Resiliency: A Perspective of a Hopi Farmer

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Over 3 millennia of replication
Hopi Farming: A Way Of Life

We call corn our mother. Corn has nourished the Hopi for thousands of years. Corn is so important to us that we can’t put a value on it. We don’t take it to the store. We don’t sell it or use it to feed animals like commercial farmers do. We plant corn to preserve our way of life; not to make money. As long as we keep taking care of our mother, we will be here for a long time.

Corn plants, like us, need help standing up once in a while, especially when challenged.
Continuity Over Time

ASM C. 1915

Kotutwa C. 2015

NMHM C.1901

Kotutwa C. 2015
Indigenous Peoples protect 80% of global biodiversity on a mere 25% of the planet's land with less than 5% of the world’s population.
What is Indigenous Agricultural Knowledge (IAK)?

“.......applied knowledge for raising food and other agricultural products that is grounded in Indigenous belief systems and practices which have been time-tested over millennia.”

Johnson et al., 2019 p 4
Preservation of Soil Moisture
Usable Environmental and Cultural Knowledge for the Next Generation
Final Thoughts


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