How do I view, read or hear a comment?** Click on any avatar (small image, picture, or symbol representing another student/person) to access a comment.

**6. Can I do more?** Yes! Click on the “About” tab on the Voicethread home page to find out what else you can do. **To get back, you may have to use the original URL.**

## Guiding Questions

### **1. The Hummingbird and the Forest Fire - Wangari Maathai**

What do you think Dr. Maathai means when she says "Be a hummingbird"? Can you think of a way in which you could "be a hummingbird in your community" as she suggests?

### **2. What Cows Produce**

How is eating meat connected with global warming? Why do you think most people don't make this connection?

### **3. Blue Man's Group Message to America**

To what extent do you think people in your community are concerned about global warming? Do you think we should care about impacts on communities far away?

### **4. Intolerable Beauty: Portraits of American Mass Consumption**

If you could change one thing about the way in which Americans consume resources, what would you choose to do?

### **5. What is Biodiversity?**

What strikes you as the most important aspect of biodiversity?

### **6. Unchopping a Tree - Maya Lin**

If you could unchop trees, where would you do it and why?

### **7. Cane Toads: A Very Invasive Species**

What do you know about invasive species where you live? In what ways are they similar to or different from the Cane Toads in Australia?

### **8. Biodiversity Conservation: Conservation International**

Where is one of your favorite places in the world that most likely needs to be protected? Why is it important to protect it?