6.7 - NEEDS A TITLE FOR THIS PAGE - Towards Collective Liberation? (Maybe)

Does this framework bring us closer towards collective liberation? How?

“Nobody’s free until everybody’s free” – Fanny Lou Hamer (Civil rights giant)

Liberation refers to the process of becoming free from oppression or control, while collective liberation recognizes the entanglement of multiple oppressions and argues that true freedom and well-being for any single person or group is impossible while other groups are oppressed. This view moves us past focusing on ‘individual liberties’ and recognizes the interdependence of multiple struggles, including more-than-human resistance. Collective liberation emphasizes that the health of the planet and the (in)justice of societies are deeply connected so that a deep commitment to dismantling oppressive systems that divide and dominate is required.

At its core, this last key guiding question invites us to envision an existence where uprisings that protect reciprocity, respect and responsibility with all beings on Earth can transition us away from perpetuating structures of oppression as we see with racial capitalism, extractivism, heteropatriarchy, white supremacy, genocide, ecocide, human supremacy, or where groups of beings are othered and sacrificed for the benefit of a particular group.

Black ecologies rises to the call for collective liberation by confronting historical and ongoing injustices and erasure while reconnecting with land, seeding generative ecological relationships, and building collective wellness rooted in a vibrant tradition of mutual aid and insurgent knowledge. By materializing futurities that value, respect and keep or rekindle traditions of subsisting and drawing sustenance from lands and waters locally, Black Ecologies aligns with lifeways that center fundamental necessities of a convivial existence and reject extensive overexploitation, extinction, pollution, and homogenization of the diverse tapestry of life. Through critical reflection and dialogue between Black ecologies and other critical sustainability frameworks, Black ecologies joins a global movement of collective liberation towards life-centered existences.

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