

Tribal elder on mission to save Earth

A TRIBESMAN from a 'lost' civilisation is coming to Britain to try to save us from an 'environmental apocalypse'.

Jacinto is leaving his remote mountain clan in South America in an attempt to teach the world some valuable lessons about pollution and global warming.

He will be the first Kogi to visit England when he arrives in London next week to highlight the plight of the tribe.

The Kogi live in mud and thatched huts on snow-capped peaks across Colombia's Caribbean coast which they say are 'dying' through erosion.

They believe they are the guardians of life on Earth and claim to keep the world in balance through their meditation.

The clan date their ancestry back to the

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Tairona civilisation of 1,000AD, which fled into the mountains during the Spanish conquest of Colombia 500 years ago.

They first came to the wider world's attention 20 years ago, when tracked down by film-maker Alan Ereira for a BBC documentary.

Now Mr Ereira has asked Jacinto to record a commentary for his new film which he hopes 'will give viewers an awe-inspiring understanding of the Kogi's spiritual values'.

He said Jacinto would help 'make the world understand that we must change our actions to avoid an impending environmental apocalypse'.



Close: Families in the ancient Kogi tribe of Colombia

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